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### **Srebrenica Celebrates Its Executioner: Where Is the Bottom?**

In Srebrenica—the town where more than 8,000 Bosniaks were killed in the 1995 genocide—a gathering has been announced to commemorate the death of Ratko Mladić, the former Bosnian Serb military commander who was finally convicted of genocide and other grave war crimes. The event has been announced under the name “Serbian Srebrenica.”

It is difficult to imagine a more grotesque manifestation of moral collapse, historical revisionism and contempt for the victims.

In July 1995, as Ratko Mladić entered Srebrenica, he declared: Here we are in Serbian Srebrenica... The time has come, after the uprising against the Dahijas, to take revenge on the Turks in this area.”

Within days, thousands of Bosniak men and boys were systematically executed, while the rest of the population was forcibly expelled. International courts have established beyond doubt that genocide was committed in Srebrenica.

And yet today, in that same town, people are being called upon to gather and pay tribute to the man who commanded the forces responsible for the crime.

This is not simply a provocation. It is an assault on the memory and dignity of the victims and a symbolic continuation of the politics that produced the genocide.

The fact that such a gathering can be organized in Srebrenica—and that Mladić can be publicly celebrated there—shows how far historical revisionism and the glorification of convicted war criminals have been allowed to go.

The question is therefore no longer how deep revisionism can go. The question is: Where is the bottom?

And an equally important question must be addressed to the international community: How much longer will the glorification of convicted war criminals and the denial and relativization of genocide be treated as merely another political dispute in the Balkans?