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***Praying for the World
One Country at Time***



**Bosnia and Herzegovina
May 29, 2011**

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Full Name

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Capital

Sarajevo

Location

Southern Europe on the Balkan Peninsula

Leadership

Presidency. The Chairmanship of the Tri-Presidency in *Bosnia-Herzegovina* rotates every 8 months. Tri-Presidency--Zeljko Komsic (Bosnian Croat), Bakir Izetbegovic (Bosniak), Nebojsa Radmanovic (Bosnian Serb and current chairman)

Overview

After the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1991, the ensuing 5 year war was characterized by bitter fighting, indiscriminate shelling of cities and towns, ethnic cleansing, systematic mass rape and genocide. The War ended in 1995 with the Dayton Accords. Tensions and ill-feelings still persist.

Bosnia-Herzegovina faces its most acute political crisis since the 1995 signing of the Dayton-Paris accords that ended the war in the Balkans, the international representative for the country told the UN Security Council yesterday.

Valentin Inzko told the 15-member council charged with international peace and security that a referendum scheduled for mid-June by Bosnia's Serbs is a "blatant attack" on the peace agreement and the achievements made since then.

The Serbs say they want to highlight their rejection of the country's federal institutions, especially its war crimes court, which they see as biased against them. Inzko, who has final say over the Balkan nation's affairs according to the deal that ended Bosnia's 1992 to 1995 war, has given Bosnia's Serbs until week's end to call off the vote.

Religion

Forty percent of the people are Muslim, just over thirty percent belong to the Orthodox Church and around fifteen percent are Roman Catholic.



Population

4,048,500

Economy

Bosnia-Herzegovina was among the poorer areas of the old Yugoslav Federation and remains one of the poorer countries in Europe.

Per capita GDP in 2009 was U.S. \$4,700, with a total nominal GDP of approximately U.S. \$17.1 billion (source: World Bank). While official unemployment is approximately 40%, "unofficial" estimates of unemployment that include the large gray economy are approximately 18%-22%.

Prayer Concerns

1. Strengthen the unstable peace between Bosnian Muslims, Serbs, and Croats in the nation.
2. Lower the 40 % unemployment rate.
3. Grow the economy.
4. Increase effective law enforcement to combat illicit drug trafficking and related crime.