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100 Muslims and Jews visit the Srebrenica Memorial

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA. As part of a delegation from the fourth annual Muslim Jewish Conference, more than one hundred Muslims and Jews visited the Srebrenica-Potocari Genocide Memorial and Cemetery, the site of the worst genocide in Europe since World War II.

The MJC delegation began their site visit in Srebrenica's cemetery. A representative from the mayor's office officially welcomed the participants, and Hasan Isanovic, a Srebrenica genocide survivor, guided the tour through the memorial and the former UN headquarters, run by a Dutch battalion. Isanovic shared with participants his personal testimony of the events of the July 1995 genocide. Learning about the history of massacre was an emotional moment for the Muslim and Jewish participants. At the conclusion of the tour, both faith communities offered prayers for the lives lost – the Muslim prayer, Sura al-Fatiha, was recited, followed by the Jewish prayer of Mourner's Kaddish.

In 2003, the Srebrenica-Potočari Genocide Memorial and Cemetery was officially inaugurated by former United States President Bill Clinton. Every year, more mass graves are discovered, and following DNA testing, the victims are buried every year on July 11, the anniversary of the fall of Srebrenica.

Muslim Jewish Conference participants visited the massacre site of Babi Yar in Kiev, Ukraine, in 2011, and paid a similar tribute to the victims that were killed there during World War II.

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