
BOSNIA MARKS MARTYRS DAY TO REMEMBER WAR VICTIMS

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A ceremony was held on the second day of Eid at the Kovaci Cemetery in Bosnia's capital Sarajevo to remember the sacrifices of people during the 90s Bosnian War.

The ceremony was attended by relatives of victims as well as Bosniak Member of the Presidency of Bosnia, Bakir Izetbegovic.

Wreaths and flowers were laid at the martyrdom monument and at the grave of Bosnia's first President, Alija Izetbegovic, who had led the country to independence.

Bakir Izetbegovic said Bosnians at the time did not have a regular army and when the war in Bosnia began, it was isolated from the world with an arms embargo against Bosniaks.

He emphasized that Bosniak youths defended their country with their lives against the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA), Europe's fourth greatest armed force, at the time.

"Bosnia and Herzegovina would not exist [today] if they did not show this courage and sacrificed their lives. Our people are always ready for this sacrifice," Izetbegovic said.

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