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## **BOSNIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL COURT ABOLISHES REPUBLIKA SRPSKA DEATH PENALTY**

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Bosnia's constitutional court removed the death penalty from the Republika Srpska's constitution, as it doesn't comply with the constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Convention on Human Rights.

The decision came after a Bosnian delegation from the Republika Srpska's assembly turned to the constitutional court in June, asking it to review the provision, which was however purely symbolic and it was never implemented.

The court's president, Zlatko Knežević, has given the Republika Srpska – the Serb-dominated part of the Bosnian federation – three months to change its constitution.

Bosnia abolished the death penalty in 1994. Currently, the only European state still using the death penalty is Belarus, whose latest executions were carried out in 2018.

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