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SREBRENICA VICTIMS' FAMILIES TOLD TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM NETHERLANDS

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Relatives of a group of victims of the Srebrenica genocide whose lives were not saved by Dutch peacekeeping troops in 1995 can file claims for compensation from the Netherlands starting in March, Dutch ministers said.

Defence Minister Ank Bijleveld-Schouten told the Dutch parliament that relatives of a group of Srebrenica victims who were killed in July 1995 can submit requests for compensation from the start of March next year, after a Dutch court ruled that the state has partial responsibility for several hundred deaths.

The fall of Srebrenica is and remains a disaster for all the relatives who miss their loved ones. The state is well aware that no compensation can do enough justice to the grief that has been suffered, said Bijleveld-Schouten, who was also speaking on behalf of Foreign Minister Stef Blok.

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