
BOSNIA'S INTERNATIONAL ENVOY SCHMIDT TO RESIGN AMID POLITICAL TURMOIL

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German politician Christian Schmidt [\[1\]](#) set to resign as international peace overseer for Bosnia, his office said on Monday, marking the premature end to a tenure defined by reform but also political stalemate and acrimony.

The Office of the High Representative said Schmidt, who was appointed [\[2\]](#) 2021 to oversee the continued implementation of the U.S.-backed Dayton peace accords that ended Bosnia's [\[3\]](#) in 1995, was stepping down for personal reasons.

The decision follows years of [\[4\]](#) turmoil in Bosnia and complaints from Bosnian Serbs, particularly their leader Milorad Dodik, who do not recognise [\[5\]](#) because his nomination was not endorsed by the United Nations Security Council after opposition from China and [\[6\]](#) ally Russia.

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