

616 bodies exhumed from Bosnia mass grave

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ZVORNIK, Bosnia-Herzegovina -- Experts exhumed the remains of 616 Bosnian Muslims reportedly killed by Serb forces in eastern Bosnia in 1995. Bosnian forensic experts said they exhumed incomplete and complete skeletons from the Kamenica mass grave near Zvornik, north of Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Serbian news agency Beta reported Friday. The body remains will be sent to a forensic institute for identification. More than 3,600 body remains have been exhumed from the Kamenica area, which includes 10 mass graves and is considered one of the biggest burial sites in Bosnia. The Kamenica mass graves are known as secondary burial sites to which Bosnian Serb forces moved victims with bulldozers from the original graves in a bid to hide atrocities. Handling bodies with bulldozers explains why many skeletons were incomplete. Bosnian Serb forces led by former military leader Ratko Mladic reportedly killed about 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys after they overran the Srebrenica enclave in July 1995. Mladic is being sought by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, in the Netherlands, on genocide charges.

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