

18,000 people missing in Yugoslav wars

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BELGRADE, Serbia - The International Red Cross said Wednesday nearly 18,000 people have been missing since war conflicts in the former Yugoslav federation in the 1990s. Paul Henri Arnault, chief of the regional delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Belgrade, said his organization for years has been supporting efforts by the families of missing persons to resolve their fates, the Serbian news agency Beta reported. Marking the International Day of the Disappeared Aug. 30, the International Red Cross said there are a total of 17,882 cases of missing persons in the Balkan wars from 1991-95. Lists of the International Red Cross say 13,449 persons are still missing in Bosnia-Herzegovina, 2,386 in Croatia, and 2,047 in Serbia's predominantly ethnic-Albanian Kosovo province. The International Red Cross said the right to know the fate of a family member is a key goal of international humanitarian rights and it must be respected.

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