The Muslims of Bosnia Genocide of a People

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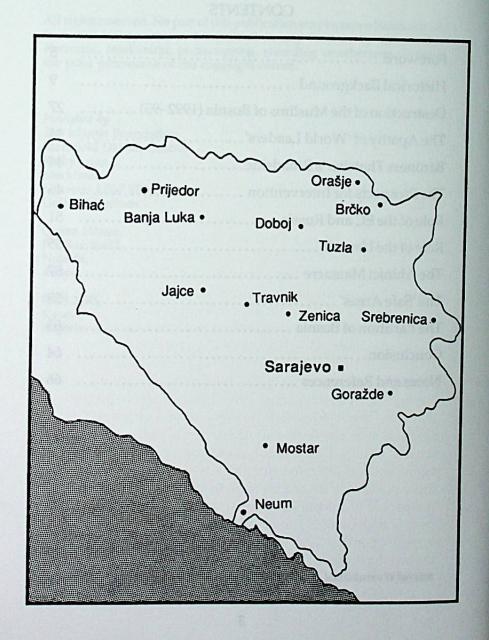
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THE MUSLIMS OF BOSNIA: GENOCIDE OF A PEOPLE describes how, over the last two years, a monumental tragedy has been unfolding in the Balkans, under the very eyes of 'civilized Europe', with Bosnia-Herzegovina, recognized by the international community as a newly-independent state, having become the victim of Serbia's pan-Slavic aggrandizement.

The Bosnian Serbs, with the help of Serbia, have subjected the Muslims of Bosnia to genocide in order to fulfil their ambition to establish a 'Greater Serbia', while the international community has betrayed Bosnia by remaining a spectator to Serbian atrocities, rapes, and depredations.

This book portrays the agony of the Muslim people of Bosnia, who have been making super-human efforts to preserve their existence, national and religious identity and culture, despite the inhuman onslaught unleashed against them by Serbian racists, and the apathy shown by the international community.

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