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MESSAGE

Attached is the final version of the warning to the Bosnian Serbs. We have sent it as a CAPSAT to Gen Mladic and we will issue it as a Press statement

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Warning to the Bosnian Serbs ATTACKS AGAINST THE SREBRENICA SAFE AREA

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The Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) resumed attacks against the Srebrenica Enclave on Friday 7 July 1995, firing indiscriminately into the Safe Area and directly targeting UN facilities, causing several civilian deaths. Following the concerted attack against the UN OP at ZELENE JADAR on Saturday 8 July, DUTCHBAT troops were forced to retire and during the withdrawal one peacekeeper was mortally wounded by the Bosnian Covernment Army in a deliberate attack. Two further UN OPS were overrun by the BSA that evening and 15 peacekeepers taken captive; a further 17 peacekeepers have been taken this afternoon. The BSA have continued to fire heavy weapons into the Safe Area and have advanced further north with tanks and infantry, supported by artillery and are now polsed 1 km south of the town.

This attack against a UN declared Safe Area is totally unacceptable and represents a grave escalation of the conflict. UNPROFOR demands that the BSA offensive in this enclave ceases forthwith. The advance must stop where it is and UNPROFOR demands that the BSA withdraw to the perimeter of the Demilitarised Zone as delineated by the Morillon Agreement of 8 May 1993. Furthermore, all Dutch peacekeepers must be returned immediately with all their equipment.

The Dutch Battallon has been ordered to establish a blocking position to the south of the town. The SRSG and the FC have decided that if this blocking position is attacked by BSA forces, NATO Close Air Support will be employed. The BSA is reminded of the grave consequences of ignoring this warning.