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Wrzesnewskyj commemorates Srebrenica Remembrance Day at Bosnian Islamic Centre in Etobicoke

Etobicoke – On July 11, 2010 Liberal M.P. Borys Wrzesnewskyj (Etobicoke Centre) joined members of the Bosniak community in commemorating Srebrenica Remembrance Day at the Bosnian Islamic Centre in Etobicoke, Ontario.

In his address at this year's commemoration marking the 15th anniversary of this terrible crime, when the UN declared safe haven of Srebrenica was overrun and over 8,000 innocent Muslim men were massacred as UN peacekeepers and the international community stood by, Wrzesnewskyj praised the efforts of the members of the Bosnian Islamic Centre who worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the Srebrenica genocide.

"As I underscored during my remarks at the Srebrenica Remembrance Day ceremony held at the Bosnian Islamic Centre in my riding, when the world community witnessed emaciated Bosniak men behind barbed wire at places like Manjača concentration camp in 1992, they did not muster the moral courage to act. Three years later, this failure to act against the evil of ethnic cleansing only emboldened the perpetrators to continue on their path of hatred resulting in massacre of over 8,000 Bosniak men and boys after the fall of Srebrenica. In Europe, humanity witnessed a series of the most horrific genocides: the Armenian genocide; the Holodomor, the famine genocide of Ukrainians; and the greatest evil amongst all evils, the Holocaust. In horror, sixty-five years ago, Europe pledged, the world pledged, 'Never Again.' Fifteen years ago, it happened again, in Europe, in Srebrenica. As we mark this fifteenth anniversary, we do so in shame. When will our pledge of 'Never Again' mean 'Never Again,'" stated Wrzesnewskyj.

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