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## HASAN HASANOVIĆ

Hasan grew up with his family in Bosnia. Hasan is a Muslim. When war started Hasan and his family moved to Srebrenica. They chose Srebrenica because there were UN peacekeeping soldiers there to keep everyone safe.

The Bosnian Serb forces decided that they did not want any Muslim people in Bosnia. They thought that being different by being Muslim was bad and so they started to kill the Muslim men and boys and to hurt the women and girls.

The UN peacekeeping soldiers did not stop the Bosnian Serbs from killing and hurting the Muslim people. Hasan and his father and twin Brother Husein knew that if they were to be safe they would have to leave Srebrenica.

Lots and lots of men left (between 10,000 and 15,000), they all walked together for 100 kilometres towards a town where Muslims were welcome. It was dangerous because the Bosnian Serb forces tried to kill them whilst they were walking; Hasan had to hide in a river for two hours when the Bosnian Serb forces tried to shoot him. It was a very tiring journey because it went over mountains, across rivers and through woods. The journey lasted for five days and six nights.

Hasan lost his father and his brother in all the people. He got very tired from walking. He took off his backpack and left it on the ground, he even took off his coat, but he was still too tired to walk. Hasan's friends gave him some water with sugar in it, that was enough to give him the energy to keep walking. He slept whilst he was walking.





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This is a picture of Hasan now:



Hasan survived his journey, but many others including his father and brother were killed. In 2009 Hasan moved back to Srebrenica. He works at a place that helps people to remember what happened so that the same thing won't happen again.

Hasan tells people about his journey, he likes it when people listen to him.

