

Country/entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Announcement (Ceasefire for Vitez municipality)
Date	22 Oct 1992
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/local conflict

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

Former Yugoslavia

The disintegration of former Yugoslavia post cold war saw conflicts which became mediated and produced peace agreements in Slovenia (where the brief independence conflict was mediated by the EC Troika in 1991), Croatia (between Croatian and Serb populations 1991-1995), in Bosnia (between Croatian, Serb and Bosniak populations 1992-1995), in Macedonia (where mediation played a key pre-emptive role in preventing large scale conflict in 2001), in Kosovo (between Kosovar Albanians and Serbian population and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), but also between FRY and NATO, 1998-1999), and a conflict in the Presevo Valley (between Albanians in South Serbia and FRY, 2000-2001). The continued fall-out of the disintegration of former Yugoslavia also saw mediated agreement and ultimate dissolution of the Union between Serbia and Montenegro.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

In 1991, after nationalist parties won the first multi-party elections in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a violent process of disintegration commenced. With its mixed population, Bosnia-Herzegovina became the centre of the following civil war that began in 1992 between the newly formed army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (mostly Muslim Bosniacs), and the parastatal forces of self-declared Bosnian Croat (Herzeg-Bosnia) and Bosnian Serb (Republika Srpska) entities within Bosnia-Herzegovina, supported by Croatia and Serbia, with various, often short-lived, coalitions. The General Framework Agreement (Dayton Peace Agreement), signed in 1995, split the country into two ethno-federal entities, the Bosniak-Croat Federation and the Republika Srpska, and included continued peacekeeping and institutional administration by international actors.

Kosovo

The conflict between Serbs and Kosovar Albanians has a long history and always involved territorial disputes as well as ethno-political, cultural and linguistic factors. The most recent phase of the conflict began in November 1997 when the Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA or UCK) began their campaign for the independence of Kosovo from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY – then Serbia and Montenegro). The subsequent war lasted until the NATO intervention, which undertook bombing campaigns of Belgrade and other places in Serbia during spring 1999. The main agreements solving the conflict were internationally driven and, finally, a UNSC resolution imposed a post-conflict arrangement in the wake of what was essentially a NATO military victory. In February 2008, Kosovo's parliament declared independence, but independence is still internationally disputed.

Close

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

Stage

Ceasefire/related

Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	Mr. Anders Levinsen, UNHCR; Captain Saimon Elis, UNPROFOR - U.K.; Friar Ante Tomas; Mr. Omer efendija Mestrovac; Mr. Sefkija Djidic, Armed Forces of Vitez; Mr. Sulejman Kalco, Armed Forces of Vitez; Mr. Pero Skopljak, HVO; Mr. Ivan Santic, HVO; Mr. Mario Cerkez, the HVO Headquarters
Third parties	-
Description	This short agreement provides for the removal of barricades in the municipality of Vitez, removal of heavy weapons, and release of prisoners from the motel 'Lovac' and the Armed Forces captured by the HVO.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Isolated example
Rationale	Secondary sources suggest that this was brokered by locally based UNPROFOR British troops in response to deteriorating relations and outbreaks of violence between Croats and Muslims in Central Bosina, specifically barricades and prisoners in Kruščica, on the edge of Vitez. There are no clear links to connect it to the agreement made at the same time between representatives of the nearby villages of Santici and Ahmici.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	There is no link to a national process referenced in the agreement, and secondary sources suggest that this was brokered by locally based UNPROFOR British troops in response to deteriorating relations and outbreaks of violence between Croats and Muslims in Central Bosina. It is difficult to establish a clear link between this and the national level talks.
Name of Locale	Vitez
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	44.150272, 17.790591
Participant type	Local armed group International or transnational actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator or similar referred to or similar

Mediator (references) Captain Simon Ellis, UNPROFOR - U.K Mr. Anders Levinsen (UNHCR)

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture) No specific mention.

Grievance List No specific mention.

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
