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MEDIA ADVISORY

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

LAUNCH OF ACTION: ARREST NOW!

Thousands remain 'missing', probably the victims of mass execution, following the Bosnian Serb capture of the 'safe area' of Srebrenica on 11 July 1995. The fact that those directly responsible for organizing and planning this and other massacres are still at large puts the whole international community to shame. **Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the Institute for War and Peace Reporting** are launching a joint action *Arrest Now!* to impress upon political leaders the need to apprehend those indicted by the Tribunal. **Amnesty International will host a joint press conference at:**

11:00 am, Friday 11 July 1997
Amnesty International, International Secretariat
1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ
(in the conference room)

Seventy-five people are known to have been indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, of whom only nine are in custody. In a year from now, military officials, political leaders and others responsible for crimes against humanity in Bosnia-Herzegovina could be free to resume their war-time positions without ever having faced justice. There is little time, and the recent detention of Slavko Dokmanović, arrested on 27 June in Croatia by the UN Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, proves that arrests can be made when the international community has the will to do so.

Confirmed participants at this Press Conference are:

- **Martin Bell, UK member of Parliament**
- **Nicholas Howen, Director, Legal and International Organizations Program, Amnesty International**
- **Lotte Leicht, Brussels Office Director, Human Rights Watch**

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