

Peace Accord

Cease-fire agreement signed at Camp Pleso on 23 February 1994 by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina, General Rasim Delic, and the Chief of Staff of the Croatian Defence Council, General Ante Roso. The meeting was hosted by the Force Commander, General Jean Cot. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, and the Commander of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Command, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, signed as witnesses.

Both parties agreed to the following:

1. A cease-fire involving the immediate and total cessation of hostilities with effect from 1200A hours on 25 February 1994, including the following elements: no further offensive actions or attacks; the cessation of all forms of propaganda by one party against the other; and lines of contact and positions to remain fixed as at the time specified above.
2. The positioning of the United Nations Protection Force in sensitive areas and key locations in order to ensure adherence to the cease-fire.
3. The placing of all heavy weapons above 12.7 millimetres under United Nations Protection Force control or the withdrawal of those weapons to a minimum distance from the line of contact of 10 kilometres for mortars and 20 kilometres for tanks and artillery by 1200A hours on 7 March 1994.
4. The establishment of a Joint Commission, under the chairmanship of the United Nations Protection Force, on 25 February 1994 at Kiseljak, comprising representation of both parties in order to address the matters shown in the attached appendix, which forms part of the present Accord.

Appendix

1. The following are to be accomplished in order of priority:

(a) The opening of the following specified routes for convoys of humanitarian aid and of the United Nations Protection Force, commercial traffic and the passage of civilians, especially but not exclusively between:

Zenica-Stari Vitez

Mostar-Jablanica-Konjic-Sarajevo

Kiseljak-Vares

Kiseljak-Bilalovac-Busovaca

(b) The only checkpoints on such routes are to be under the control of UNPROFOR, but may be manned jointly.

(c) The opening of camps, the release of prisoners and the exchange of bodies, with the assistance of such organizations as the International Committee of the Red Cross.

(d) The unhindered and equitable distribution of humanitarian aid, including fuel oils, by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

(e) Restoration of utilities.

2. All the above measures to be taken with a view to a return to normality for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3. This Accord does not in any way prejudice any political discussions or agreements that may take place or be reached in the future.

4. It was furthermore agreed that there should be monthly high-level meetings between Generals Rose, Delic and Roso (or their representatives if they were unable to attend) or more frequently if the need arose.

Note:

1. The Bosnian Government authorities insisted on the withdrawal of regular Croatian troops from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2. General Rose rejected the allegation that any such troops were present on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.