

## **PRESS RELEASE**

***Claims for compensation can be submitted starting on 15 June 2021***

### **Settlement arrangement commences for surviving relatives of the Potočari victims**

**Surviving relatives of the male refugees who were in the Dutchbat compound in Potočari in the late afternoon of 13 July 1995 can submit a compensation claim starting on 15 June 2021. They can do so through the Netherlands Compensation Commission Potočari (NCCP). The NCCP provides for a quick and simple out-of-court claim procedure for a lump sum compensation.**

Those eligible for the settlement arrangement include:

- the wife of a victim at the time of his death on 13 July 1995;
- the partner of a victim who had a cohabitation relationship with him for at least three years at the time of his death on 13 July 1995;
- the child of a victim;
- the parent of a victim;
- the brother or sister of a victim.

#### **Compensation**

The one-off compensation amount for those who were married to or had a cohabitation relationship with a victim is €15,000. For other claimants, the compensation sum is €10,000. The compensation is paid in full and final discharge. This means that it will no longer be possible to successfully submit a claim to a civil court based on liability of the Dutch State for the fate of the deceased male refugees who were in the Dutchbat compound in Potočari in the late afternoon of 13 July 1995.

#### **Simple and quick**

The claim process is quick and simple. The claimant will receive the results within three months after the Commission receives the necessary documents. All information on the scheme and on the claim procedure is available on the multilingual website [www.nccpotocari.org](http://www.nccpotocari.org). Various documents can also be downloaded from the site. The NCCP has offices in Sarajevo and The Hague with Bosnian staff who can answer questions and provide support for those submitting a claim. To make an appointment, simply write an e-mail to [office@nccpotocari.nl](mailto:office@nccpotocari.nl). Claims for compensation can be submitted from 15 June 2021 to 14 June 2023.

### **Background to the civil-law settlement arrangement**

The settlement arrangement serves to implement the Dutch Supreme Court judgment of 19 July 2019. The highest court of the Netherlands ruled in its judgment that the State had acted unlawfully in relation to the deceased male refugees who were in the Dutchbat compound in Potočari in the late afternoon of 13 July 1995. The arrangement offers surviving relatives of the victims a reliable way to receive compensation without having to go to court.

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