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At the outset of the war in Bosnia in 1992, he returned to the ministry, later transferring to the Office of the Lord Mayor of Sarajevo, and finally to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was one of the organizers of the "*Thousand—days defense of Sarajevo.*"

Since the end of 1995, he resides and works in Chicago.

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