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Together with Bosnian President Željko Komšić and Edin Forto, Prime Minister of Sarajevo Canton, Adis Ahmetovic, Member of the Bundestag and Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, laid a wreath at the "Markale" marketplace in Sarajevo on Saturday. It marks the February 5, 1994, grenade attack on the city, which killed 67 people. "Even today, the Sarajevo Market Square is a reminder of the time of siege and war, which claimed the lives of 1,000 children in Sarajevo alone in the period 1992-1995. Such terrible events as happened here, among others, must not be repeated. Germany acknowledges its historical and European responsibility with regard to peacekeeping and stability. This includes stabilizing the political and economic situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, strengthening democracy and opening up prospects for young people," emphasized Ahmetovic. Following the wreath-laying ceremony, Edin Forto and Adis Ahmetovic took a walk through the historic old town of Sarajevo.

The Member of the Bundestag then visited the EUFOR troops in Camp Butmir. The troops are to support the maintenance of a secure environment and compliance with the Dayton Peace Agreement and are training Bosnian forces. The EU mandate and UN Security Council resolution are renewed annually for this purpose. Germany has not contributed personnel to the EUFOR Althea mission since 2012. "Due to current developments and the attempts of part of the political elite to undermine the Dayton Peace Agreement, I believe that a reinforcement of the EUFOR Althea mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina should be considered. This includes considering renewed participation in EUFOR," Ahmetovic said.

A visit to the Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a visit to the War Childhood Museum and a meeting with representatives of "Schüler helfen leben" are scheduled until Sunday.