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Key Findings

- Serb-ethnonationalist ideology not only perpetuated ethnic violence but became a vehicle of genocidal policies, systematically massacring Bosnian Muslims.
- Initially international community succeeded in segregating the warring parties, snatching heavy weapons from Serb army, and arresting war criminals. They also succeeded in reconstructing much of Bosnia's war- damaged public infrastructure. However, it failed to bring about sustainable peace in the country. The process of reconstruction in Bosnia has become donor dependent. In fact, the failure of the international actors was due to their inability to prevent civilians loss.
- There is a lack of will among the domestic political elites to unify the country and to bring about the necessary reforms suggested by EU which comes as a major hurdle in the way of rule of law and democracy in the country.
- There are two main factors that contribute to Bosnia's overall instability; one is internal and another is external and both are marred together in such a way that it is difficult to point out which one should be held more responsible for Bosnia's instability. Nonetheless, after evaluating all factors one can clearly contend that the country's major problem arises from its structure. So until the structural deficits are not corrected, the country is unlikely to advance in the right direction.