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On 12 July 1995, in the course of the day, a MUP combat unit composed of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SOP /Special Police Detachment/, a MUP company of the Zvornik PJP /Special Police Unit/ and a mixed company of the Janja MUP, was engaged in offensive combat operations from the direction of Žuti Most /Yellow Bridge/ toward Potočari. At 0530 hrs, we sealed off the checkpoint at Žuti Most and we then proceeded along the road toward Potočari. There was no strong armed resistance from the Muslims, so we took control of Potočari by 1300 hrs, and with the right-hand wing, we took control of the Budak and Milačevići features.

In Potočari, we sealed off the main UN base, where a throng of between 25,000 and 30,000 civilians had gathered, approximately five percent of whom were able-bodied men.

A part of the MUP forces was involved in the organisation of the evacuation of civilians from Srebrenica to Kladanj.

As we had received information that all able-bodied Muslims from Srebrenica had set out on a breakthrough toward Konjević Polje and further toward Tuzla, I urgently dispatched our forces, with the support of hardware, to seal off the Kravica – Konjević Polje road, where they spent the night.

In the night between 12 and 13 July 1995, this armed Muslim group launched an attack in the direction of Konjević Polje. In the combat that lasted several hours and which continued throughout today, the enemy had more than 200 dead, and we captured, or had surrender to us, around 1,500 Muslim soldiers. The number increases by the hour.

According to all indications, the number of Muslim soldiers who did not manage to break through is on the rise and is approximately between 5,000 and 6,000, which means that we have intense combat ahead of us. I hope that we will successfully carry out this task also.

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