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Police Watch House of Bosnia War Figure

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina, May 6 (AP) -Police officers and spies have practically taken over the house of Bosnia's most wanted war crimes fugitive, Radovan Karadzic, eager to see if he will return home for the funeral of his mother, a Sarajevo daily newspaper reported Friday.

Dr. Karadzic's mother, Jovanka Karadzic, 83, died Thursday after a short illness in a hospital in the northwestern town of Niksic in neighboring Serbia and Montenegro, and the paper said her funeral could be an opportunity to arrest her son, the Bosnian Serb wartime leader.

The daily, Dnevni Avaz, reported that scores of local police and intelligence officers as well as dozens of international intelligence agency officials had moved in on Dr. Karadzic's house in his wartime headquarters in Pale, a village east of Sarajevo where his wife still lives. The house of his daughter Sonja was also under surveillance.

"Photos are being taken of everybody who even passes by these two houses," Dnevni Avaz reported.

"It is very likely that Radovan Karadzic might give into emotion and come to the funeral tomorrow despite the risk of being arrested," the newspaper reported, adding that border police officers had stepped up control on the border with Serbia and Montenegro.

Dr. Karadzic led Serbs in the Bosnian war and was indicted in 1995 by the international war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in connection with atrocities, including genocide, during the armed conflict with Bosnia's Muslims and Croats from 1992 to 1995.

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