

Volunteering

Charity, Fundraising



Around 4.3 million people lived in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1991, prior to its 1992–1995 war

Qassim Afzal, initiated the emergency fundraising, for the Bosnian refugees, using his media contacts and skills, to increase the awareness of the difficulties facing families, the elderly and children.

Local human rights activists, friends volunteers all help out to load food, destined to the war zone.

Bottom right Liz Cleaver, series producer for the BBC, invited Qassim Afzal as the production consultant for the award winning Education TV programme, Belief File, for BBC's Key Stage 1/4, filming the hard work going on in his office to collect and ship urgently need food and medicine to the conflict area.



■ Volunteers load food into a van at Cheetham Hill Road. The van will join a convoy to Tuzla

City Muslims send food aid to war zone

TEN tons of food supplies are on their way to Muslim refugees in Bosnia after Manchester's Asian community rallied to their aid with a £10,000 collection.

The cash raised was enough to fill a truck provided by charity workers at Islamic Relief, who will set out later this week for the port of Split.

From there, the convoy of four lorries

will head for Tuzla where the majority of refugees are gathering.

Hussain Sayed, of Islamic Relief in Manchester said: "The contribution from Manchester should be enough to provide around 10,000 square meals. We had a magnificent response, mainly because of the publicity the appeal was given in the *Manchester Evening News*."

