

Gerd Wagner

Senior Deputy High Representative,
July 1997 – 17 September 1997

Curriculum Vitae

Born on 19 May 1942 in Wallern / Sudetenland

Primary and secondary school in Upper Bavaria

Married, 3 children

1968	German State Examinations at Munich University (English, German)
1971	DR. phil.
1971	Joined German Foreign Service
1973 – 1977	German Embassy Belgrade
1977 – 1980	German Embassy Beirut
1980 – 1984	Foreign Office, Bonn – NATO Office
1984 – 1987	German Embassy Washington
1987 – 1989	Foreign Office, Bonn – Nuclear Arms Control
1998 – 1991	Foreign Policy Advisor to SPD Parliamentary Group in the Bundestag
1991 – 1994	Foreign Office, Bonn – Director of the Office for US Affairs
1994 – 1997	German Embassy Washington – Minister (Political Affairs)
Since July 1997	Senior Deputy High Representative, Sarajevo, BiH

On 17 September 1997, five members of the OHR – Senior Deputy High Representative Gerd Wagner, Charles Morpeth, Leah Melnick, Thomas Reinhardt and Juergen Schauf – and seven members of UNMIBH lost their lives in a helicopter crash near Fojnica in central Bosnia. The OHR officials were en route to Bugojno to meet with local authorities to discuss key issues related to peace implementation. The UN officials intended to fly on to Brcko for talks on police reform matters. The OHR remembers the victims of this tragic accident as committed members of a community striving to ensure that the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina can live in peace. It has felt a sense of loss ever since and continues to extend its deepest sympathy to their relatives and friends. At the first anniversary in 1998, a memorial monument was erected near the crash site.