Visa Program Due to Expire, Threatening to Strand Visitors

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U.S. officials, Bosnian leaders and diplomats are emphasizing both a new proposal that could break the Bosnian deadlock and the importance of arms embargo and slowly shift the balance of power in the three-year civil war.

Convening at the United Nations for several days of meetings, top officials are even discussing a possible lifting of the arms embargo in Bosnia to aid the Muslim-led Bosnian army — and thus closer to matching the firepower of the Bosnian Serb adversaries — but until early next year.

The proposal, first aired by Bosnian officials last month, has sparked a debate of whether to lift the arms embargo in Bosnia or to make a greater commitment to the Bosnian Serb adversaries — but until early next year.

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