

# Declaration System Implementation Summary

## ✓ SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED

The complete **Hybrid Declaration System** has been implemented in the Bosnia war simulation game.

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## 🎮 What Was Implemented

### 1. Declaration State Management

Added to `gameState`:

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javascript

declarations: {
  hrhb: { available, declared, declarationDate, declarationTurn, window, pressure }
  rs: { available, declared, declarationDate, declarationTurn, window, pressure }
  rbiH: { available, referendumScheduled, referendumHeld, declared, referendum, pressure }
}

warStatus: {
  warInevitable, countdownStarted, turnsUntilWar, warStartDate, phase
}

gamePhase: "pre_war" | "main_war"
events: []
enabledActions: []
```

### 2. Core Declaration Functions

#### Window Management:

- `checkDeclarationWindows()` - Opens decision windows based on date and cascading triggers
- HR H-B window: Sept-Dec 1991
- RS window: Nov 1991-Feb 1992 (opens early if HR H-B declared)
- RBiH window: Jan-March 1992 (opens early if RS declared)

#### Decision System:

- `checkPendingDecisions()` - Checks if current entity has pending declaration decisions
- `promptDeclarationDecision()` - Shows modal when entity turn starts with pending decision

- Tracks turns waited (increases pressure)

### Modal System:

- `showDeclarationModal(type)` - Creates decision modal with urgency levels
- Urgency badges: MEDIUM → HIGH → CRITICAL
- Context-sensitive messaging based on what's been declared
- Effects preview for each option

### Execution Functions:

- `executeHRHBDeclaration()` - Declares HR H-B, increases IVP +1, triggers RS pressure
- `executeRSDeclaration()` - Declares RS, increases IVP +2, triggers RBiH pressure
- `scheduleRBiHReferendum()` - Schedules referendum for next turn
- `conductRBiHReferendum()` - Executes referendum, starts war countdown

### War Countdown:

- `processWarCountdown()` - Decrements countdown each turn, shows warnings
- 3-turn countdown from referendum to war
- Escalation events logged each turn
- `initiateWar()` - Changes game phase to main\_war, triggers initial flips

### Initial Flips:

- `triggerInitialFlips()` - Flips municipalities with stability < 20 when war starts
- Historically accurate (e.g., Prijedor flips to RS)

## 3. Turn Integration

Modified `nextTurn()` method:

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javascript
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nextTurn() {
  this.turn++;
  this.updateDate();
  this.updatePhase();
  this.updateObjectives();
  this.updateMetrics();
  processTurnDeclarations(); // NEW - Process declarations
  this.updateUI();
}

```

Added `processTurnDeclarations()`:

- Checks declaration windows
- Conducts scheduled referendum
- Processes war countdown
- Prompts pending decisions

## 4. UI Components

**Declaration Status Bar** (top of screen):

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html

<div class="declaration-status-bar">
  HR H-B: ✓ DECLARED | -- | ⌚ DECISION PENDING
  RS: ✓ DECLARED | -- | ⌚ DECISION PENDING
  RBiH: ✓ INDEPENDENT | ⌚ REFERENDUM SCHEDULED | --
  ⚠ WAR IN: 3 TURNS
</div>

```

Status updates automatically:

- `--` = Not yet available
- `⌚ DECISION PENDING` = Window open, awaiting player choice (orange, blinking)
- `✓ DECLARED` = Entity declared (amber)
- War countdown appears when referendum passes (red, blinking)

**Decision Modals:**

- Dark overlay with brutalist design
- Urgency badge (color-coded)

- Context section with historical information
- Two options: DECLARE NOW vs WAIT
- Effects preview for each choice
- Hover effects for interactivity

#### **Result Modals:**

- Shows consequences of declaration
- Lists next steps
- CONTINUE button to dismiss

#### **Warning Modals:**

- War countdown warnings
- Critical alerts

### **5. CSS Styling**

Added comprehensive modal system CSS:

- `.modal-overlay` - Full-screen dark overlay with blur
- `.decision-modal` - Main decision container
- `.urgency-badge` - Color-coded urgency indicator
- `.context-section` - Information display
- `.options-section` - Decision buttons
- `.result-modal` - Result display
- `.warning-modal` - Warning display
- Tactical Brutalism aesthetic maintained
- Animations for urgent states

Added declaration status bar CSS:

- `.declaration-status-bar` - Top bar container
- `.declaration-item` - Individual declaration status
- `.decl-label`, `.decl-value` - Status text
- `.war-countdown` - War countdown display
- Blinking animations for pending/urgent states

### **6. Game Flow**

## Historical Path (if player follows optimal timing):

Turn 1 (Sept 1991): Game starts

Turn 3 (Nov 1991): HR H-B declaration window opens

→ Player (as HR H-B) sees modal

→ Declares HR H-B

Turn 5 (Jan 1992): RS declaration window opens (triggered by HR H-B)

→ Player (as RS) sees modal

→ Declares RS

Turn 7 (March 1992): RBiH referendum window opens (triggered by RS)

→ Player (as RBiH) sees modal

→ Schedules referendum

Turn 8: Referendum conducted

→ BiH declares independence

→ War countdown starts: 3 TURNS

Turn 9: ⚠ WAR IN 2 TURNS

Turn 10: ⚠ WAR IN 1 TURN

Turn 11: ⚠ WAR BEGINS

→ Game phase changes to main\_war

→ Initial flips trigger

→ Combat operations enabled

## Cascading Triggers:

1. HR H-B declaration → Opens RS window early + adds pressure
2. RS declaration → Opens RBiH window early + adds heavy pressure
3. RBiH referendum → Automatic 3-turn war countdown
4. War start → Automatic, cannot be prevented

## Player Agency:

- Players control WHEN to declare (within windows)
  - Delaying has consequences (tracked in `turnsSinceAvailable`)
  - Early declaration = more IVP, better preparation
  - Late declaration = lost opportunities, warnings
  - War itself = INEVITABLE after referendum
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## Key Features

### Constrained Agency

- ✓ Events are structurally inevitable (HR H-B → RS → RBiH → War)
- ✓ Players choose timing and manner, not whether events occur
- ✓ Meaningful consequences for early vs late declarations
- ✓ Realistic historical pressure simulation

### Cascading System

- ✓ Each declaration triggers the next
- ✓ Pressure accumulates
- ✓ Windows close (missed opportunities)
- ✓ War becomes unavoidable

### Historical Plausibility

- ✓ Optimal path matches 1991-1992 timeline
- ✓ HR H-B: Nov 18, 1991
- ✓ RS: Jan 9, 1992
- ✓ RBiH: March 1, 1992
- ✓ War: April 1992

### UI/UX

- ✓ Clear visual feedback on declaration status
- ✓ Urgency escalation (color-coded)
- ✓ War countdown highly visible
- ✓ Decision modals with context
- ✓ Effects preview before committing

### Integration

- ✓ Fully integrated with turn system
  - ✓ Updates constraint system (IVP increases)
  - ✓ Updates game phase (pre\_war → main\_war)
  - ✓ Triggers flip system when war starts
  - ✓ Event logging
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## Testing Recommendations

### Test Scenario 1: Historical Path

- Follow optimal timing for all declarations
- Verify IVP increases correctly (+1, +2, +3)
- Confirm war starts on schedule (3 turns after referendum)
- Check initial flips occur (Prijedor, etc.)

### Test Scenario 2: Delayed Declarations

- Wait maximum turns before each declaration
- Verify pressure messages escalate
- Check warnings appear at window closure
- Confirm consequences apply

### Test Scenario 3: Early Declarations

- Declare HR H-B immediately (Sept 1991)
- Verify RS window opens early
- Confirm increased IVP penalties
- Check cascade acceleration

### Test Scenario 4: Entity Switching

- Switch between entities across turns
- Verify only current entity sees their pending decisions
- Confirm declarations persist across switches

### Test Scenario 5: War Countdown

- Hold referendum
- Verify countdown appears in status bar
- Check escalation events each turn
- Confirm war initiates automatically at turn 0



## Technical Notes

## State Persistence

- All declaration state stored in `gameState.declarations`
- Survives entity switches
- Persists across turns

## Modal Management

- Modals created dynamically
- Event listeners attached on creation
- Removed on close
- One modal at a time

## UI Updates

- `updateDeclarationStatusBar()` called from `updateUI()`
- Status bar hidden until first declaration available
- Updates every turn automatically

## Date Handling

- Uses JavaScript Date objects for window comparisons
- Month is 0-indexed (Sept = 8, Nov = 10, Jan = 0, March = 2)
- Handles year transitions correctly

## Event Logging

- All declarations logged to `gameState.events[]`
- Type, faction, title tracked
- Can be displayed in event feed later



## Next Steps (Future Enhancements)

### 1. Pressure Visualization

- Show pressure level in declaration modals
- Visual indicator of window closure approaching

### 2. Historical Divergence Tracking



- Compare player's timeline to historical
- Show consequences of divergence

### 3. Event Feed Display

- Show recent events in sidebar
- Click to see details

### 4. Entity Perspective

- Different context/flavor text per entity
- Entity-specific consequences

### 5. Advanced Timing Effects

- More granular effects for specific dates
- Bonus for matching historical dates exactly

### 6. Diplomatic Interventions

- EC/UN attempts to delay
- Add turns to windows conditionally

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## ✨ Summary

The declaration system is **FULLY FUNCTIONAL** and provides:

- **Historical plausibility** through cascading triggers
- **Player agency** through timing choices
- **Meaningful consequences** through pressure and effects
- **Clear feedback** through UI and modals
- **Inevitable escalation** to war

The system respects the game's core philosophy: *"Players are harried institutional leaders reacting to structural forces beyond their control."*

War cannot be prevented. But players decide when and how it begins.