

Declaration System Implementation Summary

SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED

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

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())` - Decrement counts down 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:

javascript

```

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: \triangle WAR IN 2 TURNS

Turn 10: \triangle WAR IN 1 TURN

Turn 11: \triangle 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

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

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
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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.