

OHR's Statement at the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference in Banja Luka

OHR comment on Momcilo Mandic arrest

As you know, Momcilo Mandic was taken into custody by the BiH authorities last night and is being held under a Detention Order granted by the Court of BiH.

The OHR would like to commend the various law-enforcement agencies that have taken part in the operation, in Montenegro and BiH, to detain and transfer Mr Mandic. This is a further example of the institutions which underpin the rule of law in BiH taking firm root. It also highlights the importance of regional co-operation which is also vital in the fight against crime.

Serious charges have been made, and the accused will now face these charges in a court of law. No individual, no matter who they are, is beyond the the reach of the law.

The basis for the Court Order and the judicial proceedings is a matter for the State Prosecutor's Office and for the appropriate judicial authorities.