

## **OHR SRT News Summary, 19 August 1999**

### **News Headlines**

- Over 6,000 dead and 30,000 injured in earthquake in Turkey
- RS Government holds session
- Dodik and IMF Head Fernandes Ansola discuss 2000 budget
- Creation of statute for Brcko district priority – Farrand
- International organizations welcome annex to Brcko decision
- Annex to Brcko decision partially read
- Prijedor Public Security Center concludes investigation on murder in Kozarac
- BiH Council of Ministers ratify agreement with European Commission
- Belgrade rally to begin
- Transfiguration Day must mark break of regime – Bishop Artemije
- Situation in Serbia to be resolved through people's referendum held on the streets – Djindjic
- Democratic Party announces rallies to continue until Milosevic leaves
- Early elections in Serbia good idea – Seselj
- There are much more important issues in Yugoslavia than elections – SPS spokesperson Dacic
- SPO supports extraordinary elections in Serbia
- Yugoslav Government defines strategy for rejoining world institutions
- KLA should turn in 60% of armament before midnight – BETA
- KLA military representative Agim Cheku on disarmament – AFP
- KLA member killed in Pristina – AP
- Two Italian soldiers injured in Kosovo – Belgian media
- French KFOR follows buses from Kosovska Mitrovica to Zubin Potok and Svinjare
- New UN civil police station to open in north Kosovska Mitrovica
- Serbs could be moved into central parts of Kosovo – Kouchner
- NATO gradually loses control over armed Albanians – Russian General Spak
- Russian SFOR convoy returns from Kosovo to Ugljevik
- SDA to reexamine trust in Dodik government – Genjac
- RS Vice-president Sarovic and members of Ministry of Soldiers and Victims of War visit Rogatica
- New York Times gave false report on corruption in BiH – OHR
- All three national leaderships in BiH deep in corruption – New York Times reporter Chris Hedges
- Petritsch not surprised by corruption in BiH – German Radio
- Stiglmeier calls on BiH media to support High Representative struggle against corruption
- Schwartz- Schilling blames IC for overlooking mafia relations in BiH
- New York Times text on BiH corruption flourishing with mistakes, accusations between author and OHR not surprising – SDA Vice-president Genjac
- 108 Bosniaks visit their homes in Visegrad – SRNA
- Muslim returnees to Stolac require education based on BiH Federation school program in Bosniak language
- Return of Muslims to Stolac difficult
- Necessary to establish three national corps in BiH – Prce
- Border between Croats in BiH and Croats in Croatia will never be solid – HDZ member Bender
- Small number of enterprises sold in BiH Federation – BiH Federation Agency for Privatization
- World News
- Two public enterprises sold in Serb Sarajevo
- Serb Orthodox Church celebrates holy day
- Mass served in Banja Luka Church of Holy Trinity

- Sports
- Weather
- 100,000 citizens participate in Belgrade opposition rally
- Draskovic appears at rally
- Necessary to change state institutions and establish transitional government – Dinkic
- Alliance for Changes Coordinator Batic announces another rally for 28 August
- High Representative believes final Brcko arbitration decision and annex are harmonized – Ferguson
- Financial losses regarding public funds in BiH – US Embassy in BiH following New York Times report on corruption in BiH
- KLA and Kosovo transitional government guilty for violence in Kosovo – Thaci
- Seven Muslims killed and 11 kidnapped in Pec since KFOR arrival – Helsinki Board representative Alomerovic

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### **RS Government holds session**

The RS Government held a session in Banja Luka and discussed the draft law on privatization. They concluded that the law on privatization would be brought at the next session. They also discussed the report on control organs, suggesting to include measures that would bring an end to illegal activities in the RS. They decided to establish a management faculty. RS Government Vice-president Ostoja Kremenovic stated that the Government has stopped further compensation between the RS budget and public enterprises, intending to strengthen financial discipline and responsibility of RS organs and public sector managers. The Government members regarded the High Representative's decision on restructuring public media in BiH. RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic stated that the Government has estimated that this kind of bringing of decisions important for BiH is unacceptable. The RS Government has supported the efforts of the RS Information Ministry in this political process and took its position, added Vasic. Vasic concluded that all functions that can be provided through a joint body, such as presentation of two TV stations and SRT in Europe are acceptable, but joint production of programs, unification of transmission systems and frequencies in BiH is not acceptable. "It is unacceptable that SRT pays one third for the budget that would be defined by someone else in public TV BiH" said Vasic. In his opinion, changing the name of SRT into RTV RS is not unagreeable. The foreign currency savings will be regulated in the beginning of September. Regarding the annex to the Brcko arbitration decision, the Government will state their position when they learn the details. Kremenovic addressed the issue of the New York Times report that \$1 billion is missing from BiH public funds, and said that they have not estimated it to be so, but there are persons who should be punished for corruption. Kremenovic concluded that funds that came to RS from abroad were spent purposefully.

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### **SDA to reexamine trust in Dodik government - Genjac**

According to ONASA, SDA Vice-president Halid Genjac stated that the SDA would reexamine trust in RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik's Government should the CD Coalition request for participation be rejected. As Genjac assessed, the current RS Government does not work in the interest of all citizens and said that CD Coalition representatives should participate in it.

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### **Return of Muslims to Stolac difficult**

According to Tanjug reports, the return of Muslims to Stolac is made difficult by the fact that Croat school authorities in Stolac do not acknowledge the elementary school diplomas for pupils from east Mostar, which is ruled by Muslims.

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