

## **OHR SRT News Summary, 16 August 1999**

### **News Headlines**

- RS Interior Ministry presents police manual
- USAID to invest more than \$ 1 billion in BiH economic reform over next four years – USAID
- Reform must progress – newly appointed USAID mission head Anderson
- RS Finance Minister Kondic meets with International Monetary Fund delegation
- KFOR spokesperson Lavoja holds press conference
- Elderly woman beaten in Pristina – Lavoja
- Two persons murdered, many arrested for robberies – Lavoja
- Kosovo Albanian body discovered in Pristina
- 300 Kosovo Albanians attempt to enter Kosovska Mitrovica North
- Kosovo Albanians and Serbs agree on daily return of 25 Kosovo Albanian families in Kosovska Mitrovica North
- Serb Orthodox Church Information Service on pressure on Kosovo Serbs
- Serbs leaving Prizren and Pristina
- Serb National Council member Jaksic denies agreement on return of 25 Kosovo Albanian families per day in Kosovska Mitrovica North
- Legal experts to create laws for Kosovo – UN
- Kouchner and 50 Kosovo Serb and Albanian judges on advisory institution
- Kosovo Albanian Government establishes custom check points
- KLA offers its weapons on UK market – The Independent
- Kosovo in transition phase – Pristina publisher Amici
- In Kosovo, Serbs are biggest losers – Amici
- German Government on attacks on German soldiers in Kosovo
- Austrian Interior Minister on Kosovo refugee return
- Some IC members violate UN resolution on Kosovo – SPO
- Yugoslav Army must avert possible Montenegrin secession – Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister Nikolic
- SRS, SPS and JUL ready for elections – Nikolic
- KFOR cannot perform its obligations in Kosovo, Yugoslav Army will return to Kosovo sooner or later – Third Yugoslav Army Commander Pavkovic
- Serb National Council to suggest creating cantons in Kosovo – Serbian Democratic Party
- Serbian Minister Karic gives resignation
- Democratic Alternative President Covic criticizes Serbian leadership
- 19 August to be day of Serb flags – Yugoslav Democratic Party
- 19 August to be start of protests in Serbia – Vojvodina Democratic Party
- New Democracy representative Andric on possible civil war in Yugoslavia
- Yugoslav Prime Minister Bulatovic informs Yugoslav Assembly on reconstruction under Yugoslav Government
- CD Coalition wants to join RS Government
- SDS holds press conference
- Reconstruction on Bijeljina-Tuzla road
- RS privatization
- RS economy
- After incident, situation calm in Kozarac – UN and IPTF representatives
- UNHCR condemns murder in Kozarac and praises RS police activity in that city – UNHCR

spokesperson Rappaport

- OSCE spokesperson criticizes ONASA report on situation in Drvar and deadline for implementation of arbitration decision for Drvar
- OSCE Bihac spokesperson never gave statements for ONASA – OSCE
- 2 September deadline for bringing application for return of apartments in BiH Federation
- SDA has arguments on OHR discrepancy on Zepce – Izetbegovic Adviser Hajric
- Maglaj Mayor rejects OHR request to join Zepce Municipality
- Dubrovnik Militants Association to block border crossing in Gornji Brgrad on 21 August
- World news
- Sports and weather
- Serb beaten in Pristina
- One Serb kidnapped in Pristina
- Milosevic discusses situation in Kosovo with Yugoslav Prime Minister Bulatovic and Yugoslav Peoples Council President Minic
- Biggest crimes against Serbs conducted under UN umbrella – Milosevic, Bulatovic and Minic
- Yugoslavia requests KLA disarmament and Yugoslav forces return to Kosovo
- Yugoslav Foreign Minister Jovanovic wants gangs to leave Kosovo
- Almost all Serbian opposition parties to join protest rally on 19 August in Belgrade
- Serbian Peoples Union criticizes Serbian leaders

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### **RS Interior Ministry presents police manual**

After meeting with RS Interior Minister Sredoje Novic, US Ambassador to BiH Richard Kauzlarich attended the presentation of a manual on democratic principles and procedure for the RS police. Novic stated that the manual contains a guide for specific policing situations. Kauzlarich stated that everything accomplished during reorganization of the RS police should be welcomed and supported. Kauzlarich believes that the International Community should focus attention on police and justice reform in BiH. Kauzlarich praised Novic and the RS police for their successful activities during the Stability Pact Summit.

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### **CD Coalition wants to join RS Government**

According to BETA, the CD Coalition addressed an official request to Sloga to participate in the restructured RS government. The CD Coalition requests some ministries, for example, the Ministry for Refugees and Displaced persons, some deputy and assistant of minister positions and the position of director of RS Privatization Direction. SNS President Biljana Plavsic rejected the CD Coalition's request. Plavsic confirmed that Sloga had officially received the request and said that it "sounds very bad." Head of the CD Coalition Club in RS Assembly Safet Bico confirmed that on 14 August, leaders of the CD Coalition parties sent an invitation to talks on participation in the RS executive leadership. Bico stated that this was not a request, but an offer to talk. Bico added that the initiative did not define how many and what ministries the CD Coalition wanted to receive. Bico said that he had not participated in the creation of that document.

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### **SDS holds press conference**

SDS Presidency Vice-president Dragan Cavic held a press conference in Banja Luka on Monday. Cavic stated that the OHR report on investment in the RS was not same as the RS Government report. According to the International Community report, KM 800 million was invested in the RS before 1 July. The RS Government claims that KM 1.2 million was invested. Speaking on the BiH-Croatian border agreement, Cavic asked RS Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic to inform him of BiH Presidency Chairman Ante Jelavic's response to of BiH Presidency member Zivko Radisic objections. Cavic was interested if Jelavic had acknowledged Radisic's objection and if Jelavic sent that into BiH Parliamentary Assembly procedure. If that was not done, the SDS will request an explanation and legal solution. Speaking on public broadcast system restructuring, Cavic criticized SRT saying that SRT has been a non-

democratic media and instrument of the Sloga Coalition. Cavic considers that restructuring and new laws on SRT are necessary.

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