

OHR SRT News Summary, 2 July 1999

Headlines

- Elizabeth Rehn opened the Police Academy in Banja Luka; The RS top officials attended the opening ceremony;
- Javier Solana talked to BiH Presidency members on work of common institutions;
- Political representatives of Serbs and Albanians called on all citizens to stay in Kosovo;
- Stepashin and Jospin considered Milosevic's resignation;

UN Secretary- General's Special Envoy, Elizabeth Rehn visited Banja Luka today where she met the RS top officials (Dodik, Sarovic, Novic, Djokic). Rehn opened the Police Academy in Banja Luka. 30 Serbs and 170 non-Serb students will attend the Academy. The classes will start on 19th of July. Elizabeth Rehn said: "This Academy has a new curriculum and ethnic structure, and it will be very important in the process of police reconstruction in the RS, in accordance with democratic standards. Rehn also emphasized the role of Radisic and Dodik in fulfilling the obligations signed in Agreement on police reconstruction.

Sredoje Novic (the RS Minister of the Interior) said : "We are deeply convinced that the RS Police, which is absolutely unified, will be able to successfully fulfill all their tasks, to provide peaceful and secure life for all RS citizens. With this we prove that there is enough room for all people of good will in the RS and that the RS is not burdened with national tension, but is able to respect democratic principles and values". Elizabeth Rehn held a press conference in IPC in Banja Luka. Rehn evaluated her work in BiH in the past 4 years. "There were a lot of problems in the past 4 years but we succeeded to remain impartial and to direct our work for the people's benefit"- said Rehn.

NATO Secretary General Javier Salana talked to BiH Presidency members on Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe, role of NATO in the region, democratization and further improvement of work of the Common institutions, progresses made in accomplishing of Annex 7 of DPA, customs service, work of The Standing Military Committee. BiH Presidency members also talked to foreign policy advisor to German Chancellor Schroeder, Michael Steiner on organization of the upcoming Summit on Stability Pact in Sarajevo. The item is followed by statement of Ante Jelavic who stressed the role and importance of NATO and Stability Pact for the future of BiH.

The RS NA Speaker Djokic talked to Italian Ambassador to BiH on current situation in the RS.

KOSOVO NEWS AND FRY REACTIONS

SRT correspondent from Belgrade (Draga Grubic) reports on agreement of political representatives of Albanians and Serbs. The agreement was signed by Hashim Taqi and monk Sava from monastery Decani, who called on all citizens not to leave Kosovo, CNN report on difficult situation of Serbs in village Velika Hoca, 140 bodies found in German K-for sector. SRT also carried the news on: removing of the check-points set by FRY Army in town Kumbor in Montenegro, strike of The Trade Union "Nezavisnost" in Belgrade demanding Milosevic's resignation. - This part of report is accompanied with footage of demonstrators SRT correspondent from Belgrade (Radmila Urosevic) carried the statements of SPO, Predrag Simic (Professor of International Policy at the Faculty of Political Sciences, Belgrade University), Kosta Cavoski, Konstantin Obradovic (an expert of the Institute for the International Law, Belgrade- failure of Consultative meeting), Vuk Obradovic (Socialdemocracy), Zoran Zivkovic (DS member and the mayor of Nis- one of the largest city in Serbia), SRS, ND, Djukanovic. SRT also carried the statement on police repression against the people who organized the recent demonstrations in Serbia.

HR Carlos Westendorp made the decisions on amendments of three laws on property rights in BiH Federation. The decisions pertain to Law on cessation of application of the law on use of abandoned apartments, Law on cessation of the law on temporarily abandoned property and citizens ownership, Law on sale of apartments with occupancy right.