

OHR SRT News Summary, 30 April 1999

- Three civilians killed and 40 wounded in last night's aggression on Belgrade
- Belgrade, Novi Sad, Pristina and 20 more cities bombed in Yugoslavia
- Earthquake struck Valjevo in Serbia
- Milosevic- Chernomyrdin talked about Kosovo in Belgrade
- Russia would not join oil embargo against Yugoslavia

FRY General Staff building, Federal police building and civilian settlement in Vracar were hit. SRT and SRNA correspondents report about NATO bombing of Belgrade, Novi Sad, Pristina, Pancevo and other cities. One woman was killed and 17 people were wounded in NATO bombing of bridge in Trstenik at 2:00 PM.

Victor Chernomyrdin arrived in Belgrade in an attempt to find a political solution for the Kosovo crisis. He talked with the FRY President, Milosevic.

Serb Patriarch, Pavle received an American priest, Jesse Jackson who came to Yugoslavia to negotiate the release of three American soldiers captured by the FRY army.

Oil embargo against Yugoslavia entered into force today- EC Spokesperson.

Deployment of international security forces and withdrawal of Serb forces from Kosovo are the key prerequisites for the cessation of NATO attacks on the FRY.- it was agreed between President Clinton and Italian PM, Massimo D'Alema in their telephone conversation.

French Foreign Affairs Minister, Vedrine said that it is very important that the Russian position had evolved and that they were now increasingly receptive to the idea of a UN resolution on international forces on Kosovo. According to him the international community insists on autonomy and not independence for Kosovo.

Hungarian Foreign Affairs Minister said that Hungary would not allow NATO to act with ground troops on its territory.

U.S. Defence Secretary, Cohen warned Russia about political and economic consequences of not complying with oil embargo against Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia filed a suit against 10 NATO countries to The Hague Court of Justice. Preliminary hearing is to take place on May 10.- Court Spokesperson.

Last night's attack on Belgrade was the strongest one since the action started.- Jamie Shea said at the NATO press conference. 600 mainly combat flights were executed- Shea said. He presented the survey results taken from 201 Albanian families by MSF. According to those results 13% of males between 15 and 55 years of age have been taken from refugee convoys and 45.5% of refugees have no Yugoslav ID's for they have been taken from them. Shea said that there is no ecological catastrophe as the result of NATO attacks. He did not want to say whether NATO was to compensate Bulgaria for the damage done by the NATO missile that struck Sofia. General Marani stated that increased activity of Yugoslav anti aircraft defence had been detected, adding that FRY army excellently camouflages its units.

The RS NA delegation informed the press, after coming back from Belgrade, that they have informed their hosts about the content of the message that was sent to Carlos Westendorp and general Meigs by the Assembly.

BiH Council of Ministers session was held. Several international agreements of importance for BiH were accepted.