

# **OHR SRT News Summary, 10 August 1998**

## **Headlines**

- Congratulations to the Yugoslav national basketball team were sent by the RS President, RS Prime Minister and BiH Presidency member from the RS
- Talks between Plavsic and Kauzlarich in Banja Luka
- New victims in Kosovo
- 210 killed in U.S. Embassies bombing

The RS President's Cabinet denied information given by news agency BETA that the RS President flew to Srdjan Knezevic's commemorative session in an SFOR helicopter. The RS President and Government delegation flew in with a VRS helicopter and are exclusively using this mean of transportation.

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The RS President, Biljana Plavsic, received Richard Kauzlarich, U.S. Ambassador in the B&H. Mr. Kauzlarich said this was the continuance of the talks on overall, political and economic issues in the RS, emphasising that the United States still support all those who support the DA, and that the U.S. Government had put 68 million dollars into projects throughout the RS.

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"The RS has received the second installment of 5,578,132 dollars in budget support to pay pensions for June, including RS pensioners in the FRY, and for July salaries for the Ministries and Government departments who have delivered payrolls on time. Funding for salaries for secondary and elementary education and other budget beneficiaries will be transferred to current accounts by the end of the week"- according to a Ministry of Finance statement.

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The U.S. Embassy to the BiH and USAID, with their donations, have enabled the opening of the bridge in Milosevci near Laktasi. The opening ceremony was attended by the RS PM, Milorad Dodik, and Mr. Kauzlarich, U.S. Ambassador to the BiH.

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The RS Minister of Interior explained why he decided to cancel regular protection for the BiH Presidency member from the RS, Momcilo Krajisnik. On August 5, 1998, at the Public Security Centre in Bijeljina, Momcilo Krajisnik, in the presence of Dragan Kalinic, Zivko Bojic and myself, pressuring to release Milovan Bjelica former CENTREX Director, spoke of the Ministry of Interior in an arrogant manner calling the RS Government and RS President traitors.

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The Office of the High Representative refuted all accusations addressed to them regarding the non-recognition of the new BiH passports by some countries, pointing out that the blame rests with the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications and Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Council of Ministers. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not inform foreign countries about new passports, which was their obligation.- it said in the statement.

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Elections:

- The SDS strongly condemns the killing of Srdjan Knezevic.- it was stated at today's press conference. The press conference was attended by Dragan Kalinic and Dragan Cavic
- Serb Monarchist Alliance- press release