

OHR SRT News Summary, 22 July 1998

Headlines

- Prime Minister Milorad Dodik in a two-day working visit to France
- Mortal remains of 36 Serb civilians killed in 1992 buried in Brcko
- Issuing of new passports has started in the RS
- BiH House of Peoples did not adopt the proposal of the Law on Privatization
- Yugoslav government refuses a permanent OSCE mission in Kosovo

The RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik met today in Paris with the Chief of the French diplomacy. On that occasion, Dodik reiterated the standpoint of the RS Government that the revision of the DA should not be done. The DA must be implemented. At the meeting, they also discussed the issue of refugee return and the issue of the process of privatization, which, as it was said, should be the responsibility of the Entities.

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In all Centers of Public Security in the RS issuing of new passports started today. Due to a great interest of citizens, the Banja Luka Public Security Center called on all citizens not to make unnecessary crowds and too long queues since there are enough application forms for getting the passports.

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At today's session in Sarajevo, the deputies of the BiH Parliament House of Peoples did not adopt the Law on Privatization of Enterprises and Banks in BiH. The deputies from the RS did not vote for the proposal of this law since they believe that the proposed Law on privatization in BiH is contrary to the sovereignty right of the entity. The process of privatization should be the responsibility of the entities and, therefore, there is no need for an "umbrella" law.

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The HR to BiH, Carlos Westendorp, decided to impose Framework Law on the Privatization of Enterprises and Banks since the proposal of this law was refused by the BiH Parliament House of Peoples today. This obstruction of some members of the House of Peoples, with a false excuse, is completely unacceptable and inconsistent regarding the previously agreed standpoints of the House of Representatives and CoM, and can be interpreted as an attempt of jeopardizing the program of economic reconstruction for which the Framework Law on the Privatization is a key component.

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The mortal remains of 36 Serb civilians from the area of Bukvik, killed in 1992, were buried today in Brcko.

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The Deputy HR Hanns Schumacher was in a working visit to Prijedor today. On that occasion, Schumacher talked with the municipal authorities and representatives of the political parties. The goal of Schumacher's visit was the implementation of the Annex 7 of the DA. On the local radio "Fenix", Schumacher denied the statement regarding the imposing sanctions on Banja Luka and Sarajevo underlining that he had never used the word "sanction" since, in his opinion, "we are still far away from such measures".

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The review of the situation in Kosovo and reactions from the world regarding the Kosovo crisis.

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The ICRC presented today in Sarajevo the forth edition of the Book on Missing Persons in B&H.

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