

OHR SRT News Summary, 20 July 1998

Headlines

- preparations for the forthcoming RS NA session are in progress in Brcko
- Alliance for changes, with Gelbard, about Kosovo
- OHR addressed strong criticisms to Izetbegovic
- forest fires are spreading in Spain

The RS NA Speaker Petar Djokic talked today in Bijeljina with the heads of the caucuses. The report on this meeting is to follow later.

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The report on the situation in Kosovo and the reactions to the Kosovo crisis from the world. NATO expressed regret today because of the most tense conflicts in Kosovo so far and requested that the provocation must be stopped immediately. A deep concern is expressed because of a big number of victims in the conflicts at the Yugoslav-Albanian border. The Kosovo issue was the main topic of today's meeting held in the Hague between the leaders of the five Serb opposition parties - members of the Alliance for changes and the US Special Envoy for the Balkans Robert Gelbard.

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The member of the BiH Presidency from the RS, Momcilo Krajisnik, talked today in Pale with the Head of the Representation Office of the European Union Commission, Hans Kretschmer about the refugee issues.

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The OHR has condemned today a recent statement of the SDA President and the BiH Presidency Chairman, Alija Izetbegovic, in which he strongly criticized the standpoint of the international community regarding the implementation of the decisions on return of refugees to Sarajevo.

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The RS Ministry of Information released a press statement on a wrong "addressing" of "BiH". The press statement was related to the misuse of the expression "BiH". Very often, instead of "BiH" is used "Bosna" although, according to the DA, there is no "Bosna". There is only BiH consisting of two entities, the RS and the BiH Federation.

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In the Bukvik region near Brcko, the autopsy and the identification of 36 Serb bodies out of 55 Serbs who got missing in September 1992 were completed today. The funeral of the mortal remains of the identified Serb civilians will take place on Wednesday, July 23, at the Brcko cemetery.

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The Banja Luka Mufti, Ibrahim Halilovic, died today in Banja Luka at the age of 50. The time and the place of funeral will be released later.

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The RS NA Speaker Petar Djokic met with the heads of the caucuses in Brcko today. At the meeting, they discussed and agreed upon the agenda of the seventh session of the RS Parliament, which is to be held in Banja Luka on August 13th at 10 o'clock.

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