

# **OHR SRT News Summary, 15 July 1998**

## **Headlines**

- The RS Government session held in Banja Luka
- The RS President Biljana Plavsic received a delegation of the Belgian government
- The RS Prime Minister Dodik talked with the members of the RS Association of the Pensioners
- The OSCE delegation traveled to Belgrade
- Conflicts in Kosovo
- India placed rocket system at the border with Pakistan

The members of the highest executive body discussed, inter alia, the legal regulation of the rights of the veterans and the war invalids. "The Government has also accepted the Protocol on the project of automatization of the tax system", Ostoja Kremenovic said in a statement given to the SRT.

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The RS President Biljana Plavsic visited the university in Banja Luka and gave to the students a part of the computer equipment which was given to the President's Cabinet by the Spanish government.

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The RS President Biljana Plavsic received today a delegation of the Belgian government led by the political director of the Belgian foreign ministry. The situation in the region, preparations for the elections and the crisis in Kosmet were the issues that, according to the political director, they agreed upon.

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The RS Prime Minister Dodik received today a delegation of the RS Association of the pensioners. The Association asked the Government to start coordinating the pensions and salaries starting from the April 1, 1998.

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The meeting of the RS and FBiH arbitration commissions, which will be led by Milorad Dodik and Ejup Ganic, will be held in Brcko tomorrow. The meeting will discuss the realization of the additional arbitration award.

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The Supervisor Farrand has put a ban on replacing the elected or appointed officials due to their changing the political parties or stepping out of their present party.

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Regarding yesterday's session of the House of Representatives of the BiH Parliament, during which the Law on privatization was adopted, Branko Dokic, the counselor in the House of Representatives of the BiH Parliament gave a statement:

"In this way, the counselors who voted for the law have violated their authorizations because the RS NA and the RS Government, led by Milorad Dodik, have clearly said to the OHR as well that the privatization is, according to the DA, in the competence of the Entities and not the state of BiH, for the state of BiH does not have any property. What belongs to the common institutions is its only property".

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The representatives of the municipal assembly and the executive board of the city of Banja Luka talked in Banja Luka today with the representatives of the Sarajevo Canton. The refugee and DPs return to their pre-war homes according to the Banja Luka and Sarajevo Declarations were the topic of the talks between Nebojsa Radmanovic, the president of the executive board of the municipal assembly of Banja Luka and the representatives of the Sarajevo Canton led by the Governor Midhat Haracic.

The president of Chamber of Commerce of the Banja Luka region Svetislav Mudrenovic also received a delegation of the Sarajevo Canton led by the Governor Midhat Haracic. They discussed the possibilities of the economic cooperation between the region of Banja Luka and Sarajevo Canton. The representatives of the OHR to BiH were

also in the delegation that visited the Chamber of Commerce of the Banja Luka region.

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The SPRS held a regular press conference today. The spokesman for SPRS Igor Radojicic assessed today the statement given by the DHR Hanns Schumacher regarding the introduction of sanctions against the RS due to disrespecting of the Banja Conference on return as inappropriate. "The refugees cannot be returned by declarations, but by creating objective, economic and social conditions for the return", Igor Radojicic said.

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