

## **OHR SRT News Summary, 30 June 1998**

### **Headlines**

- RS President Biljana Plavsic with Elizabeth Rehn and American Senate representative
  - RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik in the Ministry of Interior of Japan
  - The Ministry of Justice of Yugoslavia accused the Hague Tribunal of the death of the former mayor of Vukovar, Slavko Dokmanovic
  - New assaults of Kosovo Albanian terrorists in Kosovo
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RS President Biljana Plavsic received in Banja Luka today the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General, Elizabeth Rehn. The topic of the meeting was the political situation in the RS, the forthcoming elections and the Luxembourg document. "Amongst other things, we spoke about the numbers of joint police forces," the RS President stated after the meeting. "It is important to have professional police forces that will ensure that everybody in the B&H feels secure," Elisabeth Rehn stated. The RS President and the Special Envoy spoke about human rights in general and about some individual cases.

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The RS President spoke today in Banja Luka to a representative of the American Senate about the situation in the region. The American Senator expressed special interest in war crimes. The RS President informed him that the RS Government had established the Commission responsible for contacts with the Hague Tribunal and the ICTY Main Prosecutor, Lojuse Arbour.

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RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik met with high officials of the Japanese Ministry of Interior in Tokyo today. They spoke about the current situation in the region and DA implementation. Japan supports the activities of the RS Government. The RS Prime Minister reached concrete economic agreements today and spoke with the representative of the "Mitsubishi" company. Tomorrow the Prime Minister is going to meet with "Sony" representatives.

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The FRY Ministry of Justice accused the Hague Tribunal of the death of the former Vukovar mayor, Slavko Dokmanovic, who committed suicide on June 29th in the Hague Tribunal prison. The Ministry of Justice expressed concern for the position of all other persons detained in the Hague Tribunal prison.

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The RS President today received in a protocol visit Miroslav Palameta and Ilija Kozul – the Croats who were appointed as B&H Ambassadors to Rome and Madrid.

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Boro Botic, the co-chairman of the B&H CoM, spoke today in Pale to the Special German Envoy for the return of refugees, Dietmar Schlee. Mr. Schlee stated that Germany was ready to assist in the reconstruction of the RS in order to facilitate the return of refugees from Germany. They also spoke about economic cooperation between the RS and Germany. It was agreed that a group of businesspeople from Germany would visit the RS soon. The possibility of opening branch offices of German banks was also discussed.

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"Out of country voting starts on August 5th", it was announced by the Vienna office of the OSCE.

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The SDS held a press conference today: "In the forthcoming elections the Coalition of the SDS and SRS will nominate Nikola Poplasen for RS President, and Momcilo Krajisnik for the member of the B&H Presidency from the RS," Dragan Cavic the SDS Deputy President stated. He appealed to all voters in the RS to vote in the elections and

underlined the possibility of manipulation of ballots from abroad. He appealed to the official RS authorities to pay more attention to those detained in the Hague Tribunal prison. A press conference of the SRS took place today in Banja Luka: "The SRS is going to nominate Nikola Poplasen as the RS President, Mirko Sarovic (from SDS) as the RS Deputy President, and Momcilo Krajisnik as the Serb member in the B&H Residency," it was announced by the President of the Party, Nikola Poplasen.

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It was announced at today's press conference of the Party of Independent Social Democrats of RS that the Party supports Biljana Plavsic to run for the RS President in the September elections. It was also announced that Zivko Radisic would be the candidate of this Party for the member of the B&H Presidency from the RS, Milorad Dodik for the RS NA and Branko Dokic for the B&H Parliament.

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Milovan Stankovic, the RS Minister of Interior, and Dragoljub Zivanovic, the Head of the RS Customs Administration, with their assistants, agreed at today's meeting on actions and steps related to the prevention and suppression of crime at border crossings of the RS.

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The round table relating to deviations from the DA was held today in Banja Luka under the auspices of the Serb Intellectual Forum. Professors of BL University, such as Branko Dokic and Mladen Ivanic, took part in the round table.

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