OHR SRT News Summary, 29 March 1998

Headlines

- Milosevic asks for readmission of FRY to OSCE as a condition for resolving the Kosovo situation
- Foreign Ministers of the EU will discuss Kosovo tomorrow
- The Hague Tribunal starts investigation into crimes committed by Croats against Serbs
- Kofi Annan arrives in Moscow
- Karate club "Sindjelic" RS winner

Milosevic has asked for readmission of FRY to the OSCE as one of the conditions for resolving the problems in Kosovo. According to British sources, Foreign Ministers of the EU countries are due to meet tomorrow in Brussels and discuss the former Yugoslavia with special emphasis on the Kosovo issue. 2:45

FRY Minister for Information, Aleksandar Vucic, stated that Serbia would not give Kosovo away and guaranteed there would be no treason. Speaking about the mission of the special supervisors and IC interference, Vucic stated that some countries did not respect UN principles, such as non-interference in the internal matters of sovereign countries.

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Special US envoy to the Balkans, Robert Gelbard, talked with Tudjman about the situation in FBiH, refugee return and the situation in Eastern Slavonia.

After yesterday's discussion with Alija Izetbegovic and Kresimir Zubak, Gelbard said he was tired and frustrated with both sides pointing to each other all the time, instead of doing what they are supposed to. "I told them to stop taking care of others. When they become perfect, then they can judge others. Now, when RS is pro-Dayton and pro-democratic, the focus has to be put on FBiH," said Gelbard. 1:10

Leading world agencies today published that the Hague Tribunal has formed three investigative teams which will be working on determining those responsible for crimes committed against Serbs in Medacki Dzep, Gospic and in operation "Storm".

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In the municipality of Vitez, which is under Croatian control, one house has been destroyed by mines in the settlement of Grbavci and four in the settlement of Gacice. The owners of those houses were Bosniaks, report Sarajevo media. These terrorist acts occurred after 5 Croats, who visited their houses in Bukovica near Travnik for the first time last week, had been beaten up. "The attacks on the Croatian returnees are unacceptable," stated DHR Hanns Schumacher who, due to an accumulation of unresolved problems among partners of the Central-Bosnia Canton, was in Travnik yesterday. Schumacher deamds the implementation of the election results, unblocking of the refugee return process and the formation of a joint police force in that mixed Canton. However, Canton Deputy Governor Ivan Saljic rejected Schumacher's order and announced his resignation. 2:40