

# **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 14 June 1999**

## **News Headlines**

- TV BiH crew awaits entrance to Kosovo at Montenegrin border
- Thousands of Serb forces leave Kosovo, some units remaining after discarding uniforms
- Movement for Independent Montenegro established on Monday
- Yugoslav Army still holds checkpoint forbidding any aid to Macedonia but Serb and Macedonian refugees keep pouring in
- 14,000 KFOR soldiers already deployed, Russians occupy Pristina Airport area
- KFOR locates mass graves
- Bulgaria bans Russian flights until Russia agrees with NATO on Jackson's decision for moving Pristina HQ
- No division of Kosovo or Russian sector to be created – Blair
- Annan to submit draft of UN Kosovo mission organization
- Milosevic promises recovery to Serb nation
- SRS leaves government in protest
- Albright and Cohen worried over unpredictable Russian chain of command
- KFOR arrival to open door for returns to Kosovo
- 200 Prijedor Bosniaks return to ruined school site
- Livno Canton aids Croat returns to Central Bosnia
- International organizations meet with Livno officials and promise help with returns
- Kuna and Dinar will circulate in BiH as long as people wish to use them – Governor of Central Bank Peter Nicholl in Banja Luka
- Helsinki Human Rights Committee holds press conference
- Thomas Miller new US Ambassador in BiH
- Jelavic signs statement on military aid to Croat component of BiH Federation Army
- Liberal Party hopes BiH citizens will partake in European Parliament elections
- SDP extends condolences to SNSD over death of Nenad Bastinac
- NHI meets with Croat HSLS and SDP delegations in Zagreb
- DNZ demands Federal Supreme Court grant bail to Ibrahim Dedovic in order for him to resume his mandate in Parliament
- BOSS demands Tuzla Municipal Council and Canton Head Selim Beslagic to reinstate waivers for nursery fees to children of fallen soldiers
- BOSS President Mirnes Ajanovic to prove his allegations against Tuzla Municipality in court or be held responsible for misusing public speech
- Austrian Army celebrates WWI Bosniak regiment in their army

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### **Helsinki Human Rights Committee holds press conference**

The Helsinki Human Rights Committee has evaluated the situation in BiH media as very worrying. At Monday's press conference, the Committee presented the results of its survey on the subject. Lately, discrimination, pressure and attack on various media are increasing, said Srdjan Dizdarevic, Head of the BiH Helsinki Human Rights Committee. Dizdarevic listed incidents supporting his opinion, citing Internal Affairs and the BiH Presidency and Council of Ministers' press offices as examples of closed information sources. The Committee advocates that insult and slander be treated as legal procedures outside of criminal law. This fall, the committee is expected to issue an official paper to distribute to relevant local and foreign institutions to democratize the media as much as possible.