

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 31 March 1999

- After failed negotiations, Russian warship heads for Mediterranean – AP
- Leutar buried in Mostar
- Humanitarian situation in Montenegro alarming, urgent IC assistance needed
- Montenegrin media reports Serb warship departs for Mediterranean, confirmed by Sergejev
- Montenegrin Interior Ministry denies aircraft crashed 20km from Podgorica
- Yugoslav Army confiscates CNN equipment, Slovenian crew detained for two hours for driving by Army base in Montenegro
- NATO confirms three Yugoslav units keep large number of Albanians under fire some 30km from Pristina on Tuesday
- Concentration camps created in Kosovo – Germany announces
- Northwest Kosovo under heavy Serb attacks, KLA offensive in East forces Serb army to retreat
- Leutar funeral ceremony attended by highest HDZ and other Croat officials
- Leutar family receives condolences from Luzanski, Minster Salkic, SDA, NHI President and SGV President
- Clark receives authorization to broaden air strikes
- Serb forces install trucks with explosives in Kosovo towns intending to activate and put blame on NATO – The Times
- Kosovo genocide originally cited by Rubin, then NY Times and Washington Post, Albright follows, now Clinton speaks of ethnic cleansing
- Yugoslav Embassy in US overtaken by State Department security forces, standard procedure when diplomatic relations terminated
- Arbour presents indictment against Zeljko 'Arkan' Raznjatovic
- Meigs meets with BiH Federation Army Joint Command regarding current BiH situation
- Meigs meets with RS Defense Minister
- Phase three not officially ordered or excluded – Shea
- Washington plans to separate Kosovo or divide it in two – Russian Foreign Affairs Minister
- Military analyst Ferid Buljbasic on technical performance of various aircraft and anti-aircraft defense in Yugoslavia
- Milosevic offer shameful, his response inadequate and bogus – Robertson
- After negotiations with Russians, Milosevic meets with top-ranking Yugoslav officials, concludes defense successful
- ICTY tells Milosevic to stop crime in Kosovo and punish perpetrators
- Macedonia worried over impact of Kosovo situation on economy
- BiH receives 12,000 Albanian and 6,000 Sandzak Bosniaks, most intend to go to third countries, increased flow of refugees to Brcko, details unavailable
- SDP Main Board President Selim Beslagic sends letter to SDA and Ganic on corruption
- Reis-ul-ulema Mustafa Efendia Ceric appeals to Sandzak citizens to remain in their homes, be patient and asks BiH media to refrain from frenzied reports
- Tuzla Canton President Tarik Arapcic visits three Srebrenica men in prison who request audience with Ganic and Federal Justice Ministry on Wednesday
- SDP leadership meets with TV BiH Director
- SDP condemns obstruction of state institutions, asks IC to secure undisturbed functioning
- Coca-Cola company privatized
- Roundtable on Konjic power plant
- Passover

Meigs meets with RS Defense Minister

SFOR Commander General Montgomery Meigs met with RS Defense Minister Manojlo Milovanovic, who was reassured by Meigs that no NATO aircraft are taking off from Tuzla base. Meigs added that SFOR controlled flights over Yugoslavia before the NATO air strikes. According to Milovanovic, there are currently two important issues for the RS, support to Yugoslavia and preserving peace in BiH, which need a stable political solution that RS politicians can agree on. Protests against NATO air strikes will continue to be held in Banja Luka.

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Washington plans to separate Kosovo or divide it in two – Russian Foreign Affairs Minister

Washington plans to separate Kosovo or divide it in two, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov stated on Wednesday. He believes that NATO plans to launch a ground offensive, and confirmed the departure of a Russian ship. Marshall Igor Sergejev stated, "so far, it is only an intelligence gathering ship." On Wednesday morning, Moscow spoke of seven ships. One of the ships in the Black Sea fleet is expected to pass through the Bosphorus. General Alexander Lebed repeated his proposal to send Yugoslavia S-300 anti-aircraft systems, but official Moscow is still not prepared for such an exchange.

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SDP Main Board President Selim Beslagic sends letter to SDA and Ganic on corruption

SDP Main Board President Selim Beslagic sent the SDA and BiH Federation Vice-president Ejup Ganic an open letter presenting his view of Ganic's engagement in the anti-corruption campaign. "Respected Mr. Ganic, when Vuk Draskovic organized a peaceful demonstration in Belgrade, that hypocrisy caused waves of bitter laughter in BiH. Your anti-corruption revolution, popularly known as 'good morning Columbus', turned out to serve your self promotion and internal party push and shove, rather than the state of BiH. Your private revolution came down on Tuzla Canton, leaving out hundreds of BiH Federation muddles, whose whirlpool undoubtedly swallows tens of millions of DM. The matter of centralization of funds and their undetectable distribution is a matter of auxiliary economic financing from the Electro-economic treasury. Avoiding payment into pension and social funds should interest you no less than the Tuzla Cantonal Government. The issue of Tuzla Canton having a few million DM, usurped at the expense of revealing the muddles in Promdei Bank, should inspire a true revolutionary, more than 'Golf and infusion' solutions. More important, and tragic, is the fact that your unprincipled revolution strikes at the foundations of state and democratic order. According to you, control over the municipality should not be in the hands of state institutions, even though it is a state, but in the hands of the SDA, which is a party, as if you advocate the party and not the democratic and legal state."

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SDP leadership meets with TV BiH Director

The SDP leadership met with TV BiH Director Mirsad Purivatra to address the need for simultaneous legal regulation in entity televisions, public corporation for telecommunications and TV BiH Corporation. They pointed out that the task of this corporation will be to produce their own program. Party representatives in the BiH Parliament will demand urgent adoption of these documents. They also discussed an initiative to establish a BiH information-technical center for Brcko district.

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