

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 6 September 1998

Sarajevo – The Governing Council for Implementation of the Sarajevo Declaration, Mirza Hajric made public the details related to returns in the region of the Sarajevo Canton. Its President, Mirza Hajric wrote a letter to the High Representative Carlos Westendorp informing him that minority returns occurred in more than 1,000 domiciles, 3,500 returns were registered by UNHCR, more than double the minority peoples returned un-registered to the Sarajevo Canton and over 70,000 refugees, mainly Serbs, returned in accordance with the Declaration. To enable implementation of the Sarajevo Declaration in full, Hajric suggests fulfilling two conditions: to begin two way return of all to their homes as stipulated in Annex 7 of the DPA, and to assist with the reconstruction of housing. We hope that the IC, headed by the High Representative, will provide the most effort so this process can start as soon as possible, reads the letter. Freezing of the donors assistance to the Sarajevo Canton, is directed against returns. At the forthcoming donors meeting in Sarajevo we expect your recommendation to the donors to de-freeze their donations, Hajric wrote. Relating to the several months long public campaign and work of the Canton Sarajevo Government on solving the problem of the multiple use of apartments, the letter stated that there exists less than 200 such cases and they will be sanctioned. Due to the differences of actual and believed numbers of misused apartments the Council suggests establishing a Joint Commission to solve this dilemma.

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Klisa – The Citizens of Klisa have shown more than enough patience living in a tent settlement for longer than 40 days. They believed all promises relating to their returning home; now they have nothing more to say, except we are going home. There follows a report on the life of the residents in Klisa and their need for assistance once they return.

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Sarajevo – The Independent BiH Trade Unions Association froze a decision to strike after its talks today with the Federal Prime Minister. The Trade Union warns that this doesn't mean giving up the main demand that the Parliament finishes the procedure of accepting the Law on Work and other documents on the Work Legislature. At today's press conference Sulejman Hrle, the President of the BiH Trade Union pointed out that in accordance with their decision not to strike, the BiH Trade Union demands from the President of the BiH Assembly HoP, Mariofil Ljubic, as well as of the HR Carlos Westendorp, that they do their best to ensure that the session of HoP continues on 10 September and accepts the Law on Work. If this does not happen we ask Carlos Westendorp in his capacity of the HR to proclaim this Law.

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Sarajevo – The decision of the EASC to take off 15 candidates from the HDZ BiH election list provoked a shock in the party. Explaining the reasons for the decision OSCE simply said that Croatian TV did not comply with the pre-election rules for the media. After yesterday's Zagreb Press Release was published, Tanja Domi, Chairman of the OSCE Media Experts Commission sent a letter to Ivica Vrkic, HRT General Director referring to several points which show that HRT did not respect the agreed rules while presenting the BiH political parties in its programs. HRT should restrain from favouring certain parties or candidates in its parties representation program, reads the letter. HRT is obliged to broadcast a balanced coverage of the pre-election campaign.

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Sarajevo – Milan Kucan, President of Republic of Slovenia will visit BiH tomorrow. During his stay in BiH, Kucan will talk with BiH Presidency Chairman, Alija Izetbegovic, Government Presidents of both BiH entities, Edhem Bicakcic and Milorad Dodik, and opposition leaders. Kucan and Izetbegovic will together open the new part of the Bosnalijek plant, which was built by BiH and Slovenian experts.

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