

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 July 1998

BiH Federation Parliament House of Representatives accorded the Criminal Law and the Law on Criminal Procedure. The scheduled discussion of the Law on Rights of Veterans and their families was postponed for the next session.

3:30

Several Bosniak houses were bombed in the village of Pljesevac near Stolac, a few hours before today scheduled return of 70 Bosniaks. Federation MUP said that five housing facilities were demolished, while five more were damaged.

2:00

International organisations held a presser in Mostar, discussing the incident in Stolac. UN spokeswoman Moore said this was 37th incident in Stolac since March 26. UNHCR spokesman Wright said that was the way of individuals to obstruct the return process.

2:00

A bomb exploded in Kakanj an hour after midnight last night. The explosive device was set at the basis of Catholic church in the Albania settlement in Kakanj. Except for material damage there was no human casualties. Cantonal MUP and IPTF representatives were present at the investigation site. HDZ Municipal Board condemned the terrorist act and said this was another attempt of preventing the return.

1:30

A hand-grenade exploded in front of the "DANI" magazine offices in Sarajevo. Minor material damage was reported without fatalities. "DANI" magazine Editor in Chief, Pecanin said that connections between criminal and their protectors in top of the political authorities becomes more and more obvious, and creates a criminal society based on fear and terror.

2:00

European Union three-member delegation visited Kosovo today, and held a meeting with Kosovo Albanians leader Rugova. Albanian sources reported that conflicts and shelling are still continuing in Kosovo, while Serbian sources reported on seizing the town of Malisevo and wide region around the town.

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Central Bosnia Canton Assembly delegates adopted Amendment 9 to the Cantonal Constitution about establishment of the city of Travnik. In this regard, Travnik will be organised as city community in the same principle as applied in Mostar. Assembly delegates also discussed matters of public safety in the canton.

2:00

HR Westendorp made an announcement in regard with dual citizenship for BiH citizens. In his announcement Westendorp reminds that BiH citizens are allowed to possess citizenship of another country under condition that BiH has signed bilateral agreements with this country in accordance with the Constitution and the Law on Citizenship.

1:30

BiH Presidency member Zubak met with HR Westendorp, discussing the matter of political situation in the country in regard with the forthcoming elections, with special accent on media establishment and necessity of equal access to media by political parties that are participating in the elections. CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic met with US Ambassador Kauzlarich and discussed matters of return, customs and economy. Kauzlarich expressed his dissatisfaction with implementation of the Sarajevo Declaration so far. Federation President Ganic met with European Commission head in BiH, Kretschmer, and discussed matters of refugee return.

2:00

Brcko multiethnic governing authorities held a session, discussing the matters of two-way return. Brcko Mayor Reljic answered the question on return of Croats and Bosniaks to Brcko and said that, as Ambassador Farrand suggested, it should not be hurried and make mistakes.

