

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 21 July 1998

BiH TV brought several agency reports on extremely high temperatures worldwide.

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BiH CoM held a session. One of the main items on the agenda was meeting with the Paris Club. As said by assistant to the Civilian Affairs Minister, Recica, it was agreed to demand maximal reduction of BiH debts from the Paris Club. CoM also discussed river traffic through the Sava River, as well as border crossings between Croatia and BiH.

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Federation Forum conclusions implementation was the main subject of the meeting between BiH Federation Highest officials and central Bosnia and Herzegovina/Neretva Canton representatives, held today in Travnik. HR senior deputy Schumacher chaired the meeting while Croat representatives did not attend the meeting. The meeting also considered return and safety of citizens, parallel structures of authorities, and re-organisation of Travnik as the canton capital. Schumacher characterized Croat representatives' absence as the lack of readiness of HDZ in Herzegovina/Neretva Canton to resolve problems. Both, Schumacher and Federation Prime Minister Bicakcic agreed the meeting was successful.

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New Croat Initiative reacted to absence of BiH Federation Vice President Soljic, on the occasion of Central Bosnia Croats return to Bukovica, Srebresici and Rostovo. As said in the announcement, Federation President Ganic was present each time, unlike Vice President Soljic. We do not know whether this was Soljic's personal act, or as agreed with the HDZ leader, Jelavic, says the announcement.

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Fighting in Kosovo continued today. Two massacres were reported in the villages of Orahovac and Belace, over civilians who failed to escape before Serbian forces. Villages in Orahovac vicinity and the town itself are burning, and combats are still proceeding.

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An explosive device has been set under a train at the Yugoslavia-Macedonia border. There were no casualties except for material damage. Two more explosions occurred afterwards in Skopje and Kumanovo (Macedonia). Kosovo Liberation Army took the responsibility for all three explosions, but Macedonia officials refuted this possibility.

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BiH KM bills of 20, 50 and 100 will be issued as of July 27, BiH Central Bank announced.

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Passports issuing process in the Federation will start on August 14, as announced from OHR.

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Coalition for democratic and united BiH, Bratunac municipality made an announcement about human rights violation in this town. As said in the announcement, construction works began at the site of city Mosque, which was demolished in the middle of 1992. CDU demanded determining of responsibility and replacement of responsible for this act.

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On the death of Banja Luka Mufti, Ibrahim Effendi Halilovic, many telegrams of condolences were addressed today to the family and Rijaset of Islamic Community. BiH high officials addressed their condolences, as well as the foreign representatives in BiH.

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