

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 5 July 1998

Mostar – The tragic epilogue of shooting from West Mostar was one individual killed, and one heavy wounded. The shooting occurred during and after the football match between Croatia and Germany in France. Emina Catic, 26 years old died, and a 76 year old, Husein Djelilovic, is still in coma. Neretva-Herzegovina Ministry of Interior issued a statement describing the shooting, disorders and vandalism that happened in Mostar and Stolac. Following the match, euphoric fans of the Croatian team formed a long line of vehicles, and armed with explosives and hand grenades drove through both towns. Two cars were demolished, as well as a fuel tanker, alongside with glasses broken on many cars and returnees' houses. Three cars of residents of Croatian nationality were also destroyed.

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Zagreb – 40 youths were injured, 21 trams and seven buses demolished last night in Zagreb, during the celebration of the Croatian football victory over the German team.

Pristina – Russian Deputy Foreign Ministry Nikolay Afanasievski and the US diplomat, Richard Holbrooke, met with Ibrahim Rugova and several opposition leaders in Kosovo. The meeting followed the US envoy's meeting with Milosevic. As of tomorrow, a British team consisting of Richard Miles and Bryan Donelli will join them in an attempt to find a peaceful solution for Kosovo. The situation there is rather peaceful today.

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Sarajevo – A BiH Delegation consisting of Silajdzic, Bosic, Tomic and Kutrovic will try to provide favourable reprogramming of the state debt with the Paris Club of Creditors. They are travelling to Paris tomorrow in an attempt to write off the largest part of the debt with the Paris Club of Creditors. According to some World Bank evidence, BiH is able to start returning its loans now, Haris Silajdzic told the news, but added that this is not the case and that the delegation has a task in Paris to prove this to the creditors. The final decision will be made on 23 July.

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Tuzla – Footage of a repeated picture of returnees arriving to bus stations from all sorts of directions, mainly Germany! They wait for hours at the bus stations with their luggage, children, old and sick, not knowing where to go and what to do. The report criticises the officials for not organising at least an information point where they could get the basic information (on return). We do not diminish anything that the local authorities and the internationals do for us, but this is not enough for our six years' exodus to be solved, one of the returnees told the news. The concrete problem of returnees from eastern Bosnia, Srebrenica, etc. was emphasised.

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The Hague – Tomorrow, almost a year after Milan Kovacevic, former Director of the City Hospital and Deputy SDS President in Prijedor, was arrested, the trial against him opens. Kovacevic is accused of committing genocide and other heavy criminal acts against non-Serbs.

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Sarajevo – Tomorrow at 12 hours the deadline for converting BiH currency for KM expires. The process of exchange was from the beginning accompanied by problematic false notes. The deadline should be prolonged in order to keep a dignity of the citizens, reads a statement of the BiH Social Democratic Party.

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