

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 26 June 1998

Working Group for Humanitarian Affairs finished its meeting in Geneva. UN High Commissioner for Refugees Ogata chaired the group, and during its one-day work, the strategy for return to the region was adopted. Voluntary return was included in this strategy as well as the possibility of local integration in the asylum countries and moving during return to the country.

3:30

Session of the Federal Commission for Brcko was held today, chaired by the Federation President Ganic. The discussion had the main subject of the meeting of two entity commissions in OHR Brcko and cycling return Brcko – Federation. Commission adopted the report on preliminary list for return from Brcko to Sarajevo and other cantons and asked from OHR to speed the Brcko process.

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Brcko supervisor Farrand and Presidency member Zubak held a meeting, discussing the situation in Brcko. Farrand said that in the forthcoming period he intends to integrate Brcko in its natural environment, so he will contact representatives of the city authorities of Bijeljina, Tuzla and Osijek. Zubak said that the matter of Brcko is of vital importance for the Federation, but also strategically significant for the RS.

1:00

RS National Assembly continued its session, discussing the Law on Abandoned Property and the Law on Housing Relations. The laws were not passed although they drew great attention while still in the form of draft. Besides SDS and Radicals, Plavsic's SNS and Dodik's Independent Social Democrats voted against these laws. The Assembly voted the decision that the Government should make another draft and deliver it along with the previous version.

2:00

US Mediator Hoolbroke and US Ambassador to Skopje, Hill are again in Kosovo. This time with the assignment to make a contact with Kosovo Liberation Army. Clashes in Kosovo continued today and Serbian forces are in permanent moving, bringing insecurity amongst the people, which makes them choose to join Kosovo Liberation Army in increasing number, in order to defend their homes.

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BiH Presidency President Izetbegovic met with Croatian Ambassador to BiH, Bago and discussed the matter of the Ploce harbor and economic relations between BiH and Croatia.

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CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic's cabinet made an announcement in regard with his statement given to Japanese agency 'Kyodo'. The announcement says: My alleged statement that BiH is willing to offer BiH territory to NATO for possible intervention in Kosovo is imaginary from word to word. I repeat what I have already said, and that is, that non-Serb nations in Europe, especially Bosnian Moslems, Bosniaks and Albanians are under attack of the Belgrade regime. This can cause serious consequences if it is not prevented.

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After Jajce municipality Governor has prohibited entering of Bosniaks to this town, today he organised a presser, with the main subject titled "Who is chasing Bosniaks from Jajce?". Municipality Governor Lucic excused his decision by celebration of religious holidays St. John the Baptist and the day of Jajce municipality. Lucic added that there was no need or possibility for the act of Bosniak Islamic pilgrimage to Ajvatovica, for it has always been carried out in Donji Vakuf and never in Jajce, and that the location of praying is such that anybody could see that each gathering could cause disorders.

2:00