

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 10 June 1998

Presidency member Zubak's cabinet made an announcement, which says that Zubak has signed Memorandum on Understanding about the RTV BiH restructuring, today at OHR, in the presence of HR Westendorp. OHR representatives did not want to confirm signing before its very act.

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RTV BiH employees held a meeting today at RTV BiH in order to be informed on MoU as announced yesterday. Izudin Isovici chaired the meeting, while employees and the Trade Union supported the recent version of MoU, but objected on several articles of the Statute of RTV BiH. The Statute was not accepted because it did not follow the development of MoU, does not define the status and activities of RTV BiH, and RTV BiH financing system. Acting General Manager, Omersoftić also used the opportunity to thank all employees for their co-operation and announced her resignation as soon as all parties of interest sign the MoU. According to MoU, RTV BiH will be restructured into public corporation for production and broadcasting of RTV programme for BiH, along with parallel formation of Federal TV with the same infrastructure.

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On June 6, HR Westendorp addressed a letter to BiH Presidency President Izetbegović, in which he praises achievement of agreement in regard with RTV BiH restructuring. According to Westendorp the agreement anticipates development of radio and television network for all nations of BiH in accordance with DPA regulations. As said by Westendorp, broadcasting on RTV BiH was more balanced and professional than SRT, which did not respect the rules and regulations of MEC, and misinformation and attacks on the IC. Still, RTV BiH was not fully in accordance with the highest professional measures of the public service, nor has it covered interests of all constituent nations that represent viewers in the Federation and those who wish to follow the programme throughout BiH. Westendorp also says that he wants to help development of RTV BiH through international administrator, who will be appointed by Westendorp himself.

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HR Westendorp made a public announcement in regard with Ministerial Meeting of the PIC Steering Board held in Luxembourg yesterday. Westendorp said that a part of this meeting was dedicated to situation in Kosovo, for which Westendorp said that if it is not going to be resolved through the dialogue, it might have negative reflection on everything done in BiH so far. Situation in FRY and Monte Negro elections were also discussed. Speaking about the conclusions of the meeting, HR Westendorp said:

1. PIC has set concrete standpoints for speeding of minority returns;
2. September elections must contribute to creation of pluralism and multi-ethnicity and
3. in order to achieve all this, existence of fair and free media throughout BiH is necessary.

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Inauguration of joint police forces in Vares was carried out today. Establishment of joint police in Zenica, Zepce and Kakanj will follow as well as the centre of ZE-DO canton and Breza municipality.

1:00

Contact Group meeting was held today in Paris in order to discuss the situation in Kosovo. About 20.000 Albanians demonstrated today in Pristina, asking for allocation of NATO forces in the region.

1:00

BiH Federation delegation went to Saudi Arabia today, on the call from the King Fahd. As said by Federation President Ganić, who is leading the delegation, the purpose of the visit is to thank the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for everything done so far, and to ask more support for Brčko and refugees who are returning. The matter of joint investments and privatisation will also be discussed.

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HDZ BiH Presidency session is scheduled for 20:00 In Orasje. The purpose of the session is preparation for

tomorrow's constitutive session of Central HDZ Board. It is still not confirmed whether Kresimir Zubak will attend the session.

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