

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 14 April 1998

BiH Presidency achieved accordance on all items on the agenda of today's session. The Presidency adopted the budget proposal and approved opening of diplomatic offices of Germany, and France in Banja Luka. The Presidency also ratified contracts with the World Bank for BiH reconstruction project.

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The delegation of Slovenian People's Assembly finished its visit to BiH. BiH President Izetbegovic received Slovenian delegation and discussed the matters of relations between the two countries. BiH Presidency member Zubak also received Slovenian delegation and discussed the matters of investments and free market. Zubak also stressed the problem of "Ljubljanska Banka" savings, and delegation informed him that Slovenia formed experts' committee for resolving this matter. Meeting of the delegation with Krajisnik did not take place because Krajisnik asked for meeting out of Sarajevo, but the delegation did not have enough time. The delegation also delivered a donation of humanitarian aid worth \$600.000.

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BiH Federation Government adopted the decision on determining the proposal of the Law on Pension and Invalidity Insurance. The main proposal is to establish the unique system of Pension and Invalidity Insurance within the term of one year.

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Two Serbs arrested for war crimes, Kvocka and Radic plead not guilty before the Hague Tribunal. Bozidar Vucurevic, representative of SDS in the RS Parliament stated for "Dnevni Telegraf" that Karadzic is currently in Eastern Herzegovina and if the IC or anybody else tries to arrest or liquidate him, 23.000 soldiers will defend him. BiH PRESS also reported that ICTY might bring charges against Fikret Abdic.

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CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic met with the BiH Employment Agency representatives and BiH Syndicate President, Hrle.

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Session of the Herzegovina/Neretva Canton was held today in Mostar. The Parliament President Maslesa chaired the session, and IC representatives were also present. The Law on Canton Agency for Privatisation was adopted, as well as the Law on Canton Ministries. Situation in the canton was also discussed and it was decided to focus on refugee return to the canton. Mostar Mayor Orucevic, and Vice Mayor Prskalo held a meeting with UNHCR regional Head, Wright. Orucevic asked UNHCR and OHR to determine residential units for return in order to prevent further obstructions.

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OHR spokeswoman, Byrne said that the Housing Commission for Sarajevo is fully functional, and the objectives of commission are to give recommendations and supervise the project of return.

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Sarajevo Canton HDZ made a public announcement, expressing their concern that the Sarajevo Declaration is not implementing with the determined dynamics.

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BiH Islamic Community Reisu-l-ulema, Ceric made a public announcement in regard with Ferhadija Mosque rebuilding in Banja Luka. Ceric expressed his gratitude to the HR Westendorp for supporting demands of the Islamic Community for rebuilding the Mosque, and said that Banja Luka Mayor, Umicevic publicly confessed that regular Serb authorities are behind demolition of the Banja Luka Mosques.

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