

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 21 Sept. 1997

Mostar – Relating to the terrorist act in west Mostar in which 50 persons were injured, Serb Citizens Council issued a statement saying that this senseless act cannot be that of an unsatisfied and furious individual, but a well sought out terrorist plan with an aim of turning Mostar back to how it was in the pre-Dayton period of a hate and destruction. Should the culprits for any reason not be punished, the irrevocable resignation should be demanded from those who are responsible for the peace and stability in Mostar, reads the statement.

Deputies' Club of the Party for BiH demanded from the Chairman of the House of Peoples and his Deputy to hold an urgent session of this BiH Federation body to discuss frequent terrorist attacks.

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Zepca/Maglaj – According to SIDA, the housing projects of the Swedish Government organisation, 120 houses will be built in the communities Zepca and Maglaj before the end of the year. (Footage of the first project house being build here was shown together with pictures of returnees helping each other to build a roof). Besides housing, the infra-structure will support restoration in the surrounding villages where already 450 residents have returned. Neither water nor electricity are available, but the Swedish organisation is already making plans to help there as well.

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Tuzla – When the shameful prosecution of Nedžad Husić, Ahmo Harbas and Behudin Husić was expressly ended in RS in April the sentencing of each of them with 20 years imprisonment, the professionals called it a sick joke. They were handed over to the Serb police by inexperienced IFOR soldiers who arrested them. Their lawyers have requested a new prosecution ever since. Footage was shown of the lawyers explaining how they unsuccessfully asked for help from many Int. organisations including OSCE and OHR to bring the case up to the Appellate Court in Bijeljina. It was expected that OSCE and OHR, who officially announced a violation of the process on the first level, would continue to undertake steps to protect the rights of these people.

Two days ago a Court in Tuzla (Federation) released two Serb men accused of committing war crimes. Follows the names of other war prisoners in the RS Entity.

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Maglaj – Footage of the celebration of the day when the gates of the town were defended in the last war.

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Follows a piece on the finishing of the reparation of three bridges on the Zagreb – Bihac – Split railway route – key issue for the revival of the economy in the country.

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