

High Representative calls for investigation of RS police treatment of TV camera crew

The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, is calling on the RS authorities to investigate the behaviour of the RS police and the RS Interior Ministry towards a TV crew working for Federation Television's talkshow "Dileme". According to Federation TV, their camera crew was turned back by RS police at the Inter Entity Boundary Line while en route to Srebrenica earlier today.

The reason given by the RS police and the RS Interior Ministry was that the camera crew were unable to provide a "letter of intent". The HR is taking this incident very seriously. Freedom of Movement, and the right of the media to report unhindered, are fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Dayton Peace Agreement and the European Convention of Human Rights. The High Representative expects the RS Ministry of the Interior to investigate this incident quickly and thoroughly and take any disciplinary action that may be necessary.