

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 10 June 1999

News Headlines

- [NATO](#) air campaign suspended and will be continued if Yugoslav side does not respect agreement – Solana
- [EU](#) Foreign Ministers adopt Pact for Stability of eastern European countries at session in Cologne
- Prlic informs of [EU](#) foreign ministers meeting in Cologne
- BiH to play constructive role in region as concluded at conference in Cologne – Prlic
- International peace forces to arrive in Kosovo Friday
- Yugoslav Army starts withdrawal from Kosovo
- Apache helicopters to support US soldiers deployed in Kosovo
- Around 800 Canadian soldiers departing from Greece arrive in Macedonia and ready to deploy to Kosovo
- US soldiers from Albania to enter Kosovo through Macedonia
- Around 17,000 international peacekeeping forces waiting in Macedonia to be deployed to Kosovo
- Milosevic congratulates Yugoslav citizens on peace
- KLA will not attack Serbian forces withdrawing from Kosovo – Temporary Kosovo Government
- [OSCE](#) observers in Albania confirm Serbian forces attacked several Albanian villages near Kruma
- [UN](#) Security Council adopts resolution on Kosovo launching beginning of peace process for Kosovo
- Gelbard meets with Izetbegovic and Jelavic to discuss [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation
- Gelbard disappointed with functioning of joint institutions in entities
- Clinton and Blair hail agreement reached in Kumanovo
- [NATO](#) and Russian Army delegations discuss deployment of

Russian soldiers in Kosovo

- BiH Presidency supports Pact on Stability
- BiH Presidency to announce rotation of Chairman at next session, Jelavic to be next BiH Presidency Chairman
- Dayton delegation visits Sarajevo – Dayton and Sarajevo sign memorandum of understanding on cooperation of universities
- Three men from Srebrenica released from Zenica prison Thursday
- Council of cooperation between Croatia and BiH Federation anticipated by Special Relations Agreement to be formed in Zagreb Friday – Ganic
- Gelbard meets with Bicakcic and Covic to discuss problems in functioning of BiH Federation and railroad traffic establishment among other issues
- Bicakcic meets with Rehn to discuss establishment of multiethnic police
- Barry suggests BiH municipal elections take place in April 2000
- PEC to bring final decision on holding BiH municipal elections by end of June
- SDA hails formation of Srebrenica multiethnic authority
- GDS optimistic regarding BiH Federation integration into EU
- Republican Party expects establishment of multiethnic authority in Srebrenica to resolve agony of women from Srebrenica seeking for information on missing sons and relatives
- Zubak meets Head of Bugojno municipality Strukar to discuss Croat refugee returns
- BiH Federation Reconstruction Board holds session
- 10 June denoted as BiH Railroad Day
- Railroad Workers Union announces general strike for 18 June
- [UN](#) unit for assessing judicial system recognizes progress in Central Bosnia Canton judiciary
- Public panel on human rights takes place in Zenica

- World news
- Herceg-Bosna Football Association firm in position that Velez cannot play host at Bijeli Brijeg field

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Gelbard disappointed with functioning of joint institutions in entities

US Special Envoy for the Balkans Robert Gelbard stated that a certain amount of progress has been made in implementation of the [Dayton Agreement](#)'s regulations. However, Gelbard expressed disappointment over the lack of progress made in the functioning of BiH joint institutions. He believes that the basis of this problem lies in the fact that RS officials obstructed joint institutions, adding that progress was also needed within the BiH Federation. Gelbard explained that minor disputes, rivalry between leaders of the ethnic groups, even within one people, could provoke the people of this country to ask themselves if the leaders were acting in a manner that would attract foreign investments. Gelbard pointed out that Friday is the last day for the BiH Federation to adopt its budget and reminded that after the Kosovo crisis, international attention will be directed elsewhere.

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Herceg-Bosna Football Association firm in position that Velez cannot play host at Bijeli Brijeg field

The Herceg-Bosna Football Association refused the possibility of Football Club Velez from Mostar playing host at the Bijeli Brijeg field. "They can only come to play the game with the Zrinjski football team, take a shower with cold water and leave" HB Football Association warns. UEFA was to decide on this issue. After a meeting held in Sarajevo, it was decided that because of security, Velez would host the game at the field in Vrapcici against the Posusje team. UEFA guarantees maximum security regarding the game between Velez and

Zrinjski, which will be held in Bijeli Brijeg. Velez representatives question this decision. UEFA brought this decision on the OHR's recommendation. BiH Football Association General Secretary Munib Usanovic requested an interruption of the meeting and asked for the opportunity for this association to establish their own position, which UEFA representatives rejected. Afterwards, Head of Velez delegation Sejo Balalic stated that "none of the clubs from the BiH Premier League will participate in the play-offs because of the OHR and UEFA's shameful decision that says the Velez-Posusje game is risky and the other with Zrinjski is not." The BiH Football Association finds this decision racist and humiliating even for the IC, which in this way backed down from the threats of HVIDRA extremists. Advisor to BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic, Mirza Hajric, participated in this meeting because he received information that UEFA, under the OHR's pressure, changed a decision for Velez to play at Bijeli Brijeg field. He assessed that UEFA's decision was unacceptable and added that this was backing down to blatant racism. He asserted that Europe will be shocked by this decision and the ones who brought it should be ashamed.

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