

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 10 march 1998

The Hague – Bosnian Serb Dragoljub Kunarac, who voluntarily surrendered to the Hague Tribunal last week, admitted to have committed a part of the war crimes of which he was accused. He admitted he was guilty for rapes committed in Foca in the year 1992, where he allowed the para-military units which he was a commanding, to beat and rape Moslem women in groups after arresting them in surrendered Foca.

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00 Sarajevo – HR Carlos Westendorp decided to temporarily put into effect the last version of the Foreign Investments Law, which was not accepted at the recent Parliamentary Session, BiH Press informs. He asked Avdo Campara, BiH Assembly Chairman, to enable the Law to be verified as soon as possible. This Law will be applicable until the Parliament accepts the final version.

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Enver Kreso, Federal Assembly HoRs Chairman called up the 12th Parliamentary Session for 12 March. The key item on the Agenda should be agreeing on the text abolishing the Law on abandoned apartments.

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Sarajevo – A gathering under the name Brcko Between the Truth and Politics, was held today at the Academy for Art and Science in Sarajevo. The eminent experts described in 16 papers their view on the political reasons related to the arbitrage process of Brcko in general. From Prof. Filipovic's point of view, the arbitrage process was established in Brcko through the excessive use of force and unprecedented genocide, and not through the justice and legislature. Judge Sadikovic

felt that corridor is not a legal argument for the arbitrage, and Prof. Komsic stated that Milosevic will, after receiving Brcko, sacrifice Dodik and his Government. Their joint stance is that Brcko should be awarded to the BiH Federation. Prof. Filipovic said that non-attendance of the international representatives who were invited, showed that they were not willing to face the legal facts and material truth, but are engaged in buying followers who support the HR's carriage.

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We don't wish any sort of postponement of the just award for Brcko, was the stance of the BiH Association of the Prisoners, United Organisation of Soldiers, Association of the Fallen Soldiers, Association of the War Invalids and Association of the refugees and DPs. They added that Brcko should be awarded to Federation. They appealed to BiH citizens to turn off the lights on 16 March as a sign of support of the just arbitration for Brcko. It would be unacceptable that genocide perpetrators and ethnic cleansers be rewarded for their deeds, their statement reads.

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Brcko represents a question of the survival of peace and future for all those who live in this country, Zlatko Lagumdzija, SDP President and Parliament Member told the news after paying a visit to the multi-ethnic authority in this town. He added that the positive changes are visible here. He believes that Brcko will become a district.

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Follow information on Kosovo During his visit to Qatar, the Prime Minister of this country awarded Alija Izetbegovic with the Decoration of Independence.

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Follow a report on the protocol receptions of BiH officials. Aisling Byrne, OHR Spokeswoman, assessed at the Press Conference that an important step forward has been made on the

exhumation plan in BiH, due to non-reciprocity. According to her, a RS expert team exhumed 75 Serb bodies including two children and the Croat team exhumed 25 bodies in Kakanj. The Bosniak team will start exhuming on the 15 March in the region of the zest Mostar. She did not mention exhumations in the region of Srebrenica.

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The Srebrenica and Podrinje Mothers demanded at the Press Conference in Sarajevo that more should be done on the exhumation plan. The aim is to tell to our politicians that they should turn more to the people who elected them and less to the international community, President Mustafic told Press Conference.

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ICG presented their 16 page suggestion for the changes in the election system in BiH. The aim of the suggestion is to eliminate a current trend of the ethnic communities choosing only their own representative for the authority, and to enable them also to chose the representatives of other peoples.

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Mostar – The key topics of today's presser in Mostar were confirmation of the election results by OSCE as well as yesterday's unsuccessful meeting between the cities leaders and Deputy HR Hanns Schumacher.

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Trade Union Presidents Sulejman Hrle and Cedo Volas signed in presence of the HR Carlos Westendorp and his Principal Deputy, Jacques Klein, the Protocol of Co-Operation between the Federation and RS Trade Unions. Today's signing is a very important step towards future unification of the two Trade Unions, Carlos Westendorp said.

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