

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 11 June 1998

NATO countries prepared sanctions against Belgrade, including air strikes and ground troops if the situation demands. Alliance officials announced, stressing that there is still no diplomatic option, that such clear message to the FRY president represents an option for ceasing the violence. NATO also announced possibility of air strikes throughout Serbia over strategic and military aims.

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The World Bank approved another set of credits for BiH, for the amount of \$100 million. BiH Presidency President Izetbegovic and World Bank mission chief deputy, Mitra signed the contracts. Credits are purposed for structural adaptation of public finances, forestry projects, and electric system reconstruction projects.

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BiH Presidency President Izetbegovic did not sign the Memorandum on RTV BiH restructuring today, although OHR announced such possibility this morning. At the meeting with HR Westendorp, Izetbegovic asked for another day of consideration of the memorandum to make his final standpoint. Izetbegovic will give his answer tomorrow, and if Izetbegovic signs the MoU, this means its confirmation by the Presidency, since Presidency member Zubak signed the MoU yesterday.

2:00

RTV BiH Trade Union made public announcement today, which says that Trade Union members are informing and warning the Trade Union Main Board President, Oljaca and members of the Main Board that they have to fulfil the decisions of yesterday's assembly. If opposite, Trade Union will strike and raise the

questions of moral and material responsibility of President Oljaca, that can result from signing the MoU.

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The first special session of the SDA Main Board was held today in Sarajevo. The two items on agenda were Izetbegovic's candidature for the Presidency member and SDA approach to the forthcoming elections within the CDU. Izetbegovic said that he would announce his decision tomorrow.

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HDZ Main Board session was held in Orasje today. Croatian representatives were also present at the meeting, and Ljubic, Mikic and Brajkovic were proposed for the vice-presidents, in accordance by the Zagreb agreement, and they accepted the candidature. Representative Jukic opposed Leutar's candidature for the Presidency, and after leaving the session, Prlic replaced him at the platform. After secret voting, it was announced that candidates for the Presidency are Leutar and Grabovac and Matic. Leutar was elected after Grabovac left the session and after Pasalic talked Matic into abandoning the candidature.

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US representative for military stabilisation in the Balkans, Perdue visited BiH today. Perdue said that significant progress in solving of remained matters of "Equip and Train" programme was achieved in his meetings with high Government officials.

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Federal Government held a session today in Sarajevo. The main issue of the discussion was the draft Law on Contributions, which should regulate the system of obligatory social insurance.

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International Conference on Investments in BiH will be held in

Sarajevo from 19-23 of June. The conference is sponsored by Islamic Development Bank.

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HR Westendorp visited Rogatica today, accompanied by the Portugal Ambassador to BiH, European Commission First Advisor and the RS Prime Minister. Westendorp carried out the ceremony of reconstructed hospital opening. Westendorp said that finishing this 200.000 DEM worth project means the beginning of serial of projects that the IC has commenced in the RS. Westendorp added that such assistance of the IC was not possible in recent years because of non-co-operation of the former RS authorities.

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