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BiH TV news reporter from Madrid Belmin Karamehmedovic said that a source closed to the OHR revealed that HR deputy Hanns Schumacher departure from OHR might become official in the next month. Replying to this question, Schumacher said that he has no intention to leave Bosnia and that he is not familiar with any suggestion of his discharge. HR Westendorp said that he did not talk to Schumacher and will ask him. “Anyhow, seriousness of the source guarantees this was not only groundless rumour.”
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Mediator for BiH Scwartz-Schilling held a press conference and said the International Community must have the will and find the ways to replace the people from the shadow who are dealing with organised crime, and are hiding behind the politics.
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ICTY Justice Kirk-McDonald addressed to participants of the Madrid Conference with a demand, which is a notice to the FRY that they are obliged to co-operate with the ICTY, being a signatory of the DPA.
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Attorneys of four imprisoned Srebrenica citizens informed the press that they addressed to HR Westendorp with a request to form experts team which will revise the full record of the Bijeljina District Court and to decide on the case of Srebrenica citizens. The attorneys suggested that if HR Westendorp does not have such authorities, he should ask them from the International Community. Convicted Srebrenica citizens and their families announced continuance of their hunger strike in front of international offices in Sarajevo.

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A group of Srebrenica women held a protest rally against the decision of Bijeljina court in the case against four Srebrenica citizens. The rally was held in front of the OHR and the Presidency buildings and they demanded OHR to release them and announced further rallies.
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New conflicts were recorded in Kosovo. The reports say there are killed and wounded in the border area with Albania. Similar situation is also in the Prizren area, where Serbian forces are assembling. Shooting in this area was also reported as well as several wounded Albanians. Serous car accident also occurred today near Pristina, in which three French diplomats died.
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Session of the Herceg-Bosna Assembly was held today in Tomislavgrad. Legal commission was elected as well as Commission for Economy and Commission for Complaints. HDZ representatives are leading all three commissions. Ivan Ivic was elected for the Canton Mayor.
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BiH Association for refugees and displaced persons will present their Global Plan for Return in 1998 at their session, which will be held tomorrow, on the third anniversary of the DPA signing. President of the Association, Komarica said that suggestions from the Association will also be discussed at the upcoming Madrid Conference.
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BiH TV brought footage about return to Dobretici municipality in the Vlasic mountain, which is tens kilometres away from cities, with no school, factories, and with health care twice a week. The municipality presently counts 250 citizens, mostly elders.

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