OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 June 1998

Indicted war criminal, Bosnian Serb, Milorad Krnojelac was arrested this morning by SFOR French and German troops in Foca. Being the commander of the Foca prison from April 1992 to August 1993, Krnojelac is responsible for inhumane conditions in the prison and expelling and deportations of Bosniaks from Foca. The indictment against Krnojelac is for crimes against humanity, severe violation of the Geneva Convention and laws or customs of war.
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NATO has performed the "Determined Hawk" exercise fifteen miles from Yugoslav border. Flying of 84 Alliance aircraft over Macedonia and Albania are the proof of readiness for military intervention in Kosovo. Determined Hawk is also the last chance for Milosevic to succumb to advise he received and resolve the conflict the peaceful way. Russia recalled its representative from NATO alliance, saying that the exercise was carried out without approval from Moscow. RS President Plavsic criticised NATO pressure on Yugoslavia, expressing her surprise that at the end of 20th century problems are solving by bombing. NATO Secretary-General said that Milosevic's trip to Moscow is his last chance to avoid the military intervention because of violence in Kosovo, while US Defence Secretary, Kohen said that he hopes the Russian President will transfer the clear message to Milosevic that he cannot be isolated from the whole world and to win. Sporadic fire was also registered in Kosovo borderline with Albania and helicopters of Yugoslav National Army were cruising the area. US National Assembly held a session in Banja Luka today. The main subjects on the agenda were dismissals of the Assembly President Kalinic and two deputies, Poplasen and Mitrovic. Dismissal was initiated by the clubs of representatives of

SNS, SPRS, and Independent Social Democrats, followed by SDP BiH and CDU BiH representatives. HR Westendorp addressed a letter to the RS NA on the last session failure to adopt the amendment on the Constitution about establishing of the third deputy of the NA. Westendorp expressed his disappointment accusing the SDS, radicals and Kalinic himself for such obstruction. Westendorp also added that legitimacy of the RS NA President will not be recognised by OHR, OSCE or the International Community until the matter of CDU BiH NA President deputy is solved.
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BiH Federation Delegation continued its visit to Saudi Arabia. It was agreed that the Saudi Committee for Assistance to BiH would support reconstruction of 600 houses in Brcko area.
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Herzegovina/Neretva Canton Authorities, OHR regional head and Mostar Mayor held a meeting. The main subject of the meeting was speeding of return process to HN canton, especially municipalities North and West. Mostar Mayor Orucevic said that the return process to municipalities North and West would be the key of return to Mostar areas and HN canton.
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UNHCR representatives in Prijedor confirmed that return of refugees to areas of Sanski Most and Prijedor is about to begin. 25.000 Bosniak and Croat refugees appealed for return at the local municipality authorities while about 10.000 Serbs also expressed desire to return to the Federation and Republic of Croatia.
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Federation Government has set June 30 as the deadline for abolishing all parallel institutions of tax system in order to establish unified tax system for the Federation.
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