

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 18 June 1998

Several hundreds parents of soldiers serving FRY Army in Kosovo demonstrated in front of the Yugoslav Army HQ building in Belgrade, demanding their sons to be dismissed. Among them were also parents from Subotica where strong Hungarian minority lives. Montenegro Parliament brought a resolution, demanding urgent return of all Montenegrin soldiers serving in Kosovo. Serbian Government called Albanian representatives for the dialogue, while Serbian forces restarted heavy shelling of villages in bordering zone with Albania.

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BiH Presidency President Izetbegovic received the new European Union Ambassador Kretschmer. Declaration on Special Relations between the EU and BiH was discussed, and Izetbegovic stressed BiH necessity for financial aid for reconstruction of damaged houses in order to intensify the return process.

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CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic met with the State Commission for Borderlines. The Main subject of the meeting was the Elaborate on the State borders of BiH.

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BiH Parliament delegation is in official visit to the Turkish Parliament. BiH Delegation held conversations with Turkish National Assembly President Cetin, and Turkish Prime Minister Demirel. Main subject of the conversations were ways in which Turkey could further assist the DPA implementation, quicker renewal of BiH, refugee return and economic co-operation.

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BiH Federation delegation, with Prime Minister Bicakcic and his deputy Bilandzija are visiting Washington. BiH Federation

delegation met with the US Special Envoy for Balkans, Gelbard, discussing the DPA implementation, while main topics of discussion with USAID and MMF representatives aid to BiH, as well as presentation of BiH delegation in negotiations with the Paris Club.

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Business men who are flying with private planes and whose capital measures in billions of dollars are going to visit BiH at the upcoming International Conference on Investments which is sponsored by the Islamic Development Bank and will be held from 20 to 24 of June.

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Central Bank Governor, Nicholle made an announcement in which is said that it is impossible that BiH National Bank has given credits to the former government institutions from 1996 with approval of the BiH Central Bank Managing Board, because BiH Central Bank has begun with its work on August 11 1997. Nicholle said that Central Bank did not approve any credit to BiH National Bank for the amount of 30 million DEM, as previously reported in the media. Nicholle also said that some media reported Convertible Mark was devaluated for 10%, which is also not true.

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Zoran Trkjla, shot two days ago in Travnik was supposed to be buried today, originally in Croatian part of the town. However, after Municipality Governor Dzambas approved it, he received anonymous telephone threats that Zoran's body will be dug out if buried there. After that, his family and wife decided to bury him in the Bosniak controlled part of the town at the City Cemetery. However, according to his friends, Islamic Community of Travnik opposed this idea. Then the order followed to the employees of communal enterprise to clear bushes aside of the cemetery in order to dig the grave for him. Such attitude shocked citizens of Travnik and especially people who fought with Zoran for four years in the BiH Army.

Islamic Community allegedly said that the cemetery is property of the Islamic Community and that other nationalities cannot be buried there, so his friends decided to dig the grave for him in the city cemetery and bury him there. With this gesture, citizens of Travnik, divided since 1992, broke all the walls and in best way showed how to defend humanity, friendship, co-existence and BiH. The lecture that the Travnik citizens held for the Municipality authorities should be worth for everybody.

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