

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 19 July 1998

Papua, New Guinea – More than 1.500 people were suffocated in the waves which were provoked by the seven degree strong earthquake in Papua. A disaster was so awful, that some people thought of it as the end of the world. It is being feared that the number of victims could be double that announced.

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Kosovo – Fierce fights were held in the broader region of Orahovac at Kosovo, international agencies inform. As the war operations widens, the International Community tries stronger to mediate the dialogue in the region. German diplomat Hans Joerg Eiff, who headed the OSCE Delegation in a visit to the FRY, announced that despite the fact that everybody is speaking of the need of a dialogue, the positions of the Serbs and the Albanians were so far from each other, that a solution of the crises cannot be expected soon.

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Pristina – FRY authority sent a protest letter to the Great Britain due to the behaviour of the humanitarian employee Sally Baker, who is accused for the illegal crossing of the boarder between FRY and Albania. Baker has been sentenced 30 days imprisonment.

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Washington – A group of 14 American senators issued a resolution suggesting the US Government should start a procedure against Slobodan Milosevic at the Hague Tribunal for the loathsome crimes he committed in the last seven years.

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Mostar – Problems in the Mostar and Hercegovina-Neretva Canton, then analysing of their cause and finding the way for their solution, were key reasons for today's visit of Ambassador Jacques Klein, Principal High Representative to Mostar. After a meeting which Klein held with Sir Martin Garrod, head of the OHR Regional Office, behind closed doors, Klein told the press, that the IC is worried about the situation in Mostar and H-N Canton relating to the non functioning of the joint city Government, as well as refusal of the Croat Deputies in the Cantonal Parliament to accept the OHR Arbitration decision in regard to the Draft Law on Courts. The IC wishes also to see Croat returns to Mostar. Analysing the failures we found out that there is a lack of Croatian co-operation in this regard, Klein said.

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Buna near Mostar – The Bosniaks who returned to their homes to Buna, in Mostar, South, two days ago, were attacked early this morning. Miro Maris, who is living in a house of its owner Camil Spahalic in Buna, harrassed and offended the returnees, then stoned a house and the cars which were parked there.

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Mostar – Sir Martin Garrod announced that there were no incidents in regard to the Bosniaks returns to the Buna settlement, HABENA informs. It was a wedding celebration near the houses to which the Bosnian returnees came back. IPTF, SFOR and the local police confirmed this.

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Bacevici, Mostar – After longer than six years, 150 Serbs paid an organised visit to their destroyed houses and local cemetery in the settlement Bacevici.

Kruscica near Jajce – Around 6.000 Bosniaks returned to the Jajce municipality. It is the largest number of returnees to one town in BiH. Yet their wish to stay and live there is not supported by the financial assistance for reconstruction. In

order to state what was done in this region by now and to find a way of helping, Ejup Ganic, Federal President and Rasim Kadic, Federal Minister for refugees, visited this region and met the residents of Kruscica.

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