OHR BiH TV News Summary, 2 June 1999

News Headlines

- Ahtisaari, Chernomyrdin and Talbott reach understanding on Bonn meeting, currently holding talks with Milosevic
- Good chance of resolving Kosovo crisis – Chirac
- I welcome the agreement, but experience teaches me to stay vigilant – Fischer
- All set conditions must be fulfilled in order to end strikes – Albright and Cohen
- Cook supports statement by US officials
- NATO pleased with Ahtisaari's and Chernomyrdin's presence in Belgrade
- White House confirms plans to send 7,000 soldiers with Kosovo force
- The Hague refuses motion to end strikes on Yugoslavia based on lack of jurisdiction
- Belgrade, Novi Sad, Pancevo and RTS transmitter on Fruska Gora NATO targets, state TV only media issuing digested information
- Yugoslav Army HQ issues first confirmation of casualties
- Strikes intensified along Albanian border where Serb and KLA forces battle – Brussels
- Police reserve member attacks LS party president, delegate in Montenegrin Assembly Miodrag Zivkovic, delegates demand investigation
- Health of Kosovars in Macedonian camps deteriorating
- 104,000 Yugoslav refugees currently in BiH, third wave expected – UNHCR
- Ogata visits refugee camps in BiH
- IC press conference held in Mostar
- Government of HN Canton withholds approval to Statute of Privatization agency due to difference of opinion

- RS National Assembly session in Banja Luka
- Temporary elections committee suspend registration for elections until final decision on elections reached, voters abroad to vote by mail
- BiH third Financial Forum
- Earnings increase following implementation of OHR Customs Law on 15 May
- Farrand arbitrates constitutionality of IEBL
- World news
- UN Mission cautions three RS police for unprofessional conduct
- Missing persons committee reveals mass grave near Hadzici
- $ 761,517 donated for reconstruction to be allocated by World Bank
- Despite OHR and other IC engagement, legal executive and legislative institutions in crisis due to parallel and illegal bodies – SDP Deputy President Suada Hadzovic
- BiH Union of professional journalists express solidarity with 'Slobodna Bosna' Editor Senad Avdic, sentenced to three month parole, such rulings show various intimidation practices against journalistic freedom especially when reporting on BiH officials
- BiH Eurosong crew present their impressions

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IC press conference in Mostar

OHR spokesperson in Mostar Chris Riley announced that Croat delegates signed the Mostar Agreement on Wednesday. This should soon resolve all problems occurring in the functioning of city and municipal institutions. Riley said that HDZ comments regarding the restructuring of RTV BiH were acceptable, but that the HDZ was not sufficiently involved in the process and has, by standing aside, attempted obstruction of the project. The resignation of Mirsad Purivatra, Director General, and Ante Domazet, Chairmen of the Temporary Executive

Board, is a matter they should take before the RTV BiH Board. The OHR is disappointed with the negative reactions to the upcoming football championship play-off.

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RS National Assembly session in Banja Luka

The RS Constitution assigns the highest legislative function to the National Assembly, which the Assembly itself is defying. Delegates proposed a 14-article agenda to deal with drafts of various laws, including amnesty, intelligence, prosecution and regular courts. Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic surprised delegates by presenting a condensed version of the agenda containing a report on realization of Assembly resolutions from 7 March. This resolution opposes the Brcko arbitration, High Representative Carlos Westendorp's replacement of Nikola Poplasen as RS President and the moratorium on functions of officials in state bodies. The changed agenda, as we discovered, is in fact a favor to the SDS and radicals, who conditioned it with leaving the Assembly. After the break, the CD Coalition, SDP, NHI and Party for King and Fatherland remained consistent and refused this agenda. The Assembly is currently discussing the arbitration decision. Notably, Justice Minister Milan Trbojevic appealed to Serb representatives to stop obstruction of joint institutions, because this is exactly where they are expected to contribute significantly.

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Farrand arbitrates constitutionality of IEBL

RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik's statement on the possible arrangement of an IEBL and initiative of massive flat exchanges unpleasantly surprised the citizens of Tuzla Canton. This is an attempt to legalize ethnic cleansing, says the Tuzla Refugees Association, and the IC should react more decisively. When asked to comment, Brcko Supervisor Robert

Farrand referred journalists to the final arbitration decision, which offers cessation of the IEBL when the Supervisor sees fit.

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UN Mission cautions three RS police members for unprofessional conduct

IPTF spokesperson Alun Roberts cautioned Regional Security Center Chief Milan Sutilovic, Commander of Kotor Varos police station Nedjeljko Glamocak and RS police member Dragoljub Novakovic for unprofessional conduct during the recent visit by 30 Bosniak returnees.

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