

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 20 July 1998

Rostovo, near Novi Travnik – Representatives of the OHR organised a meeting between the Croats, who decided a month ago to return to their villages of Rostovo and Sebesici and some international humanitarian organisations. The assistance in building material, donated by the Federal Government could not satisfy needs of the returnees, so the OHR initiated this meeting with the aim to urge contribution by other organisations. Ejup Ganic attended the meeting. Dr Ganic visited a camp Medex on Rostovo where around 2.000 children received education in the fight against land mines up to now.

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Mostar – Nijaz Slipicevic and Marko Rozic, Mostar Municipality Commissioner and his Deputy in The Old Town Municipality, discussed concrete actions for return of the Mostar Croat residents back to their homes in the eastern part of the town. The first phase foresees a return to the empty and destroyed houses, while 50 houses in the Old Town, owned by the Croats, will be reconstructed with the help of the Netherlands Government.

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The same topic was discussed at the meeting of Safet Orucevic, Mostar Mayor with the representatives of Stolac and Capljina. There was expressed support for the organised leaving of houses, but also the stand was taken that nobody should be thrown out on the street.

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Tuzla – Selim Beslagic, Tuzla Commissioner sent an open letter of support to Safet Orucevic relating to the Serb intensified visits and returns to Mostar. He pointed out that a

revitalisation of Mostar social and cultural values would be un-thinkable without the participation of the Serb citizens in all areas of life.

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Kosovo – The war at Kosovo has taken 450 victims and 200 thousand people fled from their homes up to now, agencies inform. The situation in this region continues to be dramatic. France and Germany informed US about the initiative to organise an International Conference on Kosovo similar to the Dayton one for BiH.

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Sarajevo – Results of the implementation of the Dayton Accord, specifically its Annexes 7 and 9, then the results of the laws acceptance and transformation of the state institutions were on the agenda of the talks between Haris Silajdzic, BiH CoM Co-Chair and EU Ambassador to BiH, Hans Joerg Kretschmer, today. The special attention in their talks was given to the police and customs protection of the state borders and a reform of the court system – all pre-requisites for the DA implementation.

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Banja Luka – Rajko Vasic, Minister of Information in RS confirmed today that the RS Constitutional Court made a decision on re-introduction of the Jekavian dialect for the RS official language. (The Bosnian Serbs started to speak Ekavian – Serbian dialect during the war).

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Follows a lengthy report from Brcko showing the political climate there and peoples' attitude towards returns and the final arbitration award. There were shown parts of mostly earlier filmed material.

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