OHR BiH TV News Summary, 23 August 1999

TV BiH 19:30 news for 23 August 1999

News Headlines

- Report on effects of earthquake in Turkey
- BiH Federation Government delegation departs for Turkey to offer help following earthquake
- Petritsch meets with BiH Council of Ministers Cochairmen
- Schwartz-Schilling arrives in BiH and meets with Luzanski and Ganic to discuss refugee return process
- Silajdzic meets with IMF delegation to discuss privatization, new loans and credit programs
- CD Coalition delegate club holds session
- Corruption exists in both entities Cavic
- Bosnian Party press conference
- Democratic Party of Pensioners asks for civil disobedience following agreement between RTV BiH and Elektroprivreda to collect TV subscriptions through electric bills
- Central Bank Governor Peter Nicol announces that amount of counterfeit 100 and 10 KMs is relatively small
- BiH Federation delegation member Deputy Health Minister Gavrankapetanovic reports on situation in Turkey after earthquake
- New curriculum for school year not to be applied in all cantons
- Russian KFOR soldiers do not enter village of Orahovac,
 Albanians blocked entrance
- British forensics to remain in Kosovo until end of October
- •War in Kosovo set Yugoslavia back decades, and it is

anticipated that it will be poorest country in Balkans — The Economist

- World news
- Association of Mostar Refugees and DPs warns Silajdzic that if refugee return is not realized, participation of refugees and DPs in privatization process would not be possible
- Delegation of returnees to northern and eastern Bosnia inform Ganic of problems in refugee returns
- Report of difficult conditions for returnees Kricevici,
 Skugric, Panjine, Rovine, Gorice and Krepsic villages
- Cazin Company 'Puran' recovering production

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CD Coalition delegate club holds session

The CD Coalition caucus held a session and informed that the status of Bosniaks and Croats in the RS is very difficult and is not improving substantially, which has generally blocked the <u>Dayton Agreement</u> implementation, especially Annex 7. They also stated that there are no considerable results in the return of refugees, who are living in bad conditions, and that the law on abandoned property return is not being implemented, nor is there any arrest of indicted war criminals, according to publicly released indictments. They informed that they did not receive a response to their suggestion of RS Government restructuring and concluded that Milorad Dodik's government will not have CD Coalition support in the RS National Assembly as of 29 August.

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New curriculum for school year not to be applied in all cantons

Primary and secondary schools are to start the new school year with a new curriculum. The new curriculum has a 70% obligatory subject content and 30% that may be changed in accordance with

the needs of the cantons. As stated by the BiH Federation Minister of Culture and Sport, Fahrudin Rizvanbegovic, it will be applied in its entirety in seven cantons and, in the other three, the new curriculum is unacceptable because representatives of Croat majority cantons did not come to the meeting of the cantonal education ministers. Considering the removal of problematic subjects from textbooks, which the expert team could not agree on, the Independent Commission formed by the High Representative arbitrated and helped to create a definite version of the text to be removed from the curriculum. No new books can be created without prior approval by OHR.

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