

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 25 August 1999

News Headlines

- Talic arrested in Vienna
- [UN](#) mission confirms Talic arrest – Moore
- [OSCE](#) did not know Talic was on secret indictment list – [OSCE](#) office in Banja Luka
- RS Defense Ministry delegation leaves Vienna in protest – RS Defense Ministry
- Talic arrest humiliation – Sarovic
- SPRS, Serb Coalition for RS, SRS, SNS, SDS, and Serbian opposition party DS condemn Talic arrest
- Blagojevic accuses Radisic of being most responsible for Talic arrest
- Arbour expresses hope that Milosevic will be brought to [ICTY](#) soon
- Latest news from Turkey on earthquake
- Izetbegovic sends official request for corruption examination
- New US Ambassador holds press conference
- Silajdzic requests support of [World Bank](#) for annex 7 implementation
- After seven years, 30 Bosniak families return to Gacko Municipality
- 35 houses in Caire, near Doboje, should be reconstructed by end of this reconstruction season
- To date donations in Srebrenica used for reconstruction of infrastructure, now priority is initiation of economy
- Holbrooke to visit Pristina, Skopje, Sarajevo and Tirana
- KFOR spokesperson decides to postpone entrance of Russian troops into Orahovac
- Moscow estimates Orahovac blockade as disrespect of International Community obligations

- Serb representatives propose ethnic cantonization at third session of Kosovo Transitional Council
- US considers Serb proposal unacceptable
- European diplomats reject Serb proposal
- KLA submits list of Serbs accused of war crimes
- Authority in Serbia ready to schedule elections for 7 November – BLIC
- EC not to supervise elections scheduled by war criminal (Milosevic)
- Yugoslav citizens can vote for Milosevic on Internet – joke on Internet
- Zenica police arrest hacker for credit card fraud
- Man from Pale arrested in Gorazde for possession of one kilogram of marihuana
- After 29 August, all 15 CD Coalition delegates in RS National Assembly will discontinue support to Dodik government if their proposal for RS Government restructuring remains ignored – Party for BiH
- SDP requests immediate implementation of final arbitration decision on Brcko
- MBO informs cantonal and municipal boards of need for measures to protect MBO offices and stamps
- BOSS requests Bicakcic reject INA proposal for raising gasoline prices
- Three Bosniak majority Mostar municipalities implement High Representative decision on introduction of vital interest clause – Ellerkmann
- Sarajevo Canton and German Bank representative sign DM 60 million credit agreement for building of highway for northern approach to city
- International news

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Izetbegovic sends official request for corruption examination

BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic officially requested an international investigation into corruption. Izetbegovic's

advisor Ademir Jerkovic stated at a press conference that, in a letter sent to a number of heads of states Izetbegovic wrote that The New York Times edition dated 17 August 1999 contained Chris Hedges' article on alleged abuse of international aid and BiH public funds. The letter reads, "after we denied The New York Times allegations, the newspaper published a correction, which was followed with a denial from some foreign and domestic institutions. Although The New York Times allegations have been sufficiently discredited, the newspaper has not withdrawn its accusations, but made only a partial correction. Statements of denial from some international institutions were not so clear and left readers and listeners in doubt about what is true and what is not. The reason for this is that, besides "domestic sources" some members of international organizations and embassies were involved in the spreading of false information, unfortunately. Izetbegovic informed the heads of countries and governments that, "we will say more on possible motives of the article's author and his sources for this incredible attack on a country's reputation and its leadership in charges we are preparing against The New York Times and Chris Hedges". Izetbegovic decided to request an international investigation because this situation caused serious moral damage to BiH, and is still causing such damage.

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New US Ambassador holds press conference

Newly appointed US Ambassador to BiH Thomas J. Miller stated during his first meeting with journalists that his job in BiH is to ensure the security of all BiH peoples, launch the economy and establish a political system in which human rights will be respected. According to Miller, all of this should be accomplished with the International Community. He stated that more refugees must be returned and a healthy economy should be established, adding that fighting corruption is on the top of his agenda. Speaking about a meeting with US President Bill Clinton, he stated that Clinton is very optimistic regarding

the future of BiH, because during his meeting with the BiH Presidency at the Stability Pact Summit he notice a spirit of cooperation, which did not exist two years ago. The new Ambassador promised journalists that he will not lie to them, saying, "I will always give one of three possible answers. Either I will know the answer to a question raised and be able to answer, will not answer for reasons of confidentiality or I will not know the answer.".

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