

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 26 April 1999

- International Committee of the Red Cross officials visited three US soldiers imprisoned in Yugoslavia
- After the closure of the NATO Summit, all alliance members expressed their determination to carry on with the mission in Yugoslavia
- NATO announced arrival of British combat group to Macedonia in seven to ten days
- "Apache" helicopters soon to be deployed
- The last bridge on the Danube river near Novi Sad destroyed this morning
- UNHCR said the Kosovo refugees say Serbian forces are using Albanian civilians as human shield
- Yugoslav Government Co-president appealed on the authorities to stop lying to the public, and tell them the truth
- BiH Presidency delegation departed for the session of the European Council
- URGENT – HELP SAVE A LIFE – eight-month old child Ervin Tipura needs 80.000 DEM for leukemia treatment – he has only about twenty days – all necessary information, including the account numbers for contribution can be found at RTV BiH teletext, Page 455.

RTV BiH reporter from Washington said that after the [NATO](#) summit in Washington, the issue of sending troops to Kosovo remained 'extremely unsaid'. In the view of possible troops sending to Kosovo, Macedonian President, Gligorov explicitly refused the possibility that [NATO](#) troops for Kosovo should be stationed in Macedonia.

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RTV BiH reporter from Belgrade said that except for one hour

today afternoon, there were no air warnings today. On the occasion of the Day of the State, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia President Milosevic received many greetings and supports, saying i.e. "... therefore, lead us toward the way of great victory, a victory that may have world-wide significance and importance" Association of Refugees in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia said. Milosevic met today with the International Committee of the Red Cross President Somaruga, discussing engagement of Red Cross Mission in Yugoslavia. Milosevic said he could guarantee their safety in Serbia, except for [NATO](#) strikes.

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Montenegrin Foreign Minister, Perovic said in regard with decision on sanctioning Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by cessation of all fuel inflows, that authorities in Montenegro are ready to guarantee that "not a single drop of oil will leave Montenegro." Perovic also said that this decision would deteriorate already unstable economic situation in Montenegro. The BBC TV crewmembers, which were arrested yesterday by Yugoslav Military Police, were all released today.

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Macedonian State radio reported that a convoy of about 30.000 refugees is moving from Urosevac toward Macedonia. Macedonian Government estimated that expenses for refugee care has reached \$200 million.

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US Congress is soon to approve additional \$10 billion for continuance of [NATO](#) strikes on Yugoslavia, and to support all necessary measures to ensure victory in Kosovo.

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The European Council will initiate discussion about situation in BiH, on the occasion of 50-year Anniversary of the Council.

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High Representative Westendorp has informed today European Union Foreign Ministers about the influence that the Kosovo crisis has on the [DPA](#) implementation. Westendorp gained full support from the ministers for all the actions that contribute to the [DPA](#) implementation.

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European Union Council of Ministers demanded a whole spectrum of measures against Federal Republic of Yugoslavia officials, including prohibition of travel to European countries and freezing of bank accounts in European countries. All economic sanctions, imposed last year because of actions in Kosovo are being intensified. The CoM also demanded, among other things, that Yugoslavia be excluded also from all sport competitions.

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[SFOR](#) Commander Meigs and HR Principal Deputy Klein met in Banja Luka with the Assembly President Djokic, and the Republic of Srpska Premier Dodik. At the same time, the SDS party in Bijeljina announced International Community representatives personae non grata in this town. After today's meeting, Djokic said that main issues of the discussion were election of the Government and the upcoming donors conference and that General Meigs offered his assurances that BiH air space would not be used for [NATO](#) flights. HR Deputy Klein said that the International Community warned Croatia that they would not tolerate prevention of fuel delivery to the Republic of Srpska.

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Municipality Board of the SDS Bijeljina thanked the International Community for all co-operation conducted so far and said that as of today, the SDS ceases all contacts with the International Community representatives until the [NATO](#) strikes on Yugoslavia are ceased.

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Session of the RTV BiH Board of Governors was held today in

the RTV BiH building. Main issues of the meeting were problems in the work of this house. BoG President Domazet gave a statement after the meeting, and said that the priority problem for the BoG remains establishment of the Federal Television of BiH. Domazet said that despite financial and other problems, the improvement of programme is proceeding. He also added that the BoG expects the Law on Federal TV to be adopted soon. We have received 86.000 Marks from the International Community since the beginning of this year, Domazet said, and added that they expect this support to follow after all and that co-operation with "EroTel" and cantonal televisions.

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