

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 27 July 1999

## Headlines

- Preparations for Stability Pact Summit nearly complete – BiH Presidency
- BiH Presidency members visit Zetra
- Both houses of BiH Parliament adopt resolution on Stability Pact Summit and European integration
- BiH House of Peoples adopts law on citizenship
- 80 percent of technical preparations in convention hall for Summit complete
- Final security checks at Sarajevo Airport
- Mostar Airport closed to commercial traffic during two days of Summit
- Prlic confirms consensus within BiH Presidency on Summit at meeting with representatives of G8 countries
- Trial drive of delegate convoy from Sarajevo Airport to Zetra
- It is an honor for Sarajevo to organize Summit – British Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand
- 44 countries confirm participation in Summit
- EC Chairman Romano Prodi regrets being unable to attend Summit
- Schroeder invites Serb Orthodox Church delegation to Summit
- Summit is chance for global organization of unstable region of Balkans – Plavsic
- Sarajevo City Council allocates additional KM130,000 to organization of Summit
- First press conference of Summit Media Subcommittee
- State Hospital to be on state of alert during Summit
- Luzanski hands over signed annexes to Special Relations Agreement to Croatian Ambassador Zoric

- BiH Federation Government discusses OHR request for changes in textbooks in issues related to war
- 27 July Day of BiH Uprising Against Fascism
- Tudjman denies accusations of The Hague Tribunal Prosecutor
- Donors' Conference for Kosovo begins on Wednesday
- More incidents in Kosovo
- Two found dead outside Orahovac
- Tense situation in Serbia
- Djindjic to face Yugoslav Army Courts Martial on Wednesday
- SDA Kosovo reports of frequent KLA attacks on Bosniaks in Kosovo
- OHR hopes Sanski Most Municipal Council will elect new Head of Municipality on Wednesday to replace Mehmed Alagic, who was dismissed by OHR
- OHR supports right of individual to reject military service
- Defense Ministries of RS and BiH Federation meet for talks on foundations for stability of BiH
- BiH Federation Police Union reacts to Rehn statements
- Dutch Government assists reconstruction of houses in Vitez
- HDZ BiH reacts to TV BiH Executive Board report on reconstruction of radio network in BiH
- Stability Pact will not succeed if implemented by same regimes in Balkans – Tokic
- Six years since death of famous Sarajevo Commander General Enver Sehic
- Exhibition of Sarajevo history
- Van Gogh painting stolen in Japan

## **News Summary**

### **BiH House of Peoples adopts law on citizenship**

The BiH House of Peoples met in a session separate from the House of Representatives in Sarajevo on Tuesday to discuss

several draft laws. The House of Peoples adopted the Law on BiH Citizenship unanimously, but conditioned it on a caucus of the Serb delegates. Delegates from the RS demanded that parliament, along with the law, adopt a conclusion asking the BiH Presidency to intensify activities on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia and work on agreements on dual citizenship with Croatia and Yugoslavia. High Representative Carlos Westendorp brought the Law on BiH Citizenship last year.

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### **First press conference of Summit Media Subcommittee**

The Stability Pact Summit Media Subcommittee held its first news briefing at Zetra on Tuesday. Subcommittee Chairman Mirza Hajric reported that all preparations for this aspect of the Summit went well, with the exception not yet receiving equipment promised by the [EU](#). Organizers established all infrastructure needs for the 1,400 journalists accredited for the Summit, including an internal taxi service. The journalist will have limited access to the meetings and briefings. Only RTV BiH cameras will be allowed in the conference hall, while TV BiH footage will be rebroadcast to other TV stations via EBU.

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### **Tudjman denies accusations of The Hague Tribunal Prosecutor**

After the recent statement of The Hague Tribunal Prosecutor that the nationalistic policy of Croatian President Franjo Tudjman was aimed at dividing BiH, Tudjman's cabinet rejected this as a political comment, not fact. Legal experts and opposition politicians in Croatia speculate that this might be an introduction to an eventual [ICTY](#) indictment against Tudjman.

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## **BiH Federation Police Union reacts to Rehn statements**

The BiH Federation Interior Ministry Trade Union protested against a recent statement by Elizabeth Rehn regarding alleged corruption among the police in BiH. "As former [UN](#) Special Representative, Rehn was deeply involved in the establishment of police forces and made several positive comments about their work" reads a press release issued by the Police Union on Tuesday. "It is hypocritical to now talk about corruption without any evidence."

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## **Stability Pact will not succeed if implemented by same regimes in Balkans – Tokic**

"The Stability Pact will be nothing but another way of controlling the countries in the region if the same regimes, which are responsible for the worst period in Southeast Europe, are in charge of its implementation" SDP BiH Vice-president Sejfudin Tokic stated at a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday. The SDP BiH announced closer connections with all parties of same political orientation in the region.

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