

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 28 July 1999

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- Clinton message to Jelavic regarding Summit
- Sarajevo and Banja Luka public opinion regarding Summit
- Silajdzic addresses journalists at Zetra
- TV BiH presents introduction clip for Summit coverage
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- Council of Ministers holds session on BiH-Croatia borders
- We owe victims the truth – [ICTY](#) Prosecutor at Blaskic trial
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- Pentagon announces Clark's departure in April as usual rotation, Washington Post claims replacement
- 14 Serbs buried in Staro Gracko
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- Demonstrations in Serbia decreasing
- Jelavic meets with International Humanists League
- Sanski Most Municipal Council holds session
- Chairperson of Srebrenica and Podrinje Mothers Association arrested
- BiH Federation debt in May DM 3.7 billion, Government to negotiate with Paris Club to secure partial cancellation of pre-war debt
- Summit will offer significant boost to Dayton implementation – Party for BiH
- SDP expects Summit to benefit BiH and entire region

- Muslim Bosniak Organisation changes name to BiH Democratic Alternative
- BiH Patriotic Party sends open letter to world leaders
- BOSS demands Tuzla Municipal Council urgently lower taxes
- TV BiH begins 65 hours of uninterrupted broadcasting of Summit on Thursday at 08:00

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Clinton message to Jelavic regarding Summit

US President Bill Clinton addressed BiH Presidency Chairmen Ante Jelavic, stating that the Stability Pact Summit is an opportunity to improve the future of Southeast Europe on the basis of democracy and co-operation and not nationalism and nationalistic conflicts. "I would like to encourage you to begin working on issues of market reform, democratization and regional security. I hope your government will give a good presentation of itself at the Summit, for I have been advocating, along with the [EU](#) and others, your integration into the global market system, and we applaud your efforts to create an attractive environment for foreign investments. It will be very important for the Summit to show the isolation of Serbia under Milosevic's rule. I hope the Summit will make the progress achieved in implementation of the [Dayton Agreement](#) transparent. I am anxious to hear your latest decisions on strengthening the Permanent Military Committee and decreasing military expenditure" read the letter.

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Silajdzic addresses journalists at Zetra

Co-chairman of the Council of Ministers and Chairmen of the Summit Organizational Board Haris Silajdzic presented his thesis on the parameters that need to be secured for the future progress of BiH at a press conference at Zetra. "Once we are left alone by neighbouring countries. Once we turn

towards our own reconstruction, I think we will be successful” said Silajdzic. 39 countries have confirmed their attendance, as have 17 international organizations. The BiH Council of Ministers and the BiH Presidency are planning a number of bilateral meetings.

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We owe victims the truth – [ICTY](#) Prosecutor at Blaskic trial

“Blaskic flourished through crimes and did not just participate in them” the [ICTY](#) prosecution stated regarding crimes against Bosniaks in Central Bosnia committed by the HVO in 1993 under Blaskic’s command. “Blaskic has foregone every opportunity to punish the perpetrators, for he himself was involved in the plan to eradicate and banish Bosniaks from Central Bosnia. He was well rewarded for his good work that left death and destruction in its path.” The prosecutor completed his closing statements with a quote from Voltaire. “We owe respect to the living and truth to the dead.” The prosecutor kept trying to prove that these crimes were conducted under the political auspices of Zagreb, Blaskic being the executive tool. “The April 1993 attack on Ahmici and other villages in the Lasva Valley was planned and executed as part of the implementation of such policies.” The fact that Croatia had general control over the HVO and their army participated in actions in Central Bosnia were also presented, which gave the conflict international significance, which means that its victims are protected by the Geneva Convention. Blaskic’s defense is now presenting their closing statements.

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Chairperson of Srebrenica and Podrinje Mothers Association arrested

The Srebrenica and Podrinje Mothers Association announced that their Executive Board President, Ibran Mustafic, has been arrested for possession of 10,000 pamphlets intended for

distribution to participants of the Stability Pact Summit. The pamphlet compares the [Dayton Agreement](#) with the policies of Radovan Karadzic and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, stating that, in the Nazi RS, human rights are not respected and that [SFOR](#) are the guardians of Milosevic's plan for the RS.

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BiH Patriotic party sends open letter to world leaders

The BiH Patriotic Party has sent an open letter to world leaders gathering in Sarajevo for the Stability Pact Summit, calling for continual support for the part of the [Dayton Agreement](#) that leads to the establishment of full sovereignty and territorial integrity for BiH.

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