OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 July 1999

News Headlines

- First day of Summit concludes
- Clinton to promote his vision of stable Balkans, excluding Milosevic-led Yugoslavia
- BiH and entire region notorious for conflict, expected to finally turn toward prosperous future and lasting peace – Radisic
- There is hope and vision of Europe being dominant continent in coming millennium – Ahtisaari
- Izetbegovic points to BiH interests in Serbia developing conditions for inclusion in integration
- BiH officials greet arriving delegations at Sarajevo Airport
- Tuzla Eagle Base Airport ready for arrivals despite bad weather
- We are pleased with our work today, which is rehearsal for Friday – <u>SFOR</u> Colonel Dave Raney
- Sarajevo today and advise for citizens during Summit
- Dinner reception for Summit participants
- Banja Luka City Assembly holds session on infrastructure and RS Privatization Agency
- Journalists covering Summit arrive from all over world, TV BiH only media with additional facilities, including interview room
- Maglaj Municipality in state of emergency after excessive rains
- RTV BiH subscription fees to be distributed with electricity bills
- US company and BiH Electric company agree on survey of water power plant in Konjic area
- Croatia still refuses to disclose any data on war-time

operation 'Oluja' (Storm)

- Blaskic defense makes closing argument
- Albright visits Kosovo
- Macedonia prepares trade agreement with BiH
- RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic denies OHR ever demanded adoption of Law on SRT
- RS Independent Social Democrats think Summit should lead to lasting peace
- SDS Presidency initiatives to resolve RS parliamentary crisis were unreasonably refused by Sloga
- BOSS demands Tuzla Canton Minister reveal who ordered arrest of its President, Mirnes Ajanovic, two days ago

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First day of Summit concludes

EU Chairman and Finnish President Marti Ahtisaari congratulated the BiH Government for its organization of the Stability Pact Summit. The first session was a review of the challenges, aims and demands of the Stability Pact. The entire region is going through a rough transition and the Pact is expected to secure stability. Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach evaluated day one as very successful, regional cooperation being the key issue. The BiH Presidency members addressed Summit participants. BiH Presidency Chairman Ante Jelavic spoke first, expressing gratitude for holding the Summit in Sarajevo. He also spoke of security, stating that Yugoslavia, as an important regional stability factor, needs to be included in the Pact. BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic spoke of human rights, noting that the speeches of all three BiH Presidency members - Zivko Radisic spoke of economy signify a united representation of the state. Turkey and Albania proposed special mention of Kosovo. The final session on Friday is anticipated with much optimism. "We are convinced that there can be no democratic development of Europe without democratization of its Southeast region" Radisic commented.

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RTV BiH subscription fees to be distributed with electricity bills

RTV BiH and the power utility Elektroprivreda BiH signed a contract on Thursday on cooperation in collecting payment of TV subscriptions. Beginning in September, all electricity customers in seven BiH Federation cantons will receive invoices from Elektroprivreda with an additional fee of 6 KM for RTV BiH subscriptions. RTV BiH General Director Mirsad Purivatra stressed that this method is widely used in Europe and that some major public TV corporations, including the BBC, ARD and ORF are financed through subscriptions.

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