

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 June 1998

Pristina, Kosovo – Up to 60 detonations and canon shots could be heard 20 kilometres from Pristina in only one hour. Columns of refugees are fleeing from the region of heavy Serb attacks. This is only a part of the critical situation at the approach to Pristina after the Serb powers began an operation of broader measures this morning. Diplomats who undoubtedly have more detailed information, still only remind Milosevic of the responsibility to solve the Kosovo situation in a peaceful manner.

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Luxembourg – While the military operations of the Yugoslav Army and Police are blazing in Kosovo, the Foreign Ministers of the European Fifteen call Serb President Milosevic to apply immediately and in full, all responsibilities he took over at the meeting with Yeltsin in Moscow on 16 June. We are sorry that these responsibilities do not relate to the withdrawal of the Serb Security Units which are serving for the repression against civilians and that the conditions for immediate start of the political dialogue with the Kosovo officials under international mediation, reads a Declaration issued in Luxembourg. The Ministers formally accepted a decision on flight prohibition of the Yugoslav companies to their countries as a sign of a protest against Belgrade's politics towards Kosovo.

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Istanbul – Alija Izetbegovic, BiH Presidency Chairman arrived for a few days visit to the Republic of Turkey. The main program of the visit begins tomorrow. Izetbegovic will be presented with an honourable Doctorate of the Marmara University.

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Sarajevo – It is the Presidency of BiH and not the OHR who appoints the members of the RTV BiH Steering Board. Until the Presidency makes a decision this list could not be made public, Mirza Hajric, Presidency Advisor told the Press, after some Media published the names for this body today. Hajric pointed out the unfair and unprofessional attitude of the OHR Public Affairs in permitting the names of candidates for the RTV BiH Steering Board to be leaked out. It was done completely against our agreement, he added. I requested the HR to investigate how it happened and to ensure that the persons who did it bear the consequences. Sticking to the agreement he did not want to comment any of the published names.

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Sarajevo – Sarajevo Canton TV started to broadcast on channel 37 of the terrestrial network today. Whilst waiting for equipment and personnel, it will broadcast only one hour of programming initially. Themes on culture, sport, ecology, music, etc. will have priority on the Cantonal TV.

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Sarajevo – The Coalition for a Democratic and Unified BiH, as well as the Coalition of the Centre presented their candidates for the forthcoming elections. The New Croatian Initiative and the Croatian Christian Democratic Union parties decided to form a coalition. They will have a democratic sign in their name.

Capljina – Omer Cebra, President of the Coalition for the Unified and Democratic BiH for the Municipality Capljina, sent a letter to the HR asking him to undertake urgent and energetic measures to stop further attacks against Bosniak houses in Capljina.

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The Hague – Almost all agencies informed of the suicide of

Slavko Dokmanovic, former Vukovar Mayor in the Hague Tribunal cell.

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Srebrenica – Srebrenica women announced their visit to the cemeteries in their town on 9 July, the third anniversary of the biggest BiH war golgotha in which more than 10 thousands of its residents went missing. They refused to be politically manipulated by some organisations and decided to go to Srebrenica on their own.

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Sarajevo – Under the auspices of CoM Co-Chairman Haris Silajdzic, a Round Table on the Political Pluralism in the Democratic Transition of BiH, will be held in the BiH Academy for Science and Art. Participation of the representatives of both entities are expected.

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