

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 3 August 1999

## News Headlines

- Westendorp activates package of laws
- Bad bus accident in India
- Tense situation in Kamenica, south of Pristina
- KFOR arrests six Kosovo Albanians accused of Serb murders
- More and more Serbs leaving Kosovo
- Serb Orthodox Church officials in Kosovo accuse KFOR of not fulfilling their mandate
- New international police forces arrive in Kosovo
- Protests against Milosevic continue throughout Serbia
- Prizren priest Artemije states Milosevic's place is in The Hague
- Djukanovic visits Russia
- Draskovic to visit Italy
- Russia sends 200 police officers to Kosovo
- Chernomyrdin no longer Russian special envoy to Kosovo
- [NATO](#) to discuss Robertson candidacy for [NATO](#) Secretary General on Wednesday
- Arrested [ICTY](#) indictee Kovac to plead on Wednesday
- Arbour calls all on indicted war criminals to give themselves up
- Kaularich comments on Stability Pact, two-way and minority refugee return, corruption and crime
- [EU](#) and BiH Council of Ministers sign financial agreement on refugee return program for 1999
- Bicakcic and Dodik discuss refugee return and donations
- 100 Bosniak returnees arrive in Kaludrani near Zvornik
- 90 Bosniak families return to village of Varvara in Prozor Municipality
- Association of War Veterans and Invalids starts

- registration of two privatization agencies
- Voter registration for upcoming Zenica Municipal elections extended till November – Local Election Commission informs
  - OHR and [OSCE](#) announce completion of draft on permanent electoral law
  - Barry withdraws final verification of Drvar election results due to inactivity of municipal authorities and non-fulfillment of responsibilities
  - Jelavic discusses refugee return and human rights protection issues with Klein
  - Jelavic meets new ECMM chief to discuss [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation
  - OHR hails signing of border agreement between BiH and Croatia – Haselock
  - Radisic comments on border agreement
  - RS officials and political parties comment on signing of border agreement
  - Lagumdzija stated he does not know composition of border agreement although he is BiH Parliament member
  - Democratic Party of Pensioners demand 7th session of BiH Federation House of Representatives be held
  - MBO press conference in Tuzla
  - PTT completes laying of optical cable from Sarajevo to Mostar
  - World news
  - Zilic comments positively on security organization of Stability Pact Summit

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### **Bicakcic and Dodik discuss refugee return and donations**

BiH Federation and RS Prime Ministers Edhem Bicakcic and Milorad Dodik met in Banja Luka to discuss donations, privatization and refugee return issues. Bicakcic stated that “the refugee return issue represses both governments and urgent solutions are needed.” Speaking on the refugee return

issue, Dodik stated that he and Bicakcic discussed establishing a joint program to resolve the issue. Bicakcic announced the opening of the RS Privatization Agency office in Sarajevo and the opening of the BiH Federation Privatization Agency in Banja Luka.

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### **Radisic comments on border agreement**

BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic stated that a special agreement was prepared before the agreement on borders was signed, according to which the issue of the border on the River Una delta in Sava would be defined at a later date. He added that the BiH Presidency had not established its attitude towards this agreement and that he had never signed anything.

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### **RS officials and political parties comment on signing of border agreement**

RS officials and political parties commented on the border agreement.

SNS Vice-president Svetozar Mihajlovic informed that BiH Presidency member Zivko Radisic had already submitted objections to the signed agreement. Mihajlovic stated that a period of hard fighting in order to prove that the River Una is a natural and functional border follows. Member of the BiH Commission for Borders, Ostoja Kremenovic, stated that inter-state diplomatic commission should suggest a new solution for the state border between the two countries by the end of the year. RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic judged the signing of the agreement as unconstitutional and non-Dayton, ONASA reported. The SNSD considered that the issue of the border in Serb Kostajnica was politicized and that the issues, which are not sufficiently defined by the [Dayton Agreement](#), are being used to cause conflict situations.

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**Lagumdzija stated he does not know composition of borders agreement although he is BiH Parliament member**

SDP President Zlatko Lagumdzija stated that he does not know the composition of the borders agreement, although he is a BiH Parliament member. He added that the politicization of this problem is a "big shame for all of us" and concluded, "the world is no longer interested in our divisions anymore, but in our economic development."

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