

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 31 Aug 1997

**Paris** – The tragic news of Princess Diana's death shook the World. BiH will remember Lady Di especially because of her efforts in humanitarian programmes and in support of land-mine clearing in BiH. CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic made a statement on the death of Princess Diana, saying that he was shaken with the terrible news. Silajdzic also said that Lady Diana will be remembered for all her efforts in humanitarian programmes. Many of the World leaders, such as UK Prime-Minister Blair, US President Clinton, Mother Theresa and many more, expressed their sincerest condolences to the British Royal family and the people of the UK. Disabled sportsmen of Zenica volleyball club, as well as the citizens of Sarajevo and Tuzla also addressed their condolences to Princess Diana's children, the Royal House, and the people of the UK.

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**Sarajevo** – BiH President Izetbegovic addressed a letter to the Internal Affairs ministries of the Federation and Middle Bosnian Canton, on the double crime against two citizens from the village of Nula near Travnik. Izetbegovic demands from those ministries austere measures in order to find and arrest those responsible. Izetbegovic said that if any signs of political crime were revealed, the ministries were obliged to increase security measures in order to prevent eventual new cases like this. Izetbegovic also added that if it is determined to be an act of vengeance against the returnees, it would represent a crime against the DPA, which should be prevented by all means.

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**Washington** – After his visit to Belgrade, Pale and Banja Luka, the US Special Envoy Gelbard said that the DPA and RS are in a

serious crisis and that those who obstruct the peace will be severely punished. NATO countries repeated that violence against the peace implementation forces would not be tolerated. \* The Washington Post reported that the RS people have had enough of Karadzic and the corruption surrounding him, which has resulted in the people's will to support Plavsic. US media agree that after the latest events, NATO has found itself at a crossroads, and that this is probably the most dangerous period since the deployment of the troops. After his visit to BiH, US Senator Biden said At least we're back in the game. Whenever we've shown our power to the Serbs, they used to back off. Most of the US observers agree that the risk is too high, but profitable. They also agree that this is the moment when the US must not give it up.

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**Banja Luka** – RS President Plavsic warned her opponents that they would be punished after the current conflict ends. Plavsic refused the appeal of Karadzic's hard-liners to organise the presidential elections along with the Parliamentary ones. The same night, another explosion shook BL. There were no human casualties nor material damage.

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**Sarajevo** – CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic talked to the representatives of the Bosanska Krajina municipality, where 30-50 people are returning each day. Silajdzic's guests expressed their disappointment with the countries from where the returnees are coming, because of not providing the aid for return, as was promised previously. They also said that Serbs from Krajina wish to return, not only to Drvar, but to the other areas of Krajina.

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**Travnik** – The Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs announced that late last night, two men were shot in their family house in village Nula, near Travnik. Joint police forces are investigating the case.

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**Sarajevo** – CoM Co-chairman talked to the representatives of the Office for the Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Vollen. Vollen told Silajdzic that the conditions for the elections have not yet been fulfilled.

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