

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 6 April 1998

Sarajevo – French President Jacques Chirac, is expected to arrive in Sarajevo, tonight. Presidency Members Alija Izetbegovic, Kresimir Zubak and Momcilo Krajisnik will wait for him at Sarajevo Airport. He is arriving escorted by the French Foreign and Defence Ministers. This is the first visit of Chirac, and the second French presidential visit to our country. (Follows a description of the negative effect which the visit of President Mitterand during the war had on BiH destiny). Alija Izetbegovic was shown speaking favourably with Chirac. The next meeting can only be friendly, AI told the news in a lengthy comment on Chirac's visit. BiH TV will broadcast live Chirac's address to the BiH citizens.

2:00

Vedrine, French Minister for Foreign Affairs and BiH CoM Minister for the Foreign Trade, Mirsad Kurtovic will sign the Financial Protocol on transport and printing of the new BiH currency. The French President as well as the BiH Presidency members will attend this event.

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Srebrenica – After the Municipal Council of Srebrenica was dismissed due to its non functioning, a Provisional Executive Council was established. Robert Barry, OSCE Chief of Mission, asserted that this extraordinary decision on Srebrenica was the only possible way out of the situation, which does not harm any side. An international mediator will temporarily run the town. An explanation was given of the steps which the IC will undertake relating to the Srebrenica decision. The Srebrenica Municipal Council itself will stay out of function as long as it is not capable to act in accordance with its mandate, Barry said.

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Sarajevo – The functioning of the common institutions, reconstruction of the informative security services, flag, implementation of the Sarajevo declaration and media, were the key topics of two hour exhaustive talks between Alija Izetbegovic and HR Carlos Westendorp. Special accent was given to the question of two way return to Mostar, as well as the problems relating to Annex 7 of the [DPA](#). The meeting ended with discussion on the measures which should be carried out in order to make a substantial step forward in the [DPA](#) implementation.

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Sarajevo – HR Carlos Westendorp and the two entity (Federation and RS) Prime Ministers Bicakcic and Dodik signed an Agreement on establishment of the public BiH Railway Corporation. I expect that after today's establishing the BiH Railway Corporation, the work on forming further corporations will be continued in BiH, HR told the news after the signing ceremony. The two entities Prime Ministers showed open satisfaction with the job which was done.

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Mostar – After the BiH Central Bank opened its subsidiaries in Sarajevo and Pale, a Central Bank main unit was opened in Mostar today. From the western part of Neretva river it will be responsible for five federal cantons. A subsidiary will soon be opened in Banja Luka.

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Sarajevo – The 6 April is connected with the history of the BiH capital triple with ties: In 1940 it was bombed by the German aviation, on 6th April 1945 the town was liberated, in 1992 an unprecedented siege and crime against Sarajevo began. Follows a lengthy historical story of the town as well as the BiH country.

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Sarajevo – The 6th April awards have been handed out in Sarajevo today in the same manner as before 1990. A festive ceremony was held at the Town Council Session. The awards was given to both organisations and individuals.

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A Sarajevo Canton delegation headed by the Governor Midhat Haracic together with the representatives of the SUBNOR and SDP BiH laid flowers on the Eternal Fire monument. The defenders of Sarajevo were remembered in prayer.

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Sarajevo – The Constitutional Court of BiH discussed behind closed doors Alija Izetbegovic and Haris Silajdzic's initiative of bringing the BiH constitution in accordance with that of the entities. The results are not known.

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On the occasion of Bajram which begins tomorrow, BiH Presidency Chairman Alija Izetbegovic sent his congratulations to all Bosniak-Moslems in BiH and in the world. Follows his address.

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Also read out was the complete address of the BiH Islamic Community Reis ul Ulema Mustafa ef. Ceric to all Mosles There follows a listing of other congratulations. Stolac – Senior Deputy HR Hanns Schumacher visited Stolac today.