

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 7 June 1999

News Headlines

- Srebrenica Municipal Council holds inaugural session
- BiH Federation Justice Ministry denies information on alleged release of three Srebrenica men from Tuzla prison
- [SFOR](#) arrests Drazen Kolundzija action approved by Solana and Clark
- Negotiations on Yugoslav Army withdrawal suspended
- [NATO](#) strikes continue
- G8 makes progress in completing [UN](#) resolution for Kosovo
- [NATO](#) has substantially increased number of conditions and is to be blamed for suspension of negotiations for Yugoslav Army withdrawal – Ivanov
- Milosevic intends to implement peace plan – Ahtisaari
- Yugoslav Army suggestions are not in accordance with political agreement reached during Chernomyrdin and Ahtisaari visit to Belgrade – Shea
- [NATO](#) does not have any intention to quit from previous principles – Shea
- Shea blames Milosevic for suspension of negotiations
- [NATO](#) destroys ammunition warehouse in Kursumlija
- [NATO](#) hits two relay transmitters on Mt. Rudnik
- Britain warns it will increase air strikes and that ground troops may still be used to return peace to Kosovo
- Robertson blames Serbs for suspension of negotiations and that Milosevic does not have any other alternative but to obey
- KLA will remain in Kosovo until complete withdrawal of Yugoslav Army and will not disarm – Taci
- Rugova states KLA signed agreement in Rambouillet for

disarmament

- First auction in Sarajevo opens BiH Federation privatization process
- Drvo-Trade enterprise first sold in privatization process auction
- Report on private business and privatization plans in Zenica-Doboj Canton
- Sarajevo Court states reasons for arrest of SRT cameraman
- Around 10,000 Croat and Bosniak refugees plan to return to pre-war homes in Bosanski Brod
- 50 Serb refugee families return to village of Celic
- BOSS on Tuzla RTV
- Orucevic addresses letter to IMC regarding Croat media campaign aimed at blocking returns
- HVIDRA press release
- Party for BiH press conference
- BiH official authorities late with request for corrections to certain parts of [Dayton Agreement](#) – Filipovic, LBO
- NHI discusses electoral law
- Liberal party press conference
- HDZ BiH Presidency holds session
- World news
- Bicakcic meets with Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development delegation
- BiH Federation Government to discuss railroad law on Tuesday
- Livno multiethnic police should be established by end of 2000 – Livno Government President Mihaljevic
- Drvar police attempt to prevent forestry-related crime
- [SFOR](#) report on investigation onto Zvornik incident, no details given
- SNS supports Yugoslav Parliament decision to accept peace plan for Kosovo
- [SFOR](#) arrest unidentified second man in Prijedor – Major Scanlon

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Srebrenica Municipal Council holds inaugural session

Srebrenica Municipality has received a multiethnic authority. Bosniak and Serb delegates held the inaugural session of the Srebrenica Municipal Assembly. Head of the [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Ambassador Robert Barry made an introductory speech at the formative session. The RS Anthem 'Boze Pravde' was played without the presence of CD Coalition delegates. BiH Federation Parliament President Halid Genjac, RS National Assembly delegates from the RS, [SFOR](#) and representatives of international organizations participated in the session. Barry thanked the organizers of the session and stated, "if reconciliation can be possible in Srebrenica then it can be possible anywhere else in BiH." He asserted that the new multiethnic authority in Srebrenica should be focused on two-way refugee return, renewal of the infrastructure and employment issues. "If your work is successful, the international community will secure you material support" Barry concluded. CD Coalition delegate Nesib Mandzic was elected Srebrenica Municipal Assembly President and Drazen Mirkic was nominated as his deputy.

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[SFOR](#) arrests Drazen Kolundzija

[NATO](#) spokesperson Jamie Shea said that [SFOR](#) arrested Drazen Kolundzija, an indicted war criminal. Kolundzija, accused of violations of the Geneva Convention and crimes against humanity in the Keraterm concentration camp, will be under [SFOR](#)'s custody until his extradition to The Hague. [SFOR](#) spokesperson Sheena Thompson stated, in an interview with ONASA, that [SFOR](#) Multinational Division Southwest arrested Kolundzija in their zone of responsibility. She added that the action was executed with the approval of [NATO](#) Secretary General Javier Solana and [NATO](#) Supreme Commander General

Wesley Clark.

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Sarajevo Court states reasons for arrest of SRT cameraman

After the RS Journalist's Association called the BiH Federation police action to arrest Rade Popovic as "a highway abduction that jeopardizes freedom of movement and the [Dayton Agreement](#)" the Sarajevo Court explained the reasons for his arrest. According to Sarajevo Judge Jasminka Kosovic, Rade Popovic, now an SRT cameraman, was arrested because he was accused of fraud. He was working for Sarajevo TV as a driver of a Lada Niva car, which he took to Pale in 1992. Since he was not available to the court at that time, he was tried in absence and in April 1996 sentenced to seven months imprisonment. After he was arrested on Sunday, Popovic submitted a request for a retrial, which was approved. He was released on Monday and stated that he was treated correctly. His retrial is scheduled for 14 June.

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BOSS on Tuzla RTV

Bosnian Party (BOSS) President Mirnes Ajanovic accused Tuzla Mayor Selim Beslagic of putting pressure on freedom of the media, which is especially evident, according to Ajanovic, regarding Radio Tuzla. He also stated that TV Tuzla, although it is a Shareholder Company, is embraced by Beslagic and the Tuzla authorities. Ajanovic explained that editorial policy is being dictated from these offices.

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