

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 8 June 1998

Luxembourg – EU Chiefs of Diplomacy harmonised the so called Common Position on the situation in Kosovo on the first day of their meeting in Luxembourg and accepted a Decision on activating penalty measures for all new investments in Serbia. This is only one answer by the European states against military and police actions by the Belgrade regime against Kosovo's Albanians which have already for some weeks resulted in a new wave of ethnic cleansing at the Balkans. The ministers also gave their approval for the Declaration on the Special Relations between European Fifteen and BiH. The aim of this political document is to open for BiH a similar procedure of adapting to the EU standards which at the end of the last year was set up for the 10 countries chosen for the first and second round of acceptance into the EU association.

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Sarajevo – This is a big step forward for BiH, but there is a long way for us to go before our country becomes an EU member, Mirza Hajric, political advisor to the BiH Presidency Chairman told the news regarding the adoption of the Declaration in Luxembourg. Hajric also said that the BiH delegation will, among other things, insist that the IC bans further obstruction from Belgrade concerning division of the property of ex FRY; support refugee return, urge joint police forces with common insignia on the unified uniforms and work on the unified telecommunication system with one country code in the whole state. Hajric doubted that signing of the MoU on the BiH TV transformation would end satisfactorily. Transformation on the basis of European standards, multi-ethnic content in the TV, professional strengthening, as well as strengthening of all values we are supporting in journalism yes, but a dictate, a political switchman in this institution – no, he assessed.

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Sarajevo – Kresimir Zubak, BiH Presidency Member sent a letter to Franjo Tudjman, Croatian President informing him that he is not obliged anymore to stick to the agreement reached on 5 June in Zagreb on the unity of the HDZ. Citing Ivic Pasalic and Ante Jelavic's violation of the agreement not to talk to the press on the matters from the meeting, Zubak decided that the differences among HDZ leadership are insoluble. (A meeting of the Initiative Council for setting up Zubak's new party began at 19:00 hours today).

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Sarajevo – The OHR has distributed to the Media the MoU on the reconstruction of RTV BiH which should be signed tomorrow. There followed a lengthy report on the MoU which started with the paragraph: We bound ourselves that we will in the process of the general reconstruction of Media space in BiH, ensure an existence of a public Radio TV for the citizens of the whole BiH as well as the Federation. Elementary structures of both elements of this service will be set up by the end of 1988...There follows the complete MoU.

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Mostar – After various incidents in the H-N Canton, especially in Stolac and Capljina where a numerous Bosniaks' houses have been exploded, Sir Martin Garrod, Chief of the OHR in Mostar, held a meeting with the leadership of the Canton. The meeting was held behind closed doors. The Governor and his Deputy, Zeljko Obradovic and Fatima Leho informed journalists of the decision that a special Canton Government meeting will be held in seven days to discuss the security situation in the whole Canton, especially in the regions where the Mostar Return Plan implementation is being followed by every days incidents.

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There follow report from Kosovo where the situation is worsening.

Sarajevo – BiH became a member of the unique International Transport System of the Green Card with equal rights with other European and some Asian and African member countries.

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