

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 9 August 1999

News Headlines

- Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor opens investigation into illegal money transfers to Zagreb Promdei Bank
- Vinko 'Stela' Martinovic goes to The Hague, but Tribunal reminds of obligation to extradite 'Tuta' as well
- Newly elected Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson meets with Djokic Haselock meets with Vasic, pointing out compromise with RS Government can be reached
- Djokic announces Assembly discussion on media law in September, since August is a pause for Assembly work
- IC pressure on Zepce, Zavidovici and Maglaj may decrease returns
- Return and renewal since [Dayton Agreement](#) discussed between Central Bosnia Canton, [OSCE](#) and OHR representatives
- Bosniak returns to RS intensify, politics and security posing no real threat, but finances may slow this process
- Gornje Kolibe village in Bosanska Posavina sets positive example for return of Bosniaks
- Yeltsin replaces Prime Minister Stepashin and his government
- Mass grave containing 19 Albanians found in Rozaje
- French soldier injured in Albanian attempt to enter north Kosovska Mitrovica
- KLA may have lost control over extremists – Jackson
- Latest events in province are part of anti-Albanian campaign, human rights situation worse than ever – Carl Bildt
- 450 police officers from 10 countries assume duty in Pristina

- Orthodox Church Patriarch and opposition delegation of Serbia agree on formation of transitional government
- Former Yugoslav Army General Momcilo Perisic forms new party
- Liquidation of BiH National Bank successfully completed – Nicole and Bicakcic
- Bicakcic speaks with delegation of Srebrenica Municipality on securing conditions for organized return and privatization
- Case of Muris Ljuguncic, accused of murdering policeman Ante Valjan in Travnik, postponed indefinitely due to illness of Chairman of Court Council
- Deputy Chairman of SDS Presidency calls on Sloga Coalition representatives to declare who is responsible for signing border agreement with Croatia
- Croat Demo-Christians doubt good intentions of Stability Pact creators regarding improving position of Croats in BiH
- Pensioners Democratic Party presents draft of changes and annexes to pension law to House of Representatives
- Mostar-Jablanica road to be closed for two days due to bridge reconstruction
- World news
- 10 days after disaster in Una-Sana Canton, assessments still not complete
- Electro-distribution aids work of Kreka Djurdjevik coal mines
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Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor opens investigation into illegal money transfers to Zagreb Promdei Bank

The Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor charged Kasim Umicevic, Enver Backovic and Zuhdija Fetahovic with abuse of authority in the period of 24 September 1996 through 24 October 1997, while

employed in the National and Central Banks of BiH. According to the charges, the above-mentioned conducted illegal business with the Promdei Bank of Zagreb, transferring DM 13.5 million and \$6.74 million to the Promdei foreign currency reserves. The Sarajevo Canton Court has been given the indictment for further procedure.

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IC pressure on Zepce, Zavidovici and Maglaj may decrease returns

IC pressure on Zepce, Zavidovici and Maglaj municipalities after failure to sign the Zepce agreement has brought the reaction of officials in the Maglaj Municipality, who attempted to explain what has been done to return minorities and offer several new initiatives for improving relations with other municipalities. Most Maglaj citizens are DPs, mostly from this same area. The Municipal Administration has been trying to resolve this problem for the past two years. However, all political factors agree to secure returns, but, due to unresolved political issues, the process is seriously jeopardized. Bosniak returns to the Novi Seher region have nearly restored the pre-war ratio, even allowing returns to Maglaj itself. However, the settlements of Rijecica and Krsno Polje had 29 buildings renewed for the return of minorities last year, which are still empty. Many small business projects are trying to secure economic means for return. Recent IC pressure may result in a decrease of returns. Municipality Head Ismet Mustajbasic said that Zavidovici and Maglaj are expected to one-sidedly accept the proposed agreement for Zepce, which is unconstitutional. "We propose the Zepce-Zavidovici-Maglaj triangle be left to the Bosniaks and Croats in the area, but if the neighboring municipality of Maglaj is able to help, we will gladly accept" said Mustajbasic. The IC can significantly assist returns by opening an office in the Zepce-Maglaj-Doboj region, since all problems and positive steps within the BiH Federation and both entities can be

viewed in this region.

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