OHR RTRS News Summary, 10 April 2000

News Headlines

- <u>OSCE</u> announces preliminary, unofficial election results for 30 municipalities in BiH
- <u>OSCE</u> Chairperson-in-office Waldner says that BiH local elections have contributed to implementation of <u>Dayton</u> <u>Agreement</u>
- Some Serbian opposition parties welcome results of BiH local election, while SPS, JUL and SRS do not issue press releases on BiH election results
- CNN, Reuters, BBC and Sky News comment on results of BiH local election
- Nebojsa Radmanovic says he is no longer member of SPRS and will continue to work in the newly established Democratic Socialist Party
- SPRS Banja Luka Board and SPRS Rogatica Board decide to join newly formed Democratic Socialist Party
- Momir Malic, Mirko Nozica and SPRS Prnjavor Board joins the newly established Democratic Socialist Party
- SPRS issues press release on establishment of Democratic Socialist Party
- Nikola Spiric holds press conference
- BiH postpones decision to close BiH Embassy in Jordan
- Farrand suspends Bosniak member of Brcko Inter-ethnic Housing Commission Eldin Mehic
- Brcko Mayor Sinisa Kisic discusses the work of the Brcko District Interim Government
- <u>ICTY</u> continues trials against BiH Croats Mario Cerkez and Dario Kordic, and RS Army General Radislav Krstic
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Forum for Human Rights sends protest to KFOR and UNMIK because Kosovo Albanians from southern Kosovska Mitrovica printed and distributed

warrants containing names and pictures of certain Serbs from Kosovska Mitrovica

- Three Kosovo Albanians employed by the <u>OSCE</u> attempt to photograph a café in northern Kosovska Mitrovica – Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Forum President Oliver Ivanovic
- Ten persons killed in past week in Kosovo UNMIK
- Kosovo Albanians do not want to leave Australia
- Hashim Thaci says that he does not make a difference between people in Kosovo
- Chinese Government is not satisfied with CIA punitive measures against persons responsible for bombing of Chinese Embassy in Belgrade
- Croatia to participate as observer in <u>NATO</u> Parliamentary Assembly session on 15 April
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- <u>EU</u> foreign ministers assess BiH local election results as positive movement and distancing from nationalist parties
- <u>EU</u> foreign ministers to increase assistance to democratic authority in Montenegro, will give 100 million euros
- World news
- Obrad Kosovac dismissed as HRT Editor-in-Chief and Neda Ritz is appointed acting head in his place
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Nikola Spiric holds press conference

BiH Parliament House of Representatives deputy Nikola Spiric held a press conference in Banja Luka. He considers that the increased number of ministries in the BiH Council of Ministers, as proposed in the draft BiH Council of Ministers law, is not in accordance with the BiH Constitution. Spiric said that the BiH Council Ministers with such an enlarged structure would remind one, in many ways, of a BiH Government. He added that the proposed treasury ministry is especially controversial because, in practice, it would work like a finance ministry. Spiric concluded by saying that BiH could not enter European integration without first adopting a Law on the BiH Council of Ministers and a BiH permanent election law.

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