OHR RTRS News Summary, 18 April 2000

News Headlines

- RS National Assembly session to be held in Banja Luka on 24 March
- Fire in Srebrenica still burning
- <u>UNHCR</u> satisfied with refugee returns at beginning of return season – <u>UNHCR</u> spokesperson Rappepor
- Deadline for applying for return of apartments is 19 April
- RS Refugee and DP Ministry department in Doboj received over 7,000 applications this year
- RS Refugee and DP Minister Miladin Dragicevic and Urbanism Minister Jovo Basic meet with Nevesinje municipal authorities on refugee issues
- RS Refugee and DP Ministry representative meets with Prijedor municipal authorities and Serb refugee representatives on refugee issues
- Five injured when Serb refugees and Brcko District police clash in Brcko
- RS Government dismisses Elektroprivreda General Director Slobodan Mrdic – Tanjug
- OHR welcomes RS Government decision to extend deadline for privatization registration
- SNS Executive Board confirms that SNS is united and will remain in Sloga Coalition – SNS spokesperson Barasin
- SNS will not split Plavsic
- PDP does not want to participate in local authorities and take over responsibility – SNSD press conference
- PDP will not enter general coalitions PDP
- RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic says everything written about new parties is up to editorial boards, not Ministry

- DSP Doboj Main Board requests Banja Luka Court temporarily stop registration of DSP Banja Luka
- Exhumation of Serb civilian bodies takes place in Gospic
- Group of Serb prisoners in Lepoglava prison in Croatia go on hunger strike, requesting implementation of agreement for prisoner exchange between Croatia and Yugoslavia
- Kosovo Serb leaders Bishop Artemije and Momcilo Trajkovic arrive in Moscow
- Two injured by explosion in Pristina
- Spanish General takes over command of KFOR
- Yugoslav Mission to <u>UN</u> Head Vladislav Jovanovic sends letter to <u>UN</u>, protesting against destruction of 250 Serb houses in Pec
- UNMIK Administration Chief Kennings demands <u>NATO</u> send information on use of depleted uranium weapons
- 144 former KLA members on trial for terrorism in Nis Court in Yugoslavia
- World news
- EU to give 200 million DM for projects in BiH
- <u>World Bank</u> and OHR work with BH Federation Government on revision of pension fund – Ferguson
- <u>OSCE</u> condemns pressure on Independent Studio M from Livno – <u>OSCE</u> spokesperson McCorley
- <u>SFOR</u> to move two bridges on Banja Luka-Jajce road
- Sports and weather
- Report on wolf hunt on Mt. Romanija
- RS Privatization Directorate and Chamber of Commerce organize meeting on privatization of communal enterprises in Banja Luka
- New rail lines to Belgrade and Zagreb established
- Kosovska Mitrovica Regional Court has not organized any trials since its establishment
- BETA new agency punished by Serbian Information Law
- <u>ICTY</u> investigators state they have found bodies near Gospic

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Five injured when Serb refugees and Brcko District police clash in Brcko

Five persons were injured when 50 Serb women refugees from Sarajevo and 40 Brcko District police officers clashed in Brcko on 17 April. Council of Klanica Local Community President Spira Subotic and Gospava Cvijanovic suffered the most severe injuries. The reason for the conflict was violation of an agreement on mutual return to this area for Serbs and Bosniaks. Brcko District Police Commander Pero Djuric says Gospava Cvijanovic hurt herself. She says this not correct. "Police officers stood in front of me" she said. "A Muslim tried to throw a brick and I warned a police officer that he was inciting trouble and might hurt someone. The police officer threw me and I hit my head on the concrete." The physician that examined Gospava Cvijanovic did not want to comment the nature of the injury.

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