OHR RTRS News Summary, 19 June 2000

News Headlines

- Sarovic and Serbian Orthodox Church delegation, at the Invitation of Serbian associations in US, depart for Chicago to make arrangements for transport of bodily remains of Serb poet Jovan Ducic to Trebinje, RS
- 300 houses, a school and local municipality building reconstructed since 1998 in Kozarac Municipality, and 1,000 people have returned so far
- Bosniak returnees move into 10 reconstructed houses in Kambarine village, Prijedor Municipality
- OHR and <u>World Bank</u> delegations visit Serb returnees to Ustikovo village, and Bosniak returnees in Jelace village, Srbinje (Foca) Municipality
- Bomb thrown at Djuro Latinovic's house in Bosanski Petrovac, no injuries but huge material damages reported
- Brcko police arrest 14 persons for disturbing public order following Yugoslav National Team's 1-0 victory over Norway in EUR02000 Championships
- Brcko Board for Protection of Serb National Interests demands that Brcko Supervisor Gary Matthews prevents unjust evictions, and dismisses Brcko Multi-Ethnic Housing Commission
- 1,464 applications for property return positively resolved in Derventa Municipality
- Tusevljak meets with US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller to discuss activities on establishing BiH Council of Ministers
- Swedish Government signs agreement with BiH Council of Ministers on investments in BiH development
- KM 300,000 to be invested into de-mining operation of Sarajevo International Airport – BiH Civilian Affairs

and Communications Minister Marko Asanin

- Allegations concerning inaccuracies in voter registers groundless – OSCE
- Monument dedicated to fallen Serb soldiers unveiled in Vrbaska, Gradiska Municipality of RS
- BiH Branch of Society for Threatened Peoples protests appointment of Ante Buhovac as Head of Mostar-South Municipality
- **EU** supports political changes in Serbia
- No new information disclosed concerning last Thursday's assassination attempt on Vuk Draskovic in Budva, Montenegro
- KFOR finds illegal weapons cache in Istok, Kosovo
- KFOR arrests Serb for stoning Kosovo Albanian vehicle
- KFOR destroys weapons cache it discovered in four bunkers in Klecka village, Kosovo
- 22 parties and one coalition to participate in Kosovo local elections – OSCE
- <u>UN</u> official Dienstbier criticizes work of <u>UN</u> and KFOR in Kosovo – BETA
- Former KFOR Commander, German General Klaus Reinhardt, criticizes <u>UN</u> and Kouchner's self-will and vanity, assessing them as causes behind Kosovo mission's failure
- <u>ICTY</u> forensic experts exhumes bodies from graves in Brestovac, Kosovo
- Serbia has reconstructed \$190 million in war damages up to this point – G-17 Group of Independent Economists
- 23 war invalids go on hunger strike in Kraljevo, Serbia, demanding improved financial assistance from government
- Plan to return 16,500 Croatian Serbs has been drafted Croatian Foreign Minister Tonino Picula
- Croatian authorities are well-aware of crime and corruption in Croatia – Prime Minister Racan
- World News
- Sports
- Weather
- Serb police officer killed and Croat police officer

injured when police patrol attempted to investigate disturbance in Drvar, assailant escapes, no further details given – Livno Canton Interior Ministry

- BiH state delegation to visit Turkey on 21 June
- Armed clash between Kosovo Albanians and KFOR in Kosovska Kamenica – Committee for Protection of Human Rights in Kamenica, Kosovo
- Montenegrin police to announce results of investigation of Draskovic case on 20 June – TV Crna Gora

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Allegations concerning inaccuracies in voter registers groundless – OSCE

The <u>OSCE</u> issued a press release stating that allegations concerning serious errors in voter registers used in April BiH local elections are groundless. According to the release, it says that many problems could have been resolved at the local level if voters had been correctly directed to their polling stations. The <u>OSCE</u> added that there are no grounds to claim that 2,000 voters were excluded from voter registers because, as this organization explains, they were either registered as out-of-country voters or were on lists of municipalities where they had resided previously.

In any case, those 2,000 people were not on the voter registers in the municipalities where they had returned to live.

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