

OHR RTRS News Summary, 20 June 2000

News Headlines

- BiH Presidency meets with IC Economic Group to discuss economic reform in BiH
- Negotiations with RS Government on 'Energy 3' Project successfully completed – Mirza Hajric
- Radisic and US Special Envoy James O'Brien discuss problems regarding refugees and ending dysfunction of BiH Council of Ministers
- Council of Europe delegation meets with both houses of BiH Parliament, House of Representatives and House of Peoples, and IC officials in Sarajevo
- RS delegation temporarily withdraws from session of Commission for Sub-Regional Arms Control in Vienna
- Dodik and [IMF](#) Resident Director to BiH Juan Fernandez Ansola discuss RS fiscal policy
- It should be RS Government Interest to submit its work report to RS National Assembly – Djokic
- Plavsic hopes that Serb representatives in RS National Assembly will act responsibly during 11th RS National Assembly and, thereby, protect RS interests
- RS National Assembly should engage in legislative activities, not be training ground for political infighting – SNSD Main Board member Slavko Mitrovic
- SPRS Main Board refuses resignation of SPRS Caucus Leader in RS National Assembly Dragutin Ilic
- Dodik meets with German Foreign Ministry Department Head for Southeast Europe Michael Scheffer to discuss return of refugees
- OHR/OSCE condemn murder of Serb police officer in Drvar, murderer still at large – UN
- Banja Luka police release five suspects in Zeljko

Kopanja car-bomb attack

- Brcko incident following Yugoslavia-Norway match at EURO2000 is act of vandalism – Brcko Mayor Sinisa Kistic
- [OSCE](#) news briefing on new PEC Rules and Regulations concerning more stringent standards for party campaign finance disclosure to public, which will ensure significantly increased transparency, and on voter registration of Brcko citizens, who will now have option of voting in BiH entity of their choice
- Jacques Chirac's proposal on summit of former Yugoslav countries in Zagreb too premature – Prlic
- Yugoslavia will be welcome in [EU](#) if it agrees to cooperate with [EU](#) countries in maintaining peace – EU
- Dienstbier meets with Yugoslav Committee for Human Rights and the Yugoslav Justice Minister
- Carla del Ponte visiting Kosovo, and exhumation sites in Brestovce
- Extremist violence in Kosovo will not be tolerated – EU
- Russian soldier injured in Kamenica, Kosovo – KFOR
- Kosovo Albanians block Brezovica-Urosevac route as soon as Kosovo Serb convoy appeared – BETA
- Montenegrin police arrest Ivan and Milan Lovric, prime suspects in Draskovic assassination attempt – TV Crna Gora
- Belgrade daily Dnevni List fined 200,000 Yu-dinars for publishing 14 June article entitled 'Serbs Do Not Believe Yankees'
- Yugoslav Army HQ Court of Honor deprives former Yugoslav Chief of Staff Momcilo Perisic of his reserve officer rank – BETA
- Milo Djukanovic's 'To Live Better' Coalition wins 49.6% of the vote in Podgorica local election
- World news
- RS General Syndicate and Chamber of Commerce discuss ways to avoid upcoming RS entity-wide general strike of employees in state-owned companies scheduled for 30 June
- Srbac Dairy receives equipment and cattle from Dutch

Government to restart operations

- Sports
- Weather
- German Foreign Ministry Department Head for Southeast Europe Michael Scheffer meets with SDS officials Cavic and Kalinic, and they discuss establishment of self-sustaining BiH common institutions that must be fully functioning in two years at the latest
- Montenegrin police reveal new details concerning Draskovic assassination attempt
- Serb hospital in Kosovska Mitrovica operating under difficult conditions because KFOR stopped assistance, KFOR says no assistance until they accept rule of Kosovo Interim Administrative Council – Tanjug
- Two armed Kosovo Albanians attack three Serb herdsman near Gnjilane – Tanjug

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OHR/OSCE condemn murder of Serb police officer in Drvar, murderer still at large – UN

The OHR and [OSCE](#) condemned the killing of Serb police officer Ratko Sopic in Drvar on 19 June. [UN](#) spokesperson Stefo Lehman confirmed that the incident happened in front of a café. Croat DP Zvonimir Cabrajic, who also injured Croat police officer Borislav Miocevic, shot and killed Sopic. The murderer is currently at large. The local police, [SFOR](#) and IPTF have started a manhunt. At a press conference in Banja Luka, an [SFOR](#) spokesperson said that this was not a terrorist act. However, when asked whether the murder of an unarmed Serb police officer represents the continuation of human rights violations in Drvar, this international official answered by saying that this question should be answered by the IPTF. The RT RS presenter comments, saying that, “on the other hand, no IPTF officials were present at the conference, at all.”

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