

OHR RTRS News Summary, 24 June 2000

News Headlines

- RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic visits Serb associations in Chicago, US
- Advisers to BiH Presidency members Tihomir Begic (Croat), Zeljko Samardzija (Serb) and Ademir Jerkovic (Bosniak) to visit US at invitation of US State Department
- Janjski Church Congress (Sabor) to be held in Glogovac Monastery near Sipovo, RS
- Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic meets with Croatian President Stipe Mesic in Cavtat, a town close to Dubrovnik, where Djukanovic apologized to Croats for damages inflicted by Yugoslav National Army (JNA) during its 1991 attack on Dubrovnik, citing that one part of Montenegrin people had been manipulated with to this end
- BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic participates in Ministerial Conference of Central European Initiative held (CEI) in Segedin, Hungary
- BiH Foreign Trade Minister Mirsad Kurtovic comments on negative tendencies in BiH, and reason behind cancellation of new donors' conference on BiH
- RS refugee association Ostanak Main Board holds session in Doboј to discuss refugee problems, they support all three options for return specified in [Dayton Agreement](#): Return, Sale of Property and Exchange of Property
- New building to house 20 refugee families in Bratunac has almost completed
- Trebinje police arrest two persons, Branislav Krzic and Aleksandar Petrovic, who attempted to smuggle eight Turkish citizens across border into BiH
- Bicakcic comments on dispute with Dnevni Avaz

- 400 Kosovo Serbs attack UNMIK Office in Strpci, Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanians kidnap Kosovo Serb Tomislav Markovic from village Devet Jugovica, Kosovo
- Anonymous caller informs IC police of bomb near IC Police Headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo
- [UNHCR](#) initiates 48-hour suspension of all humanitarian activities in northern Kosovska Mitrovica
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council letter to [UNHCR](#) with assessment that it considers [UNHCR](#) decision to withdraw from northern Kosovska Mitrovica to be political one
- French President Jacques Chirac meets with [UN](#) Kosovo Mission Head Bernard Kouchner in Paris, they discuss upcoming local elections in Kosovo
- Legal residence status of Kosovo Albanian refugees in UK ended on 25 June
- Decision of Serbian opposition to participate in elections is most tragic decision ever – Serbian Renewal Movement (SP0) President Vuk Draskovic
- Countries that ejected Yugoslav [UN](#) Envoy from [UN](#) Security Council session on Balkans have violated [UN](#) Charter – Russian Foreign Ministry
- Position of Montenegro is strengthen because Montenegro participated in [UN](#) Security Council discussion on future of Balkans – Montenegrin Foreign Minister Branko Lukovac
- World news
- RS Postal Service Board of Directors considers decision of RS Government to dismiss RS Postmaster General Milutina Pejica to be act of political revenge
- RT RS presents new RS Criminal Code
- RS War Veterans Association requests publication of persons who received government disability compensation (as war invalids), as well as list of those reimbursed old foreign currency savings deposits; Association suspects government favoritism because no legislation exists in these sectors
- Sports and weather

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Bicakcic comments on dispute with Dnevni Avaz

BiH Federation Prime Minister Edhem Bicakcic admitted that the dispute between his party, the SDA, and Editorial Management of the Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz began after the SDA post-election analysis of its (poor) local election results. The Dnevni Avaz has been accused that it, with its writing (reporting), contributed to the poor results suffered by the SDA in last April's local election. Bicakcic said that Dnevni Avaz, with its reporting, attempted to create an internal dispute between the Bosniak people. Bicakcic condemns Dnevni Avaz, saying that it has become "tabloid media" through the leadership of Dnevni Avaz Editor-in-Chief Mensur Osmanovic. Osmanovic is one of the former editors of the Sarajevo weekly tabloid AS. Bicakcic said that the SDA invested significant resources into the founding capital of this daily newspaper. Bicakcic, however, refused to give an exact figure amount on how much was invested in the established of this Sarajevo daily. Tax inspectors conducted two audits of Dnevni Avaz that provoked strong protest from the independent media, opposition parties and international representatives in BiH.

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