OHR RTRS News Summary, 26 March 2000

News Headlines

- Dodik presents keys to 19 refugee and DP families in Srbinje to apartments on interim use
- Prijedor Municipality begins project Prijedor 2000 Home in which the municipality will parcel out land for home construction to those who want to remain in Prijedor
- RS Government to help refugees and DPs in Janja and Bijeljina municipalities, it will parcel out land for home construction
- Several thousand Croats want to return in Banja Luka and RS – Banja Luka Bishop Franjo Komarica
- Russian presidential election
- BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic sends letter to Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach, informs him of nomination of Nedzad Hadzimusic as Director of BiH Anti-Corruption Initiative Team
- Two Kosovo Serbs injured in bomb attack in Gnjilane Gnjilane Church Board
- Kosovo Serb house in Obilici village attacked by unknown perpetrators
- Italian KFOR soldiers arrest armed Kosovo Albanian in Stimlje
- Kosovo Serbs block road near Obilici
- Kosovo Serbs hold protest rally over IC arrest of Kosovo Serb in Letina settlement, near Lipljan
- UNMIK allows exodus of Kosovo Serbs from Istok, Klina and other towns in Kosovo – Kosovo Serb National Council Executive Board member Marko Jaksic
- 200,000 Kosovo Serbs and other non-Albanians want to return to Kosovo – <u>UN</u> High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata

- Germany Defense Ministry says that it has examined health of soldiers in Kosovo who were in contact with depleted-uranium projectiles
- Conference on Consequences of <u>NATO</u> Aggression against Yugoslavia ends in Belgrade, participants conclude that <u>NATO</u> violated international conventions and law
- Yugoslav national carrier JAT flying to <u>EU</u> countries again
- Montenegrin Interior Ministry and Yugoslav Army agree to establishing joint check point in town of Rozaj
- World news
- Quality of water in RS examined
- Culture
- Sports and weather
- World news
- Day of Doboj Municipality, Monument to the Civilian Victims of War opens
- SDS holds public forum in Sipovo, Sarovic says it is conscious of mistakes made in the past but proud of its masterpiece – (the establishment of the) Republika Srpska
- SNSD holds public debate in Srbinje, says its main goal is RS development and stability – Dodik

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Several thousand Croats want to return in Banja Luka and RS – Banja Luka Bishop Franjo Komarica

Banja Luka Bishop Franjo Komarica assessed that those persons who desire to remain in Croatia are spreading misinformation concerning the return to Banja Luka. They now have better houses, apartments and better political positions in Croatia than they did in Banja Luka. Komarica said that he has information that several thousand Croats wanted to return to the RS. The largest percent of the domicile Serb (urban) population said that they wanted their neighbors to return. However, people from rural regions now residing in Banja Luka said that the Croats could not return to their houses and apartments now, because they also wanted to remain in the city, Komarica concluded.

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