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Brcko – The RS future lies in its unity. Brcko authorities paid tribute to all those who laid their lives down into the RS cornerstone by uncovering a monument at the Draza Mihajlovic square in Brcko. VRS Gen. Colic called on all the RS people to preserve the country and its unity, adding that this monument, which was made for our soldiers who endured unbearable difficulties and succeeded in defending this town, is part of the Serb country. Nobody will ever divide or cut a millimetre from the RS land… graves of our soldiers will allow no-one to divide the RS… why did they die if not to preserve RS unity… we are here on our land… we will not take what does not belong to us, but, at the same time, we will not let anyone from the Muslim-Croat Federation, who hide behind a facade of freedom of movement, to inhabit the region without our permission. The monument was blessed by Brcko priests.
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Serbian elections – at 8 p.m. sharp, all polling stations in Serbia will be closed down and end the parliamentary elections in Serbia. About 7 million people had the chance to elect their future president of Serbia and 250 MP's. After he voted in Belgrade, FRY President Milosevic said that he expects elections to bring better economy, politics, and development of the country. The opposition leaders Seselj and Draskovic said that they would win the elections and become presidents which will help country stand back on its feet.
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Flash news:

The local election results will be announced next week. SRT journalist said that these elections once again proved that the IC wishes and reality are two different worlds. We shall

hope the world will finally respect people’s will after the results.

Boston Globe claims that the RS will not survive further implementation of the DPA, that is, it will face the same disaster as the Serb Krajina. Banja Luka will become a canton on its own, whereas Muslims and Croats will attack eastern parts of the RS after SFOR leaves. Croats would take over areas around Dubrovnik, whereas Muslims would take over towns such as Srebrenica. Serbs would be pushed further in to Serbia and Montenegro. FRY would not dare to defend the RS because of sanctions. This should sound like the happy ending of the civil war which would work better than the DPA itself. The US approved Croatia to start the offensive against Serbs in 1995, but they should not allow that to happen again because it would bring along a new wave of refugees.

The US Congresswoman Hutchinson believes that the only hope for peace in BiH lies in its division in two, which would be based on already established borderlines between the Federation and RS. The Greek papers Elefteros Tipus said that this American who visited BiH several times and understands the situation, thinks that all three sides should sit at the table and review the DPA. The US insisting on the arrest of Karadzic is a totally wrong policy because it would not solve problems in BiH. Establishment of a multi-ethnic BiH in fact represents its ‘Americanisation’, and will become a utopia which was also proved by the local elections. Minor nations will never be able to return to their previous homes or to establish new authorities even if they win the elections. The DPA does not have firm basis, and BiH should be divided, Hutchinson thinks.
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The RS citizens, throughout the RS, celebrated the birth of Virgin Mary.
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