

OHR SRT News Summary, 05 Dec. 1997

Headlines

- RS President, Biljana Plavsic, met SFOR Deputy Commander, General Pike, and Bulgarian Ambassador, Markov, today in Banski Dvor
- Supervisor Farrand stopped privatisation in Brcko
- Illegal organisation called the Liberation Army of Kosovo assumed responsibility for terrorist actions

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The essence of today's Plavsic-Pike meeting was implementation of the DA and reconstruction of the RS Police:

The President said after the meeting that they had spoken about the implementation of the parliamentary election results in the RS, which could bring a significant change.

"We have also discussed implementation of the DA, especially the military part of it, and the reconstruction of the Police," the President stated after the meeting. The British General stated that both SFOR and the High Representative were determined to support those who insisted on democratic processes and institutions in the country.

The RS President today received MarkoMarkov, Ambassador of Bulgaria in B&H. The Bulgarian Ambassador informed the President of the conclusions from the summit of the Central European Initiative, and the session of the Balkan Countries which took place a month ago.

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The RS President today received in Banja Luka a delegation of the Association of families of deceased Serb soldiers of RS.

The problems facing that association were discussed. They also spoke about issues which could not be resolved without the help of the state, such as issues relating to the status of that association.

The President expressed a willingness to help the families of deceased soldiers of the VRS.

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The session of the Association of families of deceased soldiers of RS took place today in the House of the Army in Banjaluka: The families reiterated their dissatisfaction due to the negligence shown by the state and its institutions of the problems of this section of the population. Another fact that makes the families embittered is that they do not have a single representative of their own in positions where decisions are made, primarily in the Government. They are dissatisfied with their treatment in society and they therefore demand resolution of their problems. The deadline for resolution of their problems was set at today's session, and it is three months after the constitution of the Parliament. The families will organise no protests for the time being.

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The House of Representatives of B&H failed to pass the laws on passports and citizenship at today's session. The size of letters was the matter of dispute.

On the other hand, Momcilo Krajisnik, a Serb member from the Bosnian Presidency, Ljubisa Vladusic, the Vice Governor of the Central Bank, and Peter Nicole, the Governor of the CB agreed upon the design of the convertible mark.

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We note three press conferences today in BL: Democratic Party for BL and Krajina, Peasant's Party of RS and Party of Pensioners of RS Nikola Spiric, president of Democratic Party

for BL and Krajina appealed at today's press conference for the Council of Ministers to pass the laws the IC have insisted on before the Bonn Conference. He asked the leadership of the RS to be co-operative.

"We have to respect international legal norms and we have to implement the DA," Gordana Vidovic, president of Serb Peasant's Party stated at today's press conference. She added that the representatives of that party had gained an opportunity to participate in the administration of 12 municipalities in the RS.

Stojan Bogosavac, president of Party of Pensioners of RS, stated that that party had gained 1/3 of the votes, which was satisfactory taking into consideration the modest funds the party had had at its disposal in the pre-electoral campaign.

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The new municipal authorities were founded today in Novi Grad. Dragutin Durasinovic chaired the session, which was attended by 31 of the 51 representatives. Milan Duric, a member of Socialist Party of RS, was appointed as President of the Executive Board, and Gojko Odzic as Deputy President. Other members of the Executive Board were elected as well. The representative of Coalition for United and Democratic Bosnia failed to participate due to the wording of the solemn vow.

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Supervisor R. Farrand issued an order to stop privatisation in the Brcko area.

The aim of this act is the protection of ordinary people, since in the RS there is no appropriate legal framework, according to the statement issued by the Supervisor's office, which entered into force yesterday. "I hereby order the cessation of the privatisation of state-owned property, land and equipment in the area supervised by myself by the time this issue is resolved on the level of the Parliament of B&H,"

it was stated.

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Dragoljub Mirjanic, the RS Vice President, today received in Banjaluka a delegation of students from the University of Serb Sarajevo.

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Three more bodies were identified in the morgue in Banja Luka today. These were soldiers exhumed from the Stog mass grave site on the Ozren mountain, who were killed in 1995. The identification of 12 more bodies will be continued on Monday.