OHR SRT News Summary, 11 October 1998

Headlines

- the sixth round of talks Milosevic Holbrooke in Belgrade today
- Russia revoked its ambassador to <u>NATO</u>
- the day before making a decision on giving an air attack order to Wesley Clark
- an RS Government session tomorrow

There is no progress regarding a resolution of the Kosovo crisis after the first part of today's talks between the FRY President Slobodan Milosevic and the US Envoy for the Balkans Richard Holbrooke. According to Holbrooke, the situation is still very serious. In addition, Holbrooke underlined the importance of both a permanent solution for Kosovo and the respect of the UN Security Council resolution. Holbrooke expressed again his dissatisfaction with the previous Belgrade talks as well as his satisfaction with the Pristina ones, especially the ones with Ibrahim Rugova. Holbrooke told journalists that a further intensification of talks is necessary and he himself will make all diplomatic efforts in order to reach a peaceful solution, but not indefinitely for time is running out. Since the agreement on finding a peaceful resolution for the Kosovo crisis was not achieved this afternoon, it is expected that the meeting on Dedinje will be held again tonight and, if necessary, even tomorrow. 1:30

Russia decided today to revoke its diplomats to the <u>NATO</u> Alliance the day before an activating order is made by which the decision on possible <u>NATO</u> air attacks against the FRY will be passed to the <u>NATO</u> Commander, American General, Wesley Clark. The Russian Prime Minister, Yevgeni Primakov, warned western countries last night that in case of an attack against Yugoslavia Russia would re-consider its relations with <u>NATO</u>. 1:45

The reactions throughout the world to a possible <u>NATO</u> air attack against Yugoslavia. 1:35

The press reports on the Kosovo crisis including those of the New York Times, the Vienna daily "Standard", Washington Post and the Paris daily "Monde", some of which assess that possible <u>NATO</u> air strikes against Yugoslavia would not solve the problem in Kosovo and could be counterproductive or even harmful for the peace process in Bosnia. 2:05

RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik, scheduled a RS Government session for tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Banja Luka. The agenda consists of 32 items. 1:25

The final trial of the four members of the Moslem Army charged with crimes committed against Serbs in the prison of Celebici in 1992 will start tomorrow before the <u>ICTY</u> in The Hague. 1:15

The Vice-president of the B&H Federation, Vladimir Soljic, warned again that without the return of the expelled Croats to central Bosnia there would be no Federation and B&H would not survive.

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The reconstruction of the main road between Bijeljina and Raca, financed by the <u>World Bank</u>, is to be completed in about ten days.

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