

OHR SRT News Summary, 13 April 1998

Headlines

- Easter Epistle by Serb Patriarch Pavle
- Dragan Kalinic: special session of Republic Parliament is to take place in Doboj on April 15
- Representatives of Serb National Alliance, Socialist Party of RS and Independent Social-Democrats will not go to Doboj
- Kosovo: America supports Serbian authorities in the line with international standards

The Easter Epistle by the Serb Patriarch Pavle called on everybody to convey the joy of Christ's birth by love.

0:30

According to the statement issued by the cabinet of the RS NA Speaker Dragan Kalinic there will be no changes related to the place, time and the agenda of the special session of the RS National Assembly. However, the representatives of the Serb National Alliance, the Socialist Party of RS and the Independent Social Democrats informed today at the press conference that they would not attend the special session in Doboj. We decided not to attend the session scheduled by the RS NA Speaker Dragan Kalinic due to not getting the materials for the two very important items of the agenda. These are the report on the work of the joint institutions of B&H and the report on hand over of Ministries and other state institutions. Since these are extremely important issues, we consider that the holding of the session without previous preparations would be illogical. The second reason is the following: we consider that this session has to be attended by the RS President and Prime Minister. However, on that day the two of them will pay the official visit to the Serb Patriarch Pavle, which cannot be canceled, and therefore will be stopped

to come to the session, Mr. Bastinac stated and added that at the following session those three parties would suggest that the sessions of the RS NA be held in Banjaluka regularly. The three parties sent a letter to Mr. Kalinic and asked him to convene the meeting with the representatives of all parties at which the session of the RS NA would be prepared detailedly.

3:30

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees Sagato Ogata in the RS today: Mrs. Ogata visited Trebinje today where she spoke to the refugees residing in one of the collective centers in that town. Tomorrow she is supposed to meet the RS President, Prime Minister and the Minister of Refugees Mr. Miladin Dragicevic in Banjaluka.

2:00

The High Representative to B&H Carlos Westendorp sent a letter to the RS Prime Minister Dodik and the Mayor of Banjaluka Umicevic in regard with the construction of the Ferhadija mosque in Banjaluka. The HR informed them that the Islamic Community had collected the financial means for the construction of the mosque and asked them to ensure that the Islamic Community gets the authorizations which are necessary for the construction of the mosque. Answering the letter of the HR the Banjaluka Mayor Djordje Umicevic says: The reconstruction of the mosque would be perceived by Serbs as the darkest humiliation which would harm the old wounds and cause the far-reaching consequences...

4:00

The RS Vice President and the Rector of the BL University Dragoljub Mirjanic and the Mayor of Banjaluka Djordje Umicevic signed a protocol on founding of the Fair of inovations, new products and technologies – INOST 98, which is to be held every year as of this year.

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The RS State Commission for Tracing the Missing announced the

names of the people identified in two grave sites: in Tresnjica near Petrovac and in Carevo Polje near Jajce.

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The reconstruction of the Catholic Church in Mahovljani near Laktasi is finished and the Bishop Komarica consecrated a new church building today. The ceremony was attended by the RS Minister of Religions Jovo Turjanjanin who expressed the content with this act and reminded of fact that Lakstasi was declared the open city.

2:00