OHR SRT News Summary, 13 April 1999

Headlines

- In One of Strongest NATO Aggressor Attacks During Last 24 hrs Were Targets in Belgrade, Pristina, Kraljevo, Cacak, Novi Sad, Gornji Milanovac and Kopaonik
- Ten Passengers Killed and 16 Injured In Tragedy of Civilian Train At Grdelicka Klisura
- Russian Military Sources Assess that 400 Civilians have been Killed So Far
- Meeting Ivanov – Albright With no Concrete Agreement on Solving Kosovo Crisis
- According to SFOR Command – Airports in Banja Luka, Sarajevo and Mostar Opened for Daily Civilian Traffic

It was confirmed today that 10 people were killed and 16 injured in yesterday's aggressive NATO attack on a civilian train in Grdelicka Klisura.

NATO missiles wounded 16 patients of the Military Medical Academy (VMA) in Belgrade during the aggression conducted during last night on the nearby military barracks. There were 1,200 patients in the hospital at the time of the attack.

The refinery in Pancevo was shelled again last night.

The refinery in Novi Sad was also shelled last night, for the third time.

Fuel warehouses of "Naftagas" at Sombor and "Jugopetrol" at Smederevo were shelled.

Missiles hit "Jugopetrol" Factory and the plastics factory in Pristina.

Serbia lost two more bridges in last night's NATO attacks, one at Krusevac and the other in the vicinity of Kraljevo.

Company "Sloboda" and wider area of Cacak were shelled for 20 minutes last night.

NATO destroyed the Hotel "Baciste" at Kopaonik.

The airports at Kraljevo and Pristina were shelled.

Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated today that destruction of civilian targets could not be tolerated.

Mayor of Nis considers that the tragedy in Grdelicka Klisura is an act of international terrorism, a war crime under the authority of the Hague Tribunal.

The Association of Serbian Citizens is shocked by yesterday's madness, while the Democratic Party of Serbia concludes that the latest civilian victims show that the US President does not care about peace or the Kosovo Albanians, but about domination over Kosmet.

All the Italian newspapers had titles about the aggression on the civilian train on their cover pages stating that there was a slaughter. According to the British "Guardian", this was "the most difficult case of collateral damage since the beginning of air strikes".

"No comment" from the SRT, followed by footage from Gradelicka Klisura, with the destroyed train and corpses. SKY news reporter said at the scene "…we also saw the most shocking mistake of NATO so far."

Foreign Affairs Ministers of Russia and US, Ivanov and Albright today stated that they did not reach agreement on ways to solve the Kosovo conflict, but that they would continue talks in the search for a political solution.

FRY Ambassador to UN, Jovanovic today rejected claims that the

Yugoslav Army is using Kosovo Albanian refugees as a human shield for NATO attacks.

Despite NATO claims that a significant part of the Yugoslav infrastructure is disabled, western military experts consider that the Serbs still have enough fuel and ammunition for six months of war.

Regular briefing of NATO representatives in Brussels.

Yugoslav Army today denied claims that they had entered Albanian territory and occupied a village.

Humanitarian assistance from Russia and Belorussia arrived in Belgrade today.

Reactions to NATO aggression on Yugoslavia.

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Russia, Abdejev stated that more than 400 civilians had been killed in NATO air strikes on Yugoslavia and that the aggression only worsens the crisis in Kosovo.

US Defence Secretary, Cohen emphasised that the NATO air strikes on Yugoslavia would continue until the Alliance was satisfied it had achieved its aim.

Former Russian President, Gorbacov, stated that Americans already saw that they could not just walk over principles on which contemporary international relations were based.

Mayor of Moscow and Leader of Homeland Movement, Luskov, stated today after a meeting with the Russian President, Yeltsin, that an Alliance between Russia, Belorussia and Yugoslavia was desirable but that the procedure for its establishment was complex and long.

Greek Foreign Affairs Minister, Papandreu, expressed his pleasure at the response for proposals of a political solution to the Kosovo crisis at yesterday’s meeting in Brussels.

Czech Foreign Minister, Kavan, claims that a number of voices in NATO consider that the legitimacy of Alliance demands should be confirmed by the UN Security Council.

Polish President approved sending Polish soldiers to Albania, in order to protect the Kosovo refugees.

Ukraine today expressed readiness to accept 7 civilian planes of Yugoslav Air Transport (JAT) during the conflict.

Indian General, Nambiar, who was a commander of the UN peace keeping forces in BiH in 1992 and 1993, condemned the NATO aggression on the FRY.

Chairman of the Defence Committee in the French Parliament, Kuille, today requested NATO to postpone its 50th anniversary summit.

The UK "Times" reports that it is believed that there are members of the special British unit SAS at Kosovo.

The self-established government of one of OVK leaders, Tachi, is recruiting soldiers for the OVK in Macedonia.

CNN and some other media are requesting Yugoslavia to be cut off from the Internet.

President of Montenegro, Djukanovic today stated that the initiative for joining FRY to the RB Alliance was insincere and foolish.

Since the beginning of NATO shelling, 795 refugees from Kosovo have arrived in Bijelo Polje.

Protest concert in Belgrade and student protests in Russia. A protest of Serbs was interrupted last night in Stockholm by the police, as there was an anonymous threat that a bomb would be thrown at the demonstrators.

Serbs in Vienna and their Austrian friends have been

protesting for the last 19 days.

President of Belorussia, Lukasenko, will arrive in Belgrade on Wednesday to meet with the FRY President, Milosevic.

SPO Leader and FRY Deputy PM, Draskovic assessed today that this is the moment for finding compromises on the Kosovo crisis.

Vice President of the SNS, Mihajlovic stated that there was support for all peaceful initiatives for the situation in the FRY. He expressed hope that a solution would be found for the RS crisis of the office of president, government, NA and joint institutions.

The appeal of the SNSD is “stop the shelling on Yugoslavia and this crime against peace”.

The HR meeting in Banja Luka with President of the BiH Presidency, Radisic, RS PM Dodik and President of the “Sloga” Coalition, Plavsic.

SFOR informed the media that airports in Banja Luka, Sarajevo and Mostar, and certain air corridors in the air space of BiH were reopened today for civilian traffic during daylight.

News from the BiH Federation.