OHR SRT News Summary, 14 February 1999

Headlines

- the RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic, the RS Parliament Speaker Djokic and the RS Prime Minister Dodik testified before the Arbitration Tribunal in Vienna
- negotiations in Rambouillet for seven more days, the Contact Group decided
- Milan Milutinovic against the arrival of foreign troops in Kosmet
- Israelis divided regarding military service

With the testimony of high RS politicians, the arbitration process for the IEBL in the area of Brcko continued in Vienna today. However, according to the SRT special reporter Zoran Mirkovic, there has been a certain turn of events in the Austrian capital especially after the testimony of the BiH Federation President Ivo Andric Luzanski. Luzanski stated yesterday afternoon that he does not support the official standpoint of the BiH Federation, which was submitted in written form to the Arbitration Commission in Vienna. In that document it is stated that the BiH Federation advocates the solution that Brcko should be either a part of the BiH Federation or a special district. Luzanski said that neither he himself as the Federation president nor the Croat people support the idea of a special district since it would be a third entity which would be contrary to the Dayton Agreement. According to the assessment of the participants in the arbitration process in Vienna, that statement is important for it shows that there is no unity regarding the Brcko issue in the Federation leadership nor between the two peoples.
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There has been very intensive diplomatic activity today in the

Rambouillet chateau where the meeting aimed at finding a political solution for Kosovo and Metohija is being held. The foreign ministers of the six member countries of the Contact Group visited the participants in the negotiations. The Contact Group has made a decision to prolong the negotiations on Kosmet to next Saturday in order to reach a peace agreement, it was stated by the French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, who went on to say that a conclusion had to be made by Saturday afternoon at the latest. There followed a more detailed report on the negotiations in Rambouillet and related activities.
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Federation – related news.
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News from the world.
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Report on weather and road condition throughout the RS.
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