OHR SRT News Summary, 16 October 1998

Headlines

- the Coalition "Sloga" should form the RS Government, the High Representative to B&H Carlos Westendorp presented the standpoint of the international community
- an agreement on the OSCE monitoring mission to Kosmet signed in Belgrade
- Peter Hanke, one of the most famous world contemporary writers, in Banja Luka
- the peace agreement for Northern Ireland brought the Nobel prize for peace to the politicians John Hume and David Trimble

The HR to B&H Carlos Westendorp talked in Banja Luka today with the representatives of the Coalition "Sloga" Biljana Plavsic, Zivko Radisic and Milorad Dodik about the implementation of the new property law, the Assembly constitution and the RS Government establishment. The announced meeting of the HR with the newly elected President of the RS Nikola Poplasen was canceled because of, as it was stated, some urgent matters of the HR.

The French President Jacques Chirac sent congratulations to the members of the B&H Presidency regarding their taking over the position. In the congratulation card addressed to the B&H Presidency chairman, Zivko Radisic, among other things, it was stated that the elections held on September 12 and 13 presented the end of an important phase in the implementation of the peace agreement, witnessed the deepening of the process of democratization and favored the calming down of the hatred. "Facing successfully the challenges which are before you, you will guarantee the European future of B&H which France intends

to keep on protecting", the congratulation said. 0:40

The agreement on the OSCE monitoring mission to Kosmet was signed in Belgrade today by the OSCE Presiding Bronislav Geremek and Yugoslav Minister of Foreign Affairs Zivadin Jovanovic. The report on the Kosovo-related news. The NATO decided in Brussels tonight to prolong by October 27 the deadline by which the FRY President Slobodan Milosevic has to fulfill the requests from the Resolution 1199 of the UN Council of Security regarding Kosovo. The NATO Council made a decision on keeping the state of alert for the start of possible air attacks against the FRY, including sending of the reinforced air forces to the region.

At today's press conference in Sarajevo, the UN Special Envoy Elizabeth Rehn announced the beginning of the implementation of the program of assistance to the RS judiciary system. 0:50

The famous Austrian writer Peter Hanke has arrived in his first visit to Banja Luka. On that occasion, the Banja Luka Mayor Djordje Umicevic gave the well known world writer a warm welcome to Banja Luka.

1:50

The first pacemaker center of the RS was opened at the Cardiology Ward of the Banja Luka Clinic today.

2:35