OHR SRT News Summary, 18 April 1999

Headlines

- One girl was killed and several people were injured in NATO aggression on Yugoslavia last night
- Increasing predictions of ground troops in the FRY
- Protests in NY, Madrid, Rome, Milan, Sofia and other cities
- Four people died and several injured and arrested during elections in Turkey

One three-year-old girl was killed in last night's bombing of the Belgrade suburb of Batajnica.

17 passengers are missing form the international train Belgrade-Saloniki.

Reports about bombing of Belgrade, Pancevo, Novi Sad, Sremska Mitrovica, Pozega, Uzice, Pristina and Valjevo.

Vladislav Jovanovic, FRY Ambassador to the UN, told CNN that the only path to peace is through the cessation of aggression and renewal of the political process.

Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, Papandreu expressed his hopes that the Athens peace initiative would bring peace in the region.

Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ivanov said that Russia had very precise information about preparations for ground troops to invade the FRY.

Javier Solana did not exclude the possibility of ground troops intervention.

Reports from protest demonstrations throughout the world.

Report form \underline{NATO} press conference in Brussels with Jamie Shea as the \underline{NATO} Spokesperson.

Reports from the bridges that are being protected by human shields.

Talks of five parties that have caucus in the RS NA will be continued in Banja Luka tomorrow.- SRNA reports.

Muslim side is to blame for the U.S. cessation of arms shipments within the Train and Equip Programme – Croatian radio comment. Federation Minister of Defence, Miroslav Prce warned that, if allegations that the Muslim side smuggled guns to Muslims in Sandzak and KLA in Kosovo are proved, relations between Croats and Muslims in the Federation will worsen – SRNA reports.

Five Kosovo refugees died when their vehicle came across a land mine just twenty metres from the Morina border crossing – International monitors in the FRY and Albania border.