OHR SRT News Summary, 19 April 1999

Headlines

- Attacks on the FRY continued
- NATO hit Vojvodina Executive council building in the center of Novi Sad
- Representatives of religious communities in Belgrade sent an appeal for peace
- Radisic- Meigs meeting in Banski Dvor
- Russian fleet started regular maneuvers

SRT correspondent reports about <u>NATO</u> attacks on Pristina, Kursumlija, Mitrovica, Fruska Gora, Podujevo, Kraljevo, Backa Palanka, Sremska Mitrovica, Obrenovac, Paracin, Novi Sad, and Subotica.

"Clinton hopes that Milosevic shall accept capitulation but Russia would not let it".- Yeltsin said. "Russia would not send its fleet into Adriatic, but try to intermediate between the FRY and <u>NATO</u> in order to stop air strikes".- Yeltsin said.

Russian patriarch, Alexey shall visit Yugoslavia tomorrow.

Javier Solana denied the reports given by The Times that <u>NATO</u> plans to send ground troops before the end of May.

Tony Blair attended the annual meeting of the <u>World Bank</u> for Reconstruction and Development. He said that he will force Yugoslav troops to leave Kosovo, and promised that he would return the province to the people which it belongs to.

Report from <u>NATO</u> press conference in Brussels with Jamie Shea, <u>NATO</u> Spokesperson.

Report from village Izbica, allegedly mass grave site, denying

<u>NATO</u> allegations.

SRT broadcast the transcript, taken form the RTS, of conversation between the pilot of F16 which bombed the civilian convoy and his headquarters. Detailed report from NATO center in Brussels in which General Daniel Leaf explained what had happened in the bombing of civilian convoy. Reports on protest demonstrations throughout Serbia and the world. Footage of the burial of three-year-old girl who was killed in NATO bombing was broadcast with no comment.

Radisic met with <u>SFOR</u> General Meigs in Banja Luka. They talked about the political situation in the light of <u>NATO</u> bombing.

The RS Government asked the BiH authorities to withdraw the charges raised against the FRY before The Hague Tribunal. SRS held a press conference. Mirjana Sainovic said that SRS refutes the High Representative request to dismiss Mirko Blagojevic from his duty. Predrag Lazarevic, president of the Serb coalition for the RS, sent an open letter to Radisic calling him not to attend BiH Presidency session convened by the High Representative.

Zeljko Mirjanic, advisor to the Presiding of the BiH Presidency, said that Radisic would attend the BiH Presidency session.