

OHR SRT News Summary, 2 September 1998

Headlines

- New projects by the RS Government and international organisations in Cajnice
- Yeltsin and Clinton discussed the Kosovo issue
- The BiH House of Peoples adopted the Law on customs policy
- 32,000 peace troops to monitor the elections in BiH

US AID-donated 300,000 DM will be invested into the municipality of Cajnice needed for the building of three key water supplies facilities. On this occasion, Prime Minister Dodik, the U.S. Ambassador in BiH, Richard Kauzlarich, and the Director of US AID, Craig Buck, visited this town today. Buck stated that: "This project comes as a result of the urging by Prime Minister Dodik to expand our programme throughout Republic of Srpska. He has identified areas where Dayton principles are being implemented, and, therefore, where our resources will go". Prime Minister Dodik said that there had also been discussions today on the water supplies issue in Trebinje and that he expected a similar document to be signed for that area too, in the next seven days.

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(Kosovo-related issues)

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President Plavsic today visited the "Novoteks" garment factory in Trebinje, as part of her ongoing tour of the southern parts of the RS.

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Prime Minister Dodik today visited the area of Trebinje and

went to see for himself how the works on the Trebinje-Herceg Novi (Montenegro) motorway were going.

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The Speaker of the RS Parliament, Petar Djokic, today visited Mrkonjic Grad where he met with the Head of the local Public Security Centre, Dragomir Skrbic, on the current safety situation in the town. Djokic also met with the local Mayor to discuss the possibilities of this town's economic development.

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The BH Parliamentary Assembly House of Peoples today verified the common BH Law on customs policy. The House of Peoples also gave the green light for two agreements on international land transport of passengers and goods between the BH CoM and Sweden and Iran respectively.

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The Hague Tribunal stated that the findings of the investigation into the death of Dr. Milan Kovacecic would be published on Monday, 7th September.

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The protected witness "G" today gave his testimony before the Hague Tribunal in the case of Croat crimes committed against Muslim population in the village of Ahmici in the vicinity of Vitez, in April 1993.

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The Head of the OHR in Mostar, Sir Martin Garrod, today accused the Deputy Mayor, Ivan Prskalo, of being responsible for the poor functioning of the joint town administration.

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The BH Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic, at a HDZ election rally in Bihac today, warned that the BH Federation could not be a successful community with Croat pupils living in Muslim-controlled areas being deprived of the right to go to school and learn in the Croat language.

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1,049 minority families have returned to the town of Sarajevo since the Sarajevo declaration was signed in June this year.

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The EU High Representative, Carlos Westendorp, has extended the temporary arrangement for Mostar airport for another six months due to the failure by the Croat and the Muslim side to establish a joint managing body.

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The RS Association of veterans held a press conference in Banja Luka today requesting that political parties should take care not to misuse their organisation for the interests of their daily politics. The Association also refuted allegations accusing it of getting involved in politics rather than working to resolve veteran-related problems.

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An RS Vice- President, Dragoljub Mirjanic, met with a representative of the U.S. Information Agency, Norman Green, in Banja Luka today to discuss a possible improvement of the RS information system.

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Thanks to international donations, air-conditioning systems have been installed at all radio and transmitting facilities of SRT during the month of August. This will ensure that interruptions of SRT programmes due to overheated offices should considerably reduce in the future.

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Banja Luka airport are planning to open new air lines to Dusseldorf, Frankfurt and Zurich.

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The Brussels-based [NATO](#) Council today assessed that only democratic and pluralistically oriented parties stood good

chances to strengthen their positions at the forthcoming elections in BiH. The Council reviewed a report by the Head of the OSCE mission in BiH, Robert Barry, and stated that 32,000 [SFOR](#) troops would get involved to ensure peaceful conditions for the September elections.

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1. The SLOGA Coalition – an election rally in Trebinje last night attended by Plavsic, Dodik and Radisic
2. The Serb Radical Party – a public tribune in Srbac last night
3. The SDS – an election rally in Prnjavor last night attended by Krajisnik, Cavic and Kalinic.
4. The SNS – a public tribune in Bileca last night
5. The SP RS – a press conference in Banja Luka today – focused on the issue of foreign currency savings
6. The Serb Coalition for the RS – a press conference in Banja Luka today – Predrag Lazarevic expressed dissatisfaction because of the failed attempt to hold a special session of the RS NA
7. The Serb Movement of Renewal – a press conference in Trebinje
8. The SLOGA Coalition – a press statement
9. The SDS – a press statement protesting against the decision by OSCE to remove two SDS candidates from the SDS list of candidates for RS NA