

# OHR SRT News Summary, 20 April 1999

## Headlines

- Bombing of the FRY continues
- International diplomacy divided – continuance of bombing or negotiations
- Russian patriarch, Alexey II called upon NATO to stop the aggression
- BiH Presidency plenary session
- Robert Gelbard suspended Train and Equip Programme

SRT correspondent from Belgrade reports of the most intensive [NATO](#) attacks yet. Nis, Zlatibor, Pristina, Ivanjica, Nova Varos, Valjevo, Novi Pazar, Batajnica, Bujanovac and Kursumlija were bombed.

Russian Foreign Affairs Minister, Ivanov said that there is no military solution of the Kosovo crisis.

German Foreign Affairs Minister, Fischer said that he does not want ground troops on Kosovo without Yugoslav consent.

[NATO](#) Spokesperson, Jamie Shea stated yesterday that the conversation between the pilot and his headquarters was fabricated.

U.S. State Secretary, Minister of Defence and National Security Advisor held a press conference in the White House regarding the forthcoming [NATO](#) anniversary.

Tony Blair and Javier Solana met in Brussels.

Report from the [NATO](#) press conference in Brussels.

Reports from protest demonstrations and concerts throughout Serbia and the world.

BiH Presidency session was held in Sarajevo. The High Representative, Carlos Westendorp held a press conference after the session. He said that Zivko Radisic had asked for an extension of the 60-day deadline for complaints against the Brcko decision, which he agreed to.

Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Zivko Radisic received Italian Ambassador to BiH, Michele Valensise in his farewell visit.

NA Speaker, Petar Djokic talked with representatives of the European Monitoring Mission regarding the political situation in the RS and the consultative meeting of party representatives that Mr. Djokic had scheduled for Wednesday.

RS Vice President, Mirko Sarovic talked with members of the RS Association of Towns Presidency.

Member of the SPRS Executive Board, Dusko Bajic stated that this party was surprised at Ilic's resignation.

SNS held a press conference in Banja Luka. SNS feels that before the RS NA session the issues of the President should be resolved in order to establish a framework for future action.

SNSD held a press conference in Banja Luka. SNSD supports Radisic's decision to attend the B&H Presidency session. Reconstruction of the Government is a realistic and acceptable initiative.

[SFOR](#) partially lifted the suspension of movements of both armies, which was established as a precautionary measure on March 24.