OHR SRT News Summary, 20 May 1998

Headlines

- The RS NA fail to agree on the holding and monitoring of general elections in September
- Momir Bulatovic took the oath and officially became Prime Minister of Yugoslavia
- The Diaspora and the Mother Country in the process of national renaissance: RS President Biljana Plavsic in America

The fifth session of the RS NA continued today in BL. After a 6-hour discussion RS NA deputies were still discussing the 4th item of the agenda, i.e. the very first at today's session which refers to the holding and monitoring of the September general election. The deputies failed to reach any agreement on this agenda item. However, the RS NA neither gave consent to the OSCE holding the elections nor accepted a proposal to end the mandate of this international organisation.

"The RS NA demands the OSCE do the following:

a. to hold the elections in a democratic manner, in line with the DA
b. since the registration deadline has expired, the RS NA demands that the PEC makes no further changes to the electoral rules, but publishes the rules adopted and amended by May 20th," stated Nenad Bastinac, the RS Independent Social Democrats representative, adding that Serb refugees exiled from Croatia, now living in the RS must get the right to vote. The SDS and SRS RS caucuses demanded that the RS NA deprived the OSCE of its mandate to organise the elections.

The Coalition for Democratic and Single Bosnia and the SDP of B&H demanded that the RS NA give consent to the OSCE holding the elections without conditions.
4:00
RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik departed for New York this morning for talks with an American-Israeli company about the realisation of various projects related to the electrical industry and the water power supply system in the RS.
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The Deputy President of the RS Government and the Minister of Management and Local Self-management, Ostoja Kremenovic, stated today that tomorrow an RS Government delegation would visit and talk to the authorities of the Municipalities of Ribnik, Mrkonjic Grad and Sipovo about the agreement on the exchange of territories the former RS Government had signed with the Federation.
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The Memorandum of Understanding on legal assistance between the RS and the Federation was signed in BL today. This in effect means the establishment of cooperation between judicial institutions and public prosecutor's offices of the RS and the Federation, and the inter-entity exchange of necessary documents in that field. Deputy HR Hanns Schumacher attended the signing of the document.
2:00

"The RS Socialist Party will participate independently in the forthcoming September elections. Its candidate for the RS President will be our leader Zivko Radisic," Mr. Radmanovic stated at today's press conference.
1:00

The RS Tourism and Hotel Management Fair opened in Banja Luka today.
3:00