OHR SRT News Summary, 21 July 1999

Headlines

- The RS Government started the initiative for the adoption of the law on customs service;
- CoM agenda still not adopted today;
- New murders, abductions and expelling of Serbs in Kosovo;

The RS government started the initiative for the adoption of the law on customs service. They also discussed information on trade as well as a decision on the border between BiH and Croatia, appointed the interim Executive Board for the Milici municipality and started the initiative for organising a mini-donors' conference for Srebrenica. SRT carried the statement of the RS Dep PM, Ostoja Kremenovic.

The BiH CoM held a session today. The disputed item of the agenda was the annual programme. Silajdzic said that the problems with this were of a political not a technical nature. According to him the problem is in the concept of the jurisdiction of BiH and the entities in the legislation process. CoM requested OHR arbitration. The draft law on emigration and asylum was agreed and will be submitted to the BiH Parliamentary Assembly for urgent procedure. CoM also discussed the framework law on privatisation in the RS and BiH Federation and requested a detailed report on it. Svetozar Mihajlovic talked to Matei Hoffmann about the work of the CoM in organising the forthcoming Stability Pact Summit.

KOSOVO AND FRY RELATED NEWS

SRT correspondent from Belgrade (Radmila Urosevic) report on incidents throughout Kosovo (2 killed in Gnjilane, 1 injured in Vitina, 1 kidnapped, 2 burned bodies, 2 cut throat…).

SRT reports on activities of opposition parties in Serbia carrying the statements of Mirko Marjanovic, Vuk Obradovic (Social-democracy), Nebojsa Covic (Democratic Alternative), ND (New Democracy), DSS (Vojislav Kostunica), SNP (Momir Bulatovic), Liberal Alliance (Slavko Perovic), DS (item on Djindjic's hearing before the Military Court).

SRT carried the news on protest rallies of reservists and petitions for Milosevic's resignation throughout Serbia;

Apart from many other news items, SRT carried the item on Thomas Flaming, the Advisor of US Congressman Patrick Bucanon. Flaming said that the US Government was not interested in Serbs and what would happen with them. They were unpleasant obstacles in NATO's expansion in the region. The West will leave Serbs alone as soon as they stop being Serbs and start to behave like Czechs.

Special Commissioner of the Council of Europe praised the joint work of the local authorities in Srebrenica municipality;

Ombudsman Assistant for Livno and Glamoc, Midhat Osmancevic stated that the fire in the Glamoc village of Zajaruge on the 7th of July was not caused by Croat refugees, but had spread from a candle lit in a nearby graveyard. Osmancevic stated for ONASA that Serbs living in Glamoc were not satisfied with their representatives in municipal authorities and that the reconstruction of houses had practically stopped.