

OHR SRT News Summary, 22 August 1999

Weekend Report 23 August 1999

News Headlines

- Corruption in BiH should be IC priority – Sarovic
- 12,000 dead in Turkey
- Earthquake measuring 4.3 on Richter scale registered in eastern Turkey – BETA
- Shiptar extremists kidnap Srdjan Tokic near Vucitrn – Tanjug
- 450 KLA members still in Vucitrn and Srbica – KFOR
- KFOR extends deadline for Serbs to surrender weapons in Orahovac
- Kouchner visits Kosovska Mitrovica hospital and raises [UN](#) flag
- Kouchner accepts proposal of cantonisation – Resistance Movement President Trajkovic
- We propose cantonisation because principle of multiethnic Kosovo failed – Trajkovic
- Number of Serbs in Kosovo drastically decreased since KFOR arrival – Belgrade Blic
- Pristina citizens use phones again
- Serbian Democratic Party criticises Kouchner for holding session without Thaci
- Patriarch Pavle demands Milosevic resignation so Yugoslavia can exit dead-end street
- Serbian citizens exclusively support Alliance for Change – Alliance Coordinator Batic
- Early elections in Serbia represent new attempt at deceit by Milosevic regime – Democratic Party
- Movement for Democratic Serbia demands Milosevic responsibility for failure – Movement President Perisic

- Situation in Montenegro worrying – Podgorica JUL
- Montenegro must gain independence – Montenegrin Government Vice-president Burzan
- President of RS Commission for Searching for Missing Civilians and Soldiers Jovo Rosic interview for SRNA
- Trnopolje citizens hold commemoration for victims of Ustasha slaughter in 1941
- BiH Council of Ministers delegation to visit returnees in Mostar and eastern RS
- Mostar Mayor Prskalo condemns illegal Muslim entry into Catholic church in Breznica
- Prskalo attempts to cause hatred and tension again in order to make Croat return to Muslim part of Mostar a problem – North Mostar Mayor Delic
- Central Bosnia Croats threaten to block routes around Travnik if Bosniak authorities do not stop within ten days illegal acts damaging for Croats
- New Yugoslav Ambassador to Croatia Nebojsa Vujovic, former Yugoslav Foreign Ministry spokesperson
- World News
- Glas Srpski editor Ratko Maric dies on 21 August in Banja Luka
- Annex to Brcko decision not legally founded and opposes [Dayton Agreement](#) regulations – Lazarevic
- One Serb killed, one injured in Banje on 21 August – KFOR
- [UN](#) resolution clearly states that constitutional status of Kosovo will not change – Jackson
- Kouchner to publish results of investigation into murders in Staro Gracko within 10 days – Kosovska Mitrovica authorities
- Kouchner rejects division of Kosovo – Kosovska Mitrovica
- European Assembly President Johnson to visit Pristina on Monday – BETA
- KLA to file list of Serbian war criminals with [ICTY](#)
- European ecologists to arrive in Yugoslavia on Monday
- Culture in RS

- Sports
- Weather

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Corruption in BiH should be IC priority – Sarovic

RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic stated for SRNA in Serb Sarajevo that the fight against corruption and the misuse of public funds and international aid deserves to be a priority of the International Community and local structures of both entities. He added that it is obvious that an explanation of this problem should be the focus of the IC, especially the High Representative and his administration. "The latest storm regarding corruption that splashed the faces of the BiH Federation provoked reactions from different levels, starting from the US Administration, the OHR and BiH Federation authorities. It brings something new from day to day, so that we will have to wait for the final outcome of the affair" he stated, and added that the RS public should be concerned too because several statements in the press focused on corruption in the RS. Sarovic thinks that it is too soon for final estimations and that the issue might become one of the RS National Assembly agenda items. Commenting on the professional police and independent judiciary in RS and the BiH Federation, he said that they are now in the restructuring phase reviewed by the IC. He expects quick changes in the RS judiciary. He emphasised the requests of international organisations to introduce European standards in the judiciary.

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SRT TV 19:30 and 22:00 news for 21 August 1999

News Headlines

- Sarovic on final arbitration decision to Brcko
- Rescue teams search for survivors under ruins in Turkey
- 11,386 dead, more than 45,000 injured and 35,000 missing

in Turkish earthquake

- Differences in Serbian opposition larger than ever – The Daily Telegraph
- Djindjic rejects Draskovic accusations on reaction of Democratic Party members during Draskovic speech at protest meeting in Belgrade
- Vojvodina-Hungarian Union wants dialogue with leadership – Vojvodina Hungarian Union President
- New Democracy sues SPS and JUL because of removal of its mandates in Yugoslav and Serbian Assemblies
- Bosniak National Council asks five Montenegrin and seven Serbian municipalities for Sandzak autonomy
- Peoples Council Party to join Alliance for Change
- Transitional Kosovo Council holds session
- Two Serbs injured in Banje
- Injured Serbs moved to French KFOR hospital in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Two Serbs missing on Pristina-Podujevo road
- Serb-owned house bombed in Kosovska Kamenica
- Albanian extremists try to rob apartment of Serbian Resistance Movement President Trajkovic
- Serbs from Orahovac request KFOR and [UN](#) Mission the release of four captured Serbs
- [UN](#) request the arrest of three Serbs in Orahovac – KFOR
- Serbs start disarmament in Orahovac
- [UN](#) Mission and KFOR violate [UN](#) resolution with intention to relocate Serbs within Kosovo – SPO
- Situation dramatic in Kosovo – SPS representative Igic
- Serb National Council denies news of agreement on return of seven Kosovo Albanian families to Serb part of Kosovska Mitrovica
- Police Academy opens in Vucitrn
- 12 Yugoslav Dinars to 1 KM
- RS Finance Minister on Yugoslav Dinar exchange rate
- RS Government should declare itself on establishment of Skelani Municipality – High Representative Envoy to Srebrenica, Jensen

- Croats protest at Brdad border crossing
- Izetbegovic to ask Peace Implementation Council to authorise [World Bank](#) expert team to investigate The New York Times corruption allegations
- Bicakcic to sue The New York Times and journalist Hedges because of damage done to BiH Federation
- Son of Izetbegovic also to sue The New York Times and journalist Hedges
- Konjic Mayor on return of refugees
- 66 Croats, 25 Muslims and eight Serbs have returned to Konjic in 1999
- Tension between Croats and Bosniaks in Travnik
- Hedges not surprised by reaction to his article
- [ICTY](#) has not prepared indictments against Tudjman – [ICTY](#) Deputy Chief Prosecutor
- Four Serbs injured in Crkvena Vodica
- European Council Parliamentary Assembly Chairman to visit Kosovo
- 12,018 dead, 32,515 injured in earthquake in Turkey
- World news
- NTV BL starts filming near Gomionica monastery
- Sports and weather

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Sarovic on final arbitration decision to Brcko

RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic believes that the final arbitration decision, including the annex, represents a classic international protectorate with unlimited duration and authority to the supervisor. The arbitration decision and its annex dissatisfy Sarovic because vital changes are missing. Sarovic stated that basic RS requests had not been adopted. Sarovic considers that nobody in the RS should be satisfied with the decision. In his opinion, the final arbitration decision represents the defeat of RS policy. Sarovic hopes that RS leaders will fully answer its citizens.

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Croats protest at Brdad border crossing

More than 500 Croats protested at the opening of the Brdad border crossing. Demonstrators requested punishment for all those responsible for the crimes carried out against Dubrovnik.

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