

OHR SRT News Summary, 22 March 1999

Headlines

- SFOR troops blocked VRS barracks in Banja Luka
- Mirko Sarovic sent letters to Petar Djokic and Carlos Westendorp
- Special session of the RS NA to be held tomorrow in Banja Luka
- Milosevic and Holbrooke and then Milosevic, Hill, Petritsch and Maioreski to meet in Belgrade
- Solana authorised to order NATO air strikes against Yugoslavia
- "Hague Tribunal carried on investigation into Operation Storm for 3 years", reports the New York Times

[SFOR](#) troops today blocked the "Vrbas" Barracks and the Air Force and Air Defence HQ in Banja Luka. VRS General HQ expresses displeasure, and [SFOR](#) claims this was routine arms control.

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Tonight's talks of the Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic with international envoys Holbrooke, Hill, Petritsch and Maioreski are the last attempt at bringing peace to Kosovo.

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[NATO](#) secretary-general, Javier Solana was authorised today by the allies to order air strikes against Yugoslavia. He stated after meeting with Richard Holbrooke that Holbrooke's mission is the last attempt to bring peace to Kosovo and avoid imminent air strikes.

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Russian PM, Yevgeni Primakov stated today that Russia

categorically opposes the use of force in finding a solution for the Kosovo crisis, and that there are still possibilities for a political solution.

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A White House spokesman, James Rubin strongly warned Yugoslavia of serious consequences if Milosevic does not accept [NATO](#) deployment in Kosovo.

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Conflicts between the security forces and the separatist KLA continue in the Kosovo towns of Drenica and Malisevo.

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[NATO](#) today warned the separatist KLA to stop its armed provocation.

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RS police confiscated a large amount of concealed infantry weapons and ammunition at the border crossing in Hum, near Srbinje. The truck with the weapons was moving from the Federation in order to deliver the weapons to the Shqiptar terrorists in Kosovo.

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The RS NA Speaker, Petar Djokic scheduled a special NA session for today in order to discuss the situation after the HR's decision to remove President Poplasen from office. The session was scheduled at the request of the RS vice-president, Mirko Sarovic.

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The RS vice-president, Mirko Sarovic sent a letter to the RS NA Speaker, Petar Djokic expressing his deep concern over the situation in the RS, and requesting a special session of the RS NA.

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The RS vice-president, Mirko Sarovic sent a letter to the HR

Carlos Westendorp, expressing his readiness to undertake the duties of President, in accordance with the Constitution and the RS NA decisions.

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The political-expert commission for the implementation of the RS NA resolution on Brcko held its fourth session in Banja Luka today.

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The Head of OSCE mission to BiH, Robert Barry met today in Banja Luka with the RS vice-president, Mirko Sarovic, Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Zivko Radisic, RS PM Milorad Dodik and the RS NA Speaker, Petar Djokic.

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