

# OHR SRT News Summary, 23 August 1999

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## News Headlines

- BiH Council of Ministers meets with Petritsch
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council suspends contact with IC until end of August
- Trajkovic requests cantonization of Kosovo to protect Serbs from daily attacks by Albanians
- Kosovo Albanians block roads to Orahovac to prevent Russian deployment
- Russian Deputy Commander Colonel Serdukov asks Albanians to discuss ways of taking duty from Dutch KFOR, Albanians refuse
- Dutch checkpoints around Orahovac missing – KLA member
- Russian deployment to Orahovac delayed until Tuesday – General Spak
- Three Serbs arrested in Orahovac to be tried in Prizren, not The Hague
- Last Serb evicted from Ajvalija – Tanjug
- European Council delegation arrives in Pristina to estimate humanitarian situation in Yugoslavia
- [UN](#) cannot defeat KLA, which took command in Kosovo – Swedish Parliament representative
- 60,000 Turks pressured by Albanians to give up their identity
- If IC accepts division of Kosovska Mitrovica, it must do so elsewhere – Vienna Die Presse
- Kosovo Albanian attacks worker of Center for Peace and Tolerance in Pristina
- Bodies of 17 gypsies found between Budva and Tivat – BETA

- Yugoslavia suffered over \$60 billion in damage during [NATO](#) bombardment – The Economist
- Yugoslav Foreign Ministry protests to Swedish Embassy against French KFOR destroying transmitter on Mokra Gora
- Over 200,000 persons displaced from Kosovo – Yugoslav Refugee Minister Morina
- Serbian opposition loses support of people – French Balkan expert
- Draskovic criticizes Alliance for Changes proposal for Milosevic to leave within 15 days
- Djindjic supports transitional government
- No reason not to hold elections in Montenegro by end of year – Montenegrin Liberal Union
- 1999/2000 school year not to begin until RS Government fulfills requests of Syndicate for Education, Science and Culture
- No secret plans for evacuation of RS Army from Brcko – [SFOR](#) spokesperson Welsh
- Brcko caucus presidents demand consideration of suspension of police chief
- Annex to Brcko decision means creation of individual administrative unit in BiH – SDS Presidency Deputy Dragan Cavic
- Amount of counterfeit KM in BiH relatively small – Nicol
- There is corruption in BiH, as in all states in transition – Silajdzic
- Bosniaks block Sarajevo-Kiseljak-Travnik route due to illegal granting of stadium site in Radanovici to Croats – SRNA
- Certain individuals in BiH have enough room for corruption – Schwartz-Schilling
- 7,000 refugees returned to Livno Canton since signing of [Dayton Agreement](#)
- [UN](#) welcomes professionalism of Sarajevo cantonal police
- Pupils in Central Bosnia Canton not to study on basis of same curriculum
- Working for [ICTY](#) is challenge for me – Del Ponte

- Earthquake measuring 3.1 on Richter scale registered 14km west of Dobož on 22 August
- Over 12,100 dead and 34,500 injured in Turkey
- World News
- Glas Srpski Editor Ratko Maric buried in Banja Luka
- Sports
- Weather
- Status of Bosniaks and Croats in RS very difficult – CD Coalition
- KLA respects agreement on disarmament and should transform into non-military organization – Jackson
- [UN](#) Civilian Mission prepares plan to establish non-military organization in Kosovo – Jackson
- US makes up for European political and military weakness by Kosovo mission – Dini
- Russian military delegation to arrive in Brussels to discuss KLA actions with [NATO](#)

## **News Summary**

### **BiH Council of Ministers meets with Petritsch**

High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch held his first meeting with members of the BiH Council of Ministers in Sarajevo on Monday. Petritsch announced that the work of joint institutions would be intensified in order to transform BiH into a modern European state. They discussed economic reform, privatization and implementation of Annex 7 of the [Dayton Agreement](#). According to Co-chairman Svetozar Mihajlovic, Petritsch is decisive to continue the work of Carlos Westendorp, so that BiH can join Europe as a modern European state. Co-chairman Haris Silajdzic conditions his remaining in the Ministry on complete implementation of Annex 7 and points to the High Representative's position that declarative implementation of this annex would not be tolerated. Silajdzic requested that the Ministry engage in resolving problems of the Brcko District. Deputy Chairman Neven Tomic pointed out the necessity of defining a program for joint institutions,

meaning the BiH Presidency, Council of Ministers and BiH Parliament, in order to avoid frequent clashes of authority.

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### **Brcko caucus presidents demand consideration of suspension of police chief**

As reported by ONASA, the presidents of Brcko Municipal Council caucuses demanded that the suspension of the Brcko Center of Public Security Head Teodor Gavric be considered in order to protect the authority of the organs that elected him. They decided to invite Brcko Supervisor Robert Farrand to the next session so that he could explain the annex to the final Brcko decision.

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