

OHR SRT News Summary, 24 August 1998

Headlines

- the RS President Biljana Plavsic talked with the Russian Ambassador Filip Sidorski
- the RS has sent the humanitarian aid to Kosmet
- the school year starts on September 1
- different reactions to the appointment of the new Russian Prime Minister

The RS President Biljana Plavsic talked in Banja Luka today with the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to B&H Filip Sidorski. After an hour-and-a half meeting there was no press statement but it is supposed that they were talking about the visit of the RS President to Russia planned for the next month.

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The RS President Biljana Plavsic and the RS Government in the cooperation with the humanitarian organization "Humaneness" ("Covjekoljublje") of the Serb Orthodox Church sent today the aid to the inhabitants of Kosovo and Metohija.

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The review of the situation in Kosovo.

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The member of the B&H Presidency from the RS, Momcilo Krajisnik, met today in Pale with the Political Director of the OSCE Mission to B&H, Vladimir Kuznetzov. They talked about the September elections.

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The Ambassador of the Russian Federation to B&H, Filip Sidorski, met in Banja Luka today with the President of the

Socialist Party of the RS, Zivko Radisic. They discussed different forms of cooperation between the RS and Russia.

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The Deputy High Representative, Hanns Schumacher, the Head of the OHR in Banja Luka, Miguel Arias, and an expert group from Germany visited Prijedor today and on that occasion talked with the municipal authorities about the refugee return and some public utilities issues in that town. The concrete reason for this visit is one of the most important projects for Prijedor – the reconstruction of the central heating which was the most discussed issue at the meeting held behind the closed doors with the Prijedor Mayor and the members of the Executive Board. According to Schumacher the process of refugee return will be accelerated after the elections. After the meeting in the municipal building in Prijedor, Schumacher visited Kozarac in order to see the implementation of the refugee return plan in that area.

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The RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik visited today the collective refugee centers in Visegrad.

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The RS Minister of Education, Nenad Suzic, stated in Brcko today that an agreement had not been achieved with the Supervisor Farrand regarding his request to introduce the Latin letters to the border parts of the Brcko municipality inhabited by Moslems and Croats. The RS President Biljana Plavsic and the Supervisor Robert Farrand should talk about it tomorrow. The meeting of the RS Minister of Education, Nenad Suzic, and the directors of the elementary and secondary schools was held in Brcko today at which the beginning of the school year was discussed.

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More than 1,200 of the former holders of the tenants right to the military apartments in Sarajevo have submitted the

requests for return. However, the destiny of these requests which should be realized in line with the Sarajevo Declaration on Return is still totally uncertain since, during and after the war, only in the area of this town, about 1,500 military apartments have been allocated to the veterans and war invalids from the Moslem-Croat Federation.

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The news from the Federation.

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Reactions to the appointment of the acting Prime Minister in Russia.

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At the 20 August session, the RS Government adopted the four sub-legal acts which regulate the implementation of the Law on privatization. Regarding this, the RS Privatization Directorate held a press conference in Banja Luka today.

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Elections:

- Independent Social-Democrats – a tribune in Prijedor, a public tribune in Busnovi (one of the biggest Prijedor local communities)
- Socialist Party of the RS – a public tribune in Prnjavor, a public tribune in Derventa
- SDS – press conference in Banja Luka at which all the accusations regarding Krajisnik were rejected and the intention to ask for the replacement of the Deputy Speaker Safet Bico at the special session of the RS NA which is to be held on August 31 was announced
- Serb Coalition for the RS – a press statement regarding the entry of a group of Bosniaks to the RS territory in the village Orahova near Gradiska which could worsen the safety situation in that area