

OHR SRT News Summary, 25 August 1998

Headlines

- President Plavsic talked with the Chief of the OSCE Mission, Robert Berry in Banja Luka – consultations – Berry and political parties
- Prime Minister Dodik opened the Office of the Ministry of Finance in Brcko an enormous fall of the value of the Russian national currency

The RS President Biljana Plavsic met with the Chief of the OSCE Mission to B&H Robert Berry in Banja Luka today. After the meeting, Berry stated that the general elections which are to be held on August 12 and 13 are very important for the future of the citizens of both the RS and the B&H Federation. Berry called on the people to vote and to take the future in their own hands.

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The refugees accommodated on the territory of the FRY who are not registered on the voters=B9 lists and who voted at last year=B9s elections will be able to vote at the forthcoming general elections in B&H, was stated by the OESC coordinator for the general elections in B&H, Zivota Deluka, in Novi Sad today.

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Preparations for the forthcoming September elections in B&H were discussed at the session of the Consultative Council of the political parties which was held in Banja Luka today. The Chief of the OSCE Mission to B&H, Ambassador Robert Berry, was present at the meeting, as well and underlined that, in the coming days, the OSCE would promote the ballots and other technical rules in different ways in order to make people be

informed as best as possible.

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The RS President Biljana Plavsic talked today in Banja Luka with Robert Farrand, the Supervisor for the area of Brcko. After the meeting which lasted for an hour and a half, President Plavsic and Robert Farrand did not address journalists.

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The RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik opened the Office of the Ministry of Finance in Brcko today.

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The RS Government made an Act on implementation of the measures of the economic policy with the aim of making an influence on preventing the gray economy and black-marketing.

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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, received the Canadian Ambassador in Pale today. Krajisnik supported the Ottawa Agreement on ban on the production of anti-personal mines and underlined that people in those areas were familiar with the danger and aware of the catastrophic consequences caused by the anti-personal mines.

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The Deputy High Representative, Hanns Schumacher, visited Modrica today and talked with the municipal authorities there. Schumacher asked for the acceleration of the realization of the project of the town reconstruction in order to speed up the process of refugees as well. According to Schumacher, the same must apply to the municipality of Gradacac.

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The reports on the press conferences of the international

organizations held in Sarajevo and Banja Luka.

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Regarding the return of 150 Moslems to the municipality of Kotor Varos at the end of July of this year, the [UNHCR](#) Spokesperson, Wendy Rappaport said that the [UNHCR](#) encouraged the return performed in an organized manner. The return in question was a self-organized one and the [UNHCR](#) acted as a catalyst. Rappaport could not say if the existing administrative procedure was respected or not in this case and added that everybody who would like to return can do it at any time since there is no formal administrative procedure according to the Dayton.

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The OHR stated today that the High Representative, Carlos Westendorp, and his Deputy, Jacques Paul Klein, emphasize that, in their talk with the President of the Republic of Croatia, Franjo Tudjman, held last Tuesday, they did not make a proposal that the Croatian President should hold a meeting with the leadership and the candidates of the Croat political parties from B&H. Such meeting can be held only at the initiative of Franjo Tudjman. The HR expects that such meeting is to be held in the spirit and in accordance with the provisions of the [DPA](#) for whose implementation the Croatian Government is also responsible as one of the signatories, is said in the press statement released by the OHR.

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The news from the B&H Federation.

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Elections:

- SNS – a public tribune in Teslic
- Socialist Party of the RS – a public tribune in Prijedor
- Independent Social-Democrats of the RS – a tribune in Rogatica, a public tribune in Rudo, a public tribune in

Visegrad

- Zivko Radisic, president of the Socialist Party of the RS – separate meetings with Robert Farrand and Robert Berry in Banja Luka
- Nikola Poplasen, president of the Serb Radical Party – meeting with the Hungarian Ambassador to B&H in Banja Luka
- SDS – a public tribune in Prnjavor
- SNS – a press conference in Banja Luka
- Independent Social-Democrats of the RS – a press conference in Banja Luka
- Independent Social-Democrats of the RS – a press statement
- Radenko Todorovic-Siso from Gacko, independent candidate – a press conference
- Serb Movement of Restoration of the RS – a press conference in Trebinje