

OHR SRT News Summary, 26 April 1998

Headlines

- Serbs, evacuated from Drvar, arrived in Banja Luka tonight
- Meeting of Krajisnik and Schumacher in Pale
- Agreement on work and status of the ICM signed in Sarajevo
- Congratulations to Milosevic on the occasion of the Day of the Republic
- Denis Ross again in the Middle East

Serb returnees to Drvar, who were evacuated from there with the help of SFOR due to the recent Croat attacks, arrived in Banja Luka after 3:00 a.m. this morning. According to their statements, the majority of them were exposed to constant Croat terror which culminated on Friday, April 25. Thus, they were forced to leave their homes again. The German Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, today condemned the attacks of the Croats against Serb returnees from Drvar, as well as the attacks against IPTF members in there. A special press conference of the IPTF was held in Banja Luka today, at which it was confirmed that, during the demonstrations of Croat extremists in Drvar, some Serbs and IC representatives were injured and much physical damage was done. Due to the situation in Drvar the return of the Grahovo people, who have been near the IEBL for three days already, is still uncertain.

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A few thousand Derventa people gathered today in the Derventa settlement of Cardak to commemorate the massacre of over 36 Serb civilians who were slaughtered by members of the regular units of the Croatian Army and the local Croats on April 26, 1992.

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The member of the B&H Presidency from the RS, Momcilo Krajisnik, met today with the Deputy High Representative Hanns Schumacher. They discussed the issue of the location of the common B&H institutions, as well as the issue of refugee return.

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The ICM President, Senator Bob Dole, met in Sarajevo today with the RS NA Speaker Dragan Kalinic, Co-chairman of the B&H CoM Haris Silajdzic and the B&H Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic. At the meeting they talked about activities regarding missing persons so far and the ways in which those activities could be improved and speeded up. An agreement on the work and status of the ICM was signed at the meeting as well. After the meeting, Senator Dole and Ambassador Klein, Deputy HR and a Special Advisor to this Commission, held a press conference. Senator Dole expressed his satisfaction with the cooperation of the three sides regarding this key issue.

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The OSCE has announced that the registration of political parties, coalitions and independent candidates for the September elections will officially start tomorrow.

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