

# OHR SRT News Summary, 26 February 1999

## Headlines

- RS President in a working visit to Trebinje.
- Payment transactions in the RS without Yugoslav dinar, by June.
- China vetoes the extension of the UNPREDEP mission in Macedonia.

The RS President continued his visit to the Eastern RS by visiting Trebinje today. Political and economic issues were discussed behind closed doors.

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Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Zivko Radisic visited Kozarska Dubica today.

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At today's press conference in Banja Luka, the Minister of Trade and Tourism, Nikola Kragulj said he expected the Yugoslav dinar to be 'squeezed out' of circulation in the RS by June.

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EU special envoy for Kosmet, Wolfgang Petrich confirmed he would continue talks on the peace agreement in Pristina and Belgrade, together with the American mediator, Christopher Hill.

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"Chances that the Kosovo Albanians would accept the peace agreement, without American participation in the implementation, equal zero", said Madeleine Albright. She added that "if the Albanians sign the agreement, the Yugoslav president will have to do the same".

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"During the break in the negotiations, very strong pressure, including military pressure, on both the Serbs and Kosovo Albanians, should be maintained", said the French foreign ministry spokesperson.

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Spanish CoM approved today Spanish participation in potential [NATO](#) force, that would supervise the implementation of the Kosovo peace agreement, said the Spanish government spokesperson.

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The president of the Officers' Association of Bundeswehr, Bernhard Gertz criticised yesterday's decision by Bundestag to approve of German military participation in the potential [NATO](#) force in Kosovo and Metohija, saying the political agreement was still far from sight.

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Greece will only take part in the [NATO](#) force in Kosmet under the condition that both parties accept its deployment, said the deputy defence minister, Dimitris Apostolakis.

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The Kosovo Albanian leader, Ibrahim Rugova said at today's press conference that the transitional agreement for Kosovo will have international military and political guarantors for implementation. Its aim is to stop the bloodshed in Kosmet, provide functioning of the institutions and increase overall security, said Rugova.

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KVM spokesperson, Beatrice Lacoste said that the number of KVM vehicles stopped at the border crossing in Djeneral-Jankovic is now at least 6.

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Today afternoon an incident occurred near Prizren between the security forces and so-called KLA, KVM regional centre reported.

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The spokesperson for the KVM regional centre in Prizren, Simon Garry accused the so-called KLA of deliberately shooting at a police helicopter on February 19, "Beta" agency reports. "The aim of the attack was to destabilise the Rambouillet negotiations", said Garry.

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The main hearing in the case of eight Albanians accused of terrorism began in Gnjilane court today.

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The [SFOR](#) troops have today found in the Distribution Centre in Bijeljina, where the warehouses of large companies are situated, significant amount of unregistered weapons, mines and explosives.

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The chairman of the SRS executive board, Mirko Blagojevic expressed regret about the incident that happened in the RS NA. "No one can attack an NA deputy, regardless of what party he is in, especially not in the RS NA premises", said Blagojevic, blaming the Assembly security for the incident.

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"Predrag Curkovic did not participate in war and he is not a war invalid", states the protest letter sent to the RS President's Cabinet.

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