OHR SRT News Summary, 30 March 1999

Headlines

- Talks with FRY President Milosevic have given results, Primakov stated in Belgrade
- NATO announced new continuous 24-hour bombing of the FRY
- Protests against NATO aggression continued
- SNS, in the framework of the coalition Sloga, ready to propose more candidates for the prime minister designate
- Earthquake in India: 110 killed and more than 300 injured

The FRY entered the seventh day since the air raids sirens have begun piercing the sky above its territory. <u>NATO</u> aviation, under the mask of alleged struggle for the human rights of the Kosovo Shquiptars, mercilessly destroys civil and military objectives, causing large material destruction and human casualties. 0:20

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in today's annual addressing of the federal Parliament, said that one cannot allow Russia to be drawn into any kind of war and that before solving of someone else's, the country has to resolve its own problems. 0:52

The FRY President Milosevic talked in Belgrade today with the Russian PM Yevgeni Primakov, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of Defense, respective Igor Ivanov and Igor Sergejev, and directors of civil and intelligence services. After the meeting, which, instead of the foreseen 2, lasted 6 hours, Primakov stated that the talks held today brought results. 1:08

Report on places that were bombed yesterday (Belgrade, Pancevo, Cacak, Pristina) 2:06

The FRY President Milosevic is ready to negotiate provided that <u>NATO</u> attacks on FRY are stopped, Primakov stated upon his arrival in Vienna. According to Primakov, Milosevic is ready to reduce the military presence in Kosovo and allow the return of refugees. 0:24

The FRY army anti-aircraft defense shot down three <u>NATO</u> airplanes in the course of the day (above Podgorica, Vranje and Gornji Milanovac) and a <u>NATO</u> pilotless aircraft near Aleksinac. 1:50

The Brussels city authorities forbade today the organizing of the rallies at which the citizens would publicly condemn the <u>NATO</u> aggression against FRY. 0:10

NATO and the British Ministry of Defense address journalists on a daily basis with new details regarding the actions of the west allies. Press conferences held in Brussels by the NATO spokesperson and a NATO air officer as well as the ones held in the British Ministry of Defense by the UK Minister of Defense Robertson, General Guthrie and Secretary for international development 2:50

Spanish PM called on Milosevic today to use the Russian PM Primakov's visit to Belgrade and choose the path of peace. 0:25

Austrian chancellor stated that neutrality of his country renders Vienna impossible to support <u>NATO</u> military strikes against FRY. 0:27 International church organizations requested the suspension of the bombing of FRY and called on Kofi Annan to initiate negotiations. 1:17

The members of the British special unit SAS and those of the special forces of other <u>NATO</u> countries have infiltrated among the Albanians in Kosovo and Metohija, the military analysts of the TV Sky claim today. They are also amongst the terrorists of the so-called KLA and are giving support to the airplanes of the <u>NATO</u> aggressors, the same source reports. 0:20

The Pristina Media Center informed today that a photo reporter and a cameraman of the Center recorded today the house of Ibrahim Rugova, Albanian political leader from Kosovo. The footages show that the house is undamaged. Earlier, the <u>NATO</u> seat in Brussels stated that Rugova's house had been destroyed. The footages are submitted to the Reuters and AP agencies, the Media Center informs. 0:37

Trg Republike in Belgrade – the third concert held 1:05

Protests against <u>NATO</u> aggression on FRY in Germany, Cyprus. Several thousands of Albanians gathered in the center of New York, supporting the <u>NATO</u> military attacks on Yugoslavia. In London, the demonstrations of Serbs and Albanians were held at the same time, which caused conflicts among the demonstrants. Peaceful protests in Banja Luka, Modrica, Nevesinje. 6:11

In order to collect financial help for the citizens of the FRY, the RS Ministry of Finance opened special giro accounts with the Razvojna Banka in Banja Luka for dinar and foreign currency means of payment. 1:04 Pristina on March 28 – footage of bombing 1:55 The Russian unit, which till a while ago was under the command of <u>SFOR</u> in BiH, exempted itself from the command of the west alliance after bombing by the <u>NATO</u> forces and is now subject to the orders of its country. 2:09

The RS PM Milorad Dodik sent today a letter to the Serb Patriarch Pavle, stressing that he shares his concern for the destiny of the Serb people. 0:34

Press conference of the international organizations held in Sarajevo 1:55

The SNS vice president Stanko Stanic informed that the SNS is ready to offer several names for the future RS PM and that the current PM Dodik is one of the candidates that Sloga will propose.

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The member of the SNSD Executive Board, Slavko Mitrovic, stated at a press conference held in Banja Luka today that the dismissal of Nikola Poplasen from the duty of the President is not in accordance with the RS Constitution, but the decision is valid. According to Mitrovic, Poplasen obliged himself in the pre-election activities to observe the OSCE rules and authorizations vested in the HR. 1:13