OHR SRT News Summary, 4 June 1999

Headlines

- Top RS officials welcomed peace agreement
- Cessation of bombing could be expected by June 5 1999 – EU sources
- FRY Army- NATO meeting tomorrow
- Kosovo and Srem targeted
- Old passports valid until September – BiH Council of Ministers

Zivko Radisic welcomed the acceptance of the Kosovo peace plan. He said that it was the key thing to stop the bombing and prevent any further suffering of the population.

RS President Nikola Poplasen, who was dismissed from office by the High Representative, emphasised that the cessation of bombing, peace and stability would have significant value, adding that if signing the plan meant NATO troops in Kosovo then it is capitulation.

Acceptance of the peace plan was not capitulation of the FRY – Djokic said, emphasising that this plan was a step towards long-lasting peace in the region.

Milorad Dodik supported acceptance of the peace plan.

Boris Yeltsin assessed that the Kosovo war could be finished within the next few days.

Bill Clinton welcomed the acceptance of the peace plan but said that the air campaign would resume.

Robin Cook said that air strikes would continue until Serb forces start to withdraw.

Milan Panic, former FRY PM, talked with NATO ambassadors in Brussels and asked them to give economic aid to Yugoslavia. He assessed that this aid would be effective only if a transitional government was constituted in Yugoslavia.

FRY army contacted NATO headquarters in Belgium in order to initiate implementation of the peace plan – AFP

NATO experts are to come to Belgrade tomorrow in order to organise FRY army withdrawal from Kosovo.

Tony Blair ruled out the possibility of Milosevic obtaining immunity from the Hague indictment.

Reports on bombing of Yugoslavia.- SRT correspondent

Javier Solana accepted the position of Head of Foreign and Security Policy in the EU.

Jamie Shea said that NATO air strikes would not stop until NATO was convinced about the withdrawal of Serb forces. He said that it was in the interests of the KLA not to obstruct the withdrawal of the FRY army. General Jertz said that fighting between the FRY army and KLA on the Pastrik mountain was still evident, but was less intense. He said that NATO had not registered any sign of withdrawal of the FRY army.

The U.S. government would fulfil its obligations, made at the donors' conference, towards BiH.- Richard Kauzlarich to Svetozar Mihajlovic.

RS President Nikola Poplasen, who was dismissed from office by the High Representative, talked with the International Crisis Group President. The economic and political situations in the RS were the main topics of the discussion.- Cabinet of the RS President.

The RS Constitutional Court held a session in Banja Luka. The primary topic of the discussion was the work of the Milici commissariat.