OHR SRT News Summary, 5 August 1998

Headlines

- Plavsic – Barry on Forthcoming Elections
- New American-Russian Diplomatic Mission to Kosmet – Afanassievski in Belgrade
- Talks Between UN and Bagdad

President of the RS, Biljana Plavsic, and the Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH, Robert Barry agreed that the forthcoming elections should be used to question political leaders and make them responsible for events in the last two years. Barry stated that the OSCE would not finance pre-electoral campaigns of any political party in the RS or BiH Federation.
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The authorised attorney, Dusan Vucicevic, who attended the announced post-mortem on Dr. Milan Kovacevic in the Hague, stated that the results of the post-mortem indicated that Kovacevic died of a rupture of the aorta in the stomach.
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A meeting of the Joint Military Commission of the RS, BiH Federation and SFOR, held for the first time in the RS, centred on the forthcoming elections and de-mining.
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In Sokolac today, employees of the RS MUP arrested the Director of the SDS Main Office and a councillor in the Srpsko Sarajevo Municipality, Milovan Bijelic. Bijelic, also the Director of the "Centrex" company, was arrested along with two employees of the company and a police officer.
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The UNHCR in Belgrade informed the press that the largest

organised group of returnees to Croatia so far, will depart Belgrade tomorrow morning. About 150 refugees will be transported to their homes in Lika, Banija, Kordun, surroundings of Knin, Western Slavonia and other areas in Croatia.
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The Mediator for establishing the BiH Federation, Christian Schwartz-Schilling, after a tour in 7 cities of the entity, warned that the IC will no longer tolerate empty talk by the Federal partners on refugee returns. “It is high time to realise the promises, otherwise a list of politicians who have been obstructing returns will be published in 20 days” said Schwartz -Schilling.
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President of the RS Syndicate Union, Cedo Volas, warned that the Syndicate will call on its members for a general strike if the Government continues with irregularities in appointing Steering Boards and Directors in some companies.
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Electoral activities of political parties

- Dragan Kalinic, President of the SDS Presidency, at a press conference, rallies held in Prijedor and Novi Grad
- Zivko Radisic, President of the SPRS, Biljana Plavsic, President of the SNS and the Coordination Board of the “Sloga” coalition, at a press conference
- Serb Coalition for RS, Predrag Lazarevic (SSKiP), press conference – on worsening of relations between the RS Government and municipal authorities of Banja Luka
- Coalition for King and Homeland considers that the request of the SDS and Radicals for an extraordinary session of the RS NA should not be supported

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