

OHR SRT News Summary, 6 August 1999

Headlines

- Radisic blocked implementation of the boundary treaty between BiH and Croatia;
- Border-crossing between Trebinje and Dubrovnik reopened;
- KFOR soldiers – terrorist targets;

Radisic called into question the boundary treaty between Croatia and BiH. This was also the main topic of the meeting between Radisic and Meigs. Radisic's adviser, Mirjanic said that Radisic used his constitutional right and informed Jelavic about the fact that a decision on the issue had not yet been made and therefore the treaty signed in Sarajevo could not be implemented. Meigs said that as far as he was concerned the correct border is the border agreed upon by the Commission and ratified by the 2 states.

Svetozar Mihajlovic said that the border treaty was detrimental to the RS, adding that the river Una is the geographic (natural) boundary and therefore provides stability and peace for both countries. On the other hand, the administrative border, determined by the treaty, will cause intolerance and possible conflict in the future. Mihajlovic also commented on possible misunderstandings between SNS and SPRS caused by statements of some SPRS leaders. Commenting on the new media decision, Mihajlovic said that we should have returned to the original principles of the [DPA](#), because television is in the competency of the entities.

The border-crossing in Ivanjica reopened. SRT correspondent from Trebinje reports on the event. SRT carried the statements of Trebinje mayor and Jacques Paul Klein who assessed the event as a step forward to reconciliation. Ralph Johnson and Marko Asanin also attended the opening ceremony.

Montenegro related news

Germany will support efforts of Montenegro to redefine relations with Serbia but at the same time they would like Montenegro to remain within the Yugoslav Federation. German experts stressed that the platform adopted by the Montenegrin Government reminded them of the situation with Slovenia and Croatia in 1991.

SRT carried the statements of SNP (Socialist People's Party), SPO, DS, DSS and Nebojsa Covic (Democratic Alternative).

Kosovo related news

SRT reports on KLA attacks on KFOR soldiers (Russians, Italians...) and danger from mines.

SRT carried the statement of Human Rights Watch which requested the FRY Government to reveal the names of Albanians imprisoned in Serbia.

SRT carried an item on Russian distancing from the FRY regime;

Brcko Supervisor, R.Farrand said that many Serb refugees and DPs who presently live in Brcko said they would like to return to their homes in the Federation. According to Farrand it was high time for Federation authorities to speed up the process of two-way return. Farrand added that the IPTF Disciplinary Commission suspended Teodor Gavric (the Head of Brcko Police) due to omissions in performing his duty.