OHR SRT News Summary, 8 June 1999

Headlines

- Draft Resolution on Kosmet agreed on at the summit of the G8 Foreign Ministers; the Document already under consultation in the UN SC
- Bombing could be temporarily suspended this evening, estimated in Brussels
- In the 77th day of aggression 2 people killed and 12 injured
- American Congress approved $10 million of aid to the RS budget, it was announced at the meeting between PM Dodik and American Diplomat Gelbard

After two days of discussion in Cologne, the G8 Foreign Ministers today reached agreement on a draft resolution of the UN SC which should enable a peaceful and political solution to the crisis in Kosovo and Metohija. (Report on the meeting)

Excerpts from today's document (sections 1,3,5,7)

American State Secretary Madeleine Albright met today with the leaders of the Kosmet Albanians and called on KLA separatists not to provoke Yugoslav soldiers while pulling out.

The special UN envoys for the Balkans Carl Bildt and Edward Kukan chaired a meeting in Geneva today of the humanitarian agencies of the UN, NATO and European organisations which will be engaged in Kosovo after the war, it was announced from Geneva.

The Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs most decisively rejected the accusation of Macedonia that the Army of Yugoslavia had shelled three Macedonian border villages, according to a press release of the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs carried by Tanjug.

The SPO President Vuk Draskovic welcomed the agreement reached in Macedonia, which, he assessed, was based on the fact that not for a single minute would there be a security vacuum.

President of Montenegro Milo Djukanovic stated that this was not the moment for scheduling a referendum on the statutory legal status of Montenegro.

The spokesperson for Democratic Union of Albania and deputy in the assembly of Montenegro Ferhad Dinosha stated that the principal request of his party was special status for the Albanians in Montenegro.

77th day of the NATO aggression on Yugoslavia (Novi Sad, Cuprija, Kopaonik, Vranje, Urosevac, Kosovska Mitrovica, Srbica, Dragas, Djakovica, Stimlje)

NATO briefing: The spokesperson for the Western Alliance stressed that, in the forthcoming days, NATO would continue to pressure Belgrade until signs of withdrawal become evident. Shea said that, according to the information NATO has, 50 % of refugees want to return immediately to Kosovo.

General Jertz said that the fighting between the Yugoslav Army and KLA members continues, especially in the western part of Kosovo. He went on to say that missiles fired from the Serb positions are falling on the territory of Albania, and therefore, the Albanian population along the border with Kosovo is being evacuated.

PM Dodik spoke in Banja Luka today with the Special U.S. envoy for the Balkans Robert Gelbard and the representatives of USAID to BiH.

Dragan Kulundzija, arrested by SFOR in Prijedor yesterday, following his indictment for war crimes in Keraterm, was transferred to The Hague prison.

BiH PA House of Representatives session held in Sarajevo today.

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