OHR SRT News Summary, 9 June 1999

Headlines

- Talks in Kumanovo still without results
- Russia can send between 2,000 and 10,000 soldiers to Kosovo, Sergeyev stated
- Tore Bogh new head of the **OSCE** mission in Kosovo
- Elisabeth Rehn in Banja Luka- three weeks for the reconstruction of the RS police

Talks in Kumanovo on withdrawal of the Yugoslav Army and the police from Kosmet, between General Michael Jackson and the Yugoslav delegation, were interrupted today at around 17:15 hrs. Today's talks, which started around 14:00 hrs, Clifford assessed as very constructive and announced the continuation of the talks for tomorrow morning.

The first group of Pomoravlje district police has returned from Kosovo and Metohija where it was engaged in the fighting against the separatist KLA, Beta reports.

The chairman of the <u>OSCE</u> organisation Knut Vollebaek today appointed a Norwegian person as new head of the <u>OSCE</u> mission in Kosmet.

<u>NATO</u> bombing in the past 24 hours by a SRNA correspondent (Djakovica, Dragas, Gora)

NATO briefing: Jamie Shea stressed that Milosevic is to be blamed for the continuation of air strikes, and not NATO. The NATO spokesperson said that the commander of the so-called KLA Hashim Thaqui stated that the KLA will announce in a few days a declaration on refraining from attacks and cooperating with the IC forces. General Jertz admitted the loss of one unmanned aerial vehicle of the Alliance, which was shot down above Yugoslavia last night. He stressed that, on the west of Kosovo, the Yugoslav army is using heavy artillery in fighting with the KLA, adding that grenades are being fired into Albania as well.

RS Vice President Mirko Sarovic, PM Milorad Dodik and Minister of Interior Sredoje Novic talked in Banja Luka today in separate meetings with Elisabeth Rehn. RS has a three-week deadline to apply the most important provisions of the agreement on the reconstruction of the RS police, Rehn stated after the meetings.

RS Vice President Sarovic, PM Dodik and the vice president of the Government Tihomir Gligoric talked in Banja Luka today in separate meetings with Peter Stocker, <u>ICRC</u> coordinator to BiH.

BiH PA House of Peoples session held in Sarajevo today. BiH CoM co-presiding Svetozar Mihajlovic talked in Sarajevo today in separate meetings with Italian and Norwegian Ambassadors to BiH.

Breaking news: the world TV stations report that the <u>NATO</u>-Yugoslav delegation talks in Kumanovo had been resumed.

SDS press conference