

Transcript of the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference

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Day 2 and 3 of the High Representative's Farewell Tour

The High Representative is in Gornji Vakuf/Uskoplje this morning, on the second day of his farewell tour of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In GUV, as elsewhere, the High representative is meeting the municipal leaders, as well as opposition leaders, but he is also meeting informally with citizens to discuss the impact on their lives that has been made by changes introduced during the last three and a half years.

This afternoon the High Representative will travel to Banja Luka, where he will meet with RS officials, including RS President Dragan Cavic, RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic and RS Finance Minister, Svetlana Cenik and with representatives of Refugee Associations and refugee families. During his visit to Banja Luka, the High Representative will also meet with SNSD leader Milorad Dodik.

A number of media opportunities are planned in Banja Luka, and the Media Advisory that we issues relating to this visit will be available at the end of this press conference for those of you who may not have seen it already.

At the conclusion of his three-day farewell tour the High Representative will visit Srebrenica, on Wednesday 25 January 2006.

He will meet Mayor Malkic and representatives of the Association of Mothers of Srebrenica and pay his respects to the victims of the Srebrenica Massacre, at the Potocari Memorial Centre.

The High Representative will also visit returnees to Srebrenica with whom he and his wife, Jane, have stayed in the past.

There will be doorstepper at 13:45, tomorrow, Wednesday 25 January at the Potocari Memorial Centre.

OSCE

No statement.

EUPM

No statement.

EUFOR

No statement.

RTQs

Antonio Prlenda, Oslobodjenje

Jem, do you know any outcome of the investigation about Kozarska Dubica, the cache of the weapons that you found? You

know, the three tons of ammunition and everything – is there anything?

Jem Thomas, EUFOR:

Yes, I can say that the forces up in Banja Luka , the Multinational Task Force North West, have looked at the actual weapons that they uncovered – some three tons of mortar bombs, mortar shells, one of the biggest cache they found. So far their investigation is leading to the fact that they may have been their for some time. All the weapons are in very poor condition. It could have been there for some years, possibly even going back as far as the war. So that is currently what we are looking at. A lot of the weapons are unserviceable and unsafe, so it looks like they were not sitting there ready for someone to grab them and to cause trouble now.

Antonio Prlenda, Oslobodjenje

Is there any sign on the boxes so that you can find a conclusion that it belongs to, I don't know, the RS or anybody else? Or the place where it is made maybe?

Jem Thomas, EUFOR:

I can not answer that question at the moment. I have not got those details. However I can certainly check with North West to see if they have any further details.