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## **Kosovo media Highlights**

### **Holkeri reports to UNSC without Kosovars (*Zëri*)**

The chief of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo Harri Holkeri will demand from the UNSC on Thursday to increase pressure on Pristina and Belgrade to continue the dialogue, which started in Vienna, *Zëri* reports. This information was made public by international sources. These sources confirmed that Holkeri would submit a report to the UNSC on the recent developments in Kosovo.

SRSJ Holkeri expressed his dissatisfaction with the stance of the leaders of political parties and will include this fact in the report. On the other hand, Kosovar leaders have said several times that it is meaningless that even four years after the war, the voice of Kosovars is not heard in the UN.

### **Priorities: Dialogue, security and dismantling of parallel structures (*Zëri*)**

The Secretary General of UN Kofi Anna has prepared a report on the developments in Kosovo, *Zëri* reports.

In the beginning of the report, Annan reaffirms the priorities of the international community in Kosovo such as: improvement in the rule of law and security,

particularly of minorities, advancement of the returns process and strengthening of economic development.

First, Annan fully supports transfer of competencies from Chapter five of the Constitutional Framework, the paper further reports. This process is due to happen by the end of this year. Although Annan is aware of Kosovo government's request for additional competencies from Chapter eight of the Constitutional Framework (the so called 'reserved competencies'), he doesn't comment on this issue at all.

Second, Annan further re-stresses full support for the concept 'standards before status'. He will announce a detailed plan for implementation of this with specific responsibilities for local authorities.

Third, regarding the security issue, Annan welcomes Kosovar leaders statements in which attacks against Serb minority were condemned and asks the leaders to take concrete steps in order to stop such attacks.

Annan is aware about the existence of the parallel structures, which have support of Belgrade and demands that they be dismantled, *Zëri* reports.

Fourth, Annan fully supports the start of the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia. He will also invite both sides to carry on the talks in order to improve the daily life of the Kosovo residents.

### **Annan announces review of Rexhepi's demand for more competences (Zëri)**

The UN Secretary General Kofi Annan will urge both sides (Pristina and Belgrade) to establish new contacts and to work together to improve the daily life of Kosovo residents, *Zëri* reports.

'The beginning of the direct talks on practical issues of mutual interest between Pristina and Belgrade has dominated political agenda in Kosovo. My SRSG (Harri Holkeri) is involved actively in the dialogue since his appointment in August. After long consultations with Kosovo Albanians and Serbs, officials of Serbia and Montenegro the dialogue began on October 14,' Annan writes.

The demands of the Kosovo Prime Minister for more competences are mentioned in Annan's report. Kofi Annan says there that 'the proposal made by Prime Minister and which are in accordance with the UNSC Resolution and the Constitutional Framework have been accepted and are being given positive consideration'.

'As part of efforts to enhance cooperation between UNMIK and the Provisional Institutions, and in order to further operationalize the standards, a standards implementation plan is being developed to set clear timelines and success criteria for the achievement of the standards in line with the 'standards before status' formula, while assigning clear responsibility for institutions to take the lead in particular areas,' the report said.

‘I am encouraged by indications that the Provisional Institutions increasingly focus on adopting policies and legislation which address the concrete and immediate needs of the population of Kosovo and I welcome signs of strengthened cooperation and consultation with UNMIK’, Annan reports.

### **Batic demands extradition of Haradinaj, Thaçi and Çeku (Koha & Zëri)**

Serbian Minister of Justice Vladan Batic demanded from the SRSJ Harri Holkeri to extradite Ramush Haradinaj, Agim Çeku and Hashim Thaçi or to begin trials against them in Kosovo, *Zëri* reports.

Batic further demanded the dismissal of Agim Çeku from the position of the KPC Commander, while asking for seizing of the passports of Thaçi and Haradinaj.

### **Thaçi: I do not believe that The Hague will file charges against me (Zëri)**

The PDK leader Hashim Thaçi told the Serbian based TV Station *Palma Plus* that he was convinced that the ICTY will not accuse him of war crimes. ‘Mrs. Del Ponte has announced new charges, but this doesn’t mean that she is talking about Albanians, she might talk about Kosovo Serbs,’ Thaçi said.

He also said that Kosovo will never be part of Serbia and invited displaced Serbs to return to their homes and to become ‘part of the economic and social progress’.

### **Jashari family accuses KFOR of lack of seriousness, KFOR said to be attacked (All dailies)**

A serious incident occurred late in the afternoon on Saturday between the Jashari family in Prekaz and KFOR members. A day later, both sides gave their versions regarding the incident, while this issue forced Prime Minister Rexhepi to visit Prekaz.

The members of the Jashari family claimed that KFOR members entered their garden on Saturday afternoon after they took over the family properties during the day. The Jashari family also claimed that the KFOR action lacked seriousness because its members were laughing, singing and screaming and entered the garden without notice.

While the press release of the MNB(N) said that a KFOR vehicle was located near Murat Jashari’s house to survey the area and the streets. A few men came out of the house with baseball bats and a dog and threatened the patrol asking it to go away.

On the same issue paper, *Zëri* quoted Murat Jashari as saying that ‘we never were and we never will be above the law, we do not want any privileges, but to be equal to other Kosovo citizens. I hope that this is the last provocation’.

*Epoka E Re* in a front-page title writes that touching Jashari family is Serbian banditry.

### **Shala: Without host (Zëri)**

In the last three days we have heard two bad news. First is that Kosovo is facing great problems. The second news is that Kosovo has no host. You may say that you have known this for a long time and I understood it late. Maybe. But, two grave happenings recently proved that Kosovars are going downhill at high speed.

Let's go back to these happenings. First, we had the incident with General Agim Çeku, KPC commander. Second was the serious incident at the property of the Jashari family. All details about Çeku's arrest are now revealed. But the Prekaz incident on Saturday when a clash between French KFOR and Jashari family seemed possible should be resolved. It is well known what the sacrifice of the Jashari family means for the freedom of Kosovo. In both versions on this clash, in versions of the Jashari family and at the French KFOR press release, it seems that this has been ignored.

It seems that neither UNMIK nor local authorities are aware of how much problematic the situation in Kosovo is. ... We were lucky in both cases.

However, Kosovo is celebrating the UN day and the beginning of Ramadan. Four days off. It seems that if Kosovo were to go upside down during this holiday nothing will stop that. This is Kosovo, without a host.

### **Palokaj: Justice of the Hague Tribunal (Koha Ditore)**

*In an opinion piece for **Koha Ditore**, Augustin Palokaj, the paper's correspondent from Brussels says that Carla del Ponte insists on prosecuting only high level cases, but that nobody has defined the criteria on which to decide who is and who isn't headed for the Hague. For this reason, presidents, ministers and generals from Serbia have been accused of crimes in Kosovo, while from the Albanian side we have almost anonymous people like 'prison guards' Haradin Balaj and Isak Musliu.*

There are two nations in the Balkans that have so far strongly supported the work of the Hague Tribunal. No wonder the Albanians and the Bosniaks liked it the most, since these two nations were the biggest victims of the wars in the region, hoping that punishing architects and perpetrators of this war would bring them the feeling of justice. But recently, this trust has been shaken among the Albanians and the Bosniaks and this is because people are seeing more and more that the work of the Prosecutor's office is trying to equalize the responsibility for crimes among all sides. Maybe this office itself does not want nations to have respect for what they do as a sign of being able to say 'look we are unbiased and that we are charging people from all sides'.

The problem lies in the fact that by filing charges against all, as a proof of impartiality, the Prosecutors' office is showing that it is politically influenced, at least when deciding which cases to prosecute or not.

Carla del Ponte insists that the work of the Tribunal is to process only high-level cases, but so far nobody has determined the criteria as to who is going to the Hague and who is not. For this reason, presidents, ministers and generals from Serbia have been accused of crimes in Kosovo, while from the Albanian side we have almost anonymous people like 'prison guards' Haradin Balaj and Isak Musliu.

So far, only one indictment has been raised against the Serbs and one against the Albanians for crimes in Kosovo, since the latest indictment of four Serb generals is like the previous one. For legal experts, these two indictments cannot be compared, since the first one against the Serbs proves that crimes have been committed

systematically by the highest state bodies, through state structures, while the crimes with which three Albanians, former KLA fighters, are charged, though terrible crimes, cannot compare with the crimes of Serbs. Even here it is not known what criteria Carla del Ponte used to investigate the case of “Lapushnik prison/camp” and to categorize it as ‘high profile’. If the size of the crime were the criteria, it would be somewhere the 270<sup>th</sup> in the list, meaning after 270 indictments against the Serbs for much bigger crimes than those in the territory of Kosovo. If the level of crime was to be determined by the political or military position of the suspects, then we can say that unlike Limaj the other three accused were anonymous for the public, and today they are sitting in the same chair as Milosevic.

In this respect, the Prosecutor’s Office has made a shameful mistake of accusing the wrong person, who was later released, and by now, Carla del Ponte, or somebody from her office has not found the courage to apologize publicly to Agim Murtezi. Let us not mention the taxpayers money wasted in vain by the investigators of the Tribunal, who had concluded there was sufficient ground for arresting Agim Murtezi. The more we analyze these facts, the more reliable the assumption that the criteria is based on ethnicity, i.e. they had to investigate some cases from the Albanian side, too, maybe to please the Serbian officials. This is confirmed when the Tribunal says they are not going to raise new indictments against the Serbs for crimes committed in Kosovo, at a time when they are investigating two cases of KLA members. If the Prosecutors’ Office looks only at the names mentioned in testimonies against Milosevic, as potential suspects, then the Hague could at least investigate 100 cases, and each of them would be of higher profile than Isak Musliu and Haradin Balaj. We are not saying whether what the Prosecutors’ Office is saying is true or false.

The other case that has irritated public opinion, especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the announcement that Alia Izetbegovic, former President of BH, was a war crime suspect and was under investigation by the Hague Tribunal. This was even more irritating, for some even inhumane because it was mentioned at a time his burial was taking place and at a time when international officials like Javier Solana and Lord Robertson were expressing their condolences, and were calling him a hero of his nations’ war for survival. To make it even more irritating, it was the Serb minister of Justice, Batic, who was the first to publicly say he was to be indicted and that Carla del Ponte had promised him that one and a half years ago. Although nobody can deny the fact that all the sides have committed crimes, it is entirely unacceptable and inhuman to compare systematic crimes of Serbs in Bosnia and Kosovo with the eventual individual crimes of the Albanians and the Bosniaks as a sign of revenge, since neither Kosovo nor Bosnia had a system in place during the war. Although they might say they do not care much about the public opinion, and that they work as professionals, the Prosecutors’ office should have in mind that one of the aims of the Tribunal is to bring the feeling of justice to victims, to punish crimes and create conditions for reconciliation. Filing charges against Albanians and Bosniaks, the Prosecutors’ Office of the Tribunal is seen by the public as if it is trying to make crimes of the Serbian state and its satellites in Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina rather relative, and for some, even trying to justify them.

Despite all this, neither the Albanians nor the Bosniaks should turn their backs on the Hague Tribunal, and as they are the only two peoples who do not have in their ranks suspects at large, and they are the only peoples, whose leaders are ready to cooperate with the Tribunal.

While in Serbia, the number of those who Serbia does not want to hand over is reaching 20, and this fact makes the comparison of Serb crimes with those trying to save themselves from them even more painful.

### **Ceku: I am accusing UNMIK officials (*Epoka e Re*)**

*Epoka e Re* gave an interview that Tirana based paper *Gazeta Shqiptare* conducted with KPC commander General Agim Çeku.

*Were released as result of diplomatic intervention or as a result of the explanation of issues by the Slovenian authorities?*

From both sides. Diplomats intervened to get me released. After their intervention by the Kosovo government and UNMIK, I am now free. I was arrested on the basis of a Belgrade warrant which doesn't have jurisdiction in Kosovo. This was explained to the Slovenian authorities, but this explanation must have happened earlier. It should have been explained to them that the Belgrade warrant has no value for Kosovo. This must be done by UNMIK earlier. The international authorities in Pristina should be more responsible.

*Do you accuse UNMIK for lack of responsibility regarding this issue?*

Yes, I accuse UNMIK officials. They are responsible for providing us protection abroad. They have responsibility to tell us if there are certain obstacles. UNMIK is in permanent contact with Interpol and it should have Serbian warrants cancelled. UNMIK should make trips abroad safe, to all countries. Apart from Belgrade, where I would not go ever, not because of this but because I would not love to go there.

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### Kofi Annan on situation in Kosovo and Metohija (*Politika/Tanjug*)

The UNSG Kofi Annan has called on the Serbian authorities and interim institutions in Kosovo and Metohija to work jointly through the recently commenced contacts

towards improving daily life of the province's population. In the report on UNMIK activities over the past three months, prepared by SG Annan for the UNSC, he welcomed the dialogue that commenced in Vienna on 14 October, and stressed that "the development of efficient institutions in Kosovo and Metohija should be tied towards the improvement of contacts and cooperation with Belgrade." Annan called on Belgrade and Pristina to invest efforts so talks would result in concrete actions that would lead to the significant improvement of the daily life of the citizens of Kosovo and Metohija. Violence threatens to disturb the process of normalization and reconciliation among the members of all ethnic groups in Kosovo and Metohija, stressed Annan in the report, and concluded that violence aimed at minorities was unacceptable and must be most strongly condemned.

### **Holkeri considers Albanian politicians irresponsible (Glas/Tanjug)**

Irresponsibility of political officials from Kosovo and Metohija, to whom internal fights are dearer than the well being of their people, evokes certain pessimism into the future of this territory. "Tensions among parties are more important than the resolution of daily problems. I can't understand why politicians don't want to negotiate towards protecting people's interests," said Holkeri in an address from Pristina to the Finnish *CTT* agency. According to *AFP*, quoted by *CTT*, Holkeri, who used to be the Finnish conservative premier, first of all had in mind Albanian leaders in Kosovo and Metohija.

### **Holkeri stronger than law (Blic)**

If the police of two different states arrest disreputable KLA leaders within only several months, and then release them at the sign of the international community, while Serbia must "immediately" or "as soon as possible" extradite all of its indicted, what partnership are we talking about? Dragan Sutanovac, the President of the Serbian Parliament's Committee for Security, cannot precisely answer this question as well: "'The problem is not in legality, but in the fact that the international community doesn't want to respect the Agreement on extradition. It is obvious that the power of Harri Holkeri and UNMIK administration is greater from the law respected by the UN or EU members. Our country has good cooperation with Interpol. That means, cooperation with certain countries exists and in this sense we don't have a problem with the international community, but we have a problem when at issue are individual cases.'"

### **Vladan Batic: UNMIK has proof of KLA crimes (Glas)**

UNMIK's head office for judiciary and UNMIK's head cabinet have enormous documentation on the war crimes committed by KPC commander Agim Cheku, former head of KLA military headquarters, Hashim Thaci, KLA leader, now PDK leader, KLA leader for the regions of Metohija, Ramush Haradinaj, presently AAK leader, and other KLA leaders. Serbian Justice Minister Vladan Batic has confirmed this to *Glas*, thus denying UNMIK spokesperson Sunil Narula. We recall that Narula denied on Pristina *TV Koha* the statement made by Serbian Justice Minister Vladan Batic that UNMIK had documentation on the crimes committed by Thaci and Cheku. "We haven't received a single document from the Serbian Justice Ministry, although we requested that this information be submitted to us," said Narula. Reacting to this statement, Batic said it wasn't true. "As the Serbian Justice Minister, I wrote twice to the Director of UNMIK judiciary, Mr. Williamson was on that post at the time, and

even three times to the UNMIK head and informed them on our knowledge of Thaci's and Cheku's crimes. The public was informed about all this," Batic told *Glas*, and announced an open letter to UNMIK Head Harri Holkeri on this occasion.

### **Bomb in Obilic again (*Vecernje Novosti*)**

On Saturday evening, a bomb was thrown on the house of Dragan Arsic in Cerska street in Obilic. Fortunately, nobody was injured. Arsic, who lives in fear as the 380 remaining Serbs in this town near Pristina following the monstrous murder of the Stolic family, send his wife and their two daughters to Poland to his in-laws, and he stayed to protect their house. When the bomb exploded, Arsic was in the bathroom. A group of young men from the neighborhood that was playing cards in the next room with candles, because entire Kosovo and Metohija didn't have electricity over the damage in the Obilic thermo electric power station, was also lucky. Investigation is underway, while this is the third bomb attack in Obilic this year, as activist Nebojsa Stolic informed us from the spot.

### **Batic's open letter to Holkeri (*Vecernje Novosti*)**

Serbian Justice Minister Vladan Batic sent on Sunday an open letter to UNMIK chief Harri Holkeri, in which he denied claims that Serbian state bodies never sent evidence about crimes that were committed in Kosovo and Metohija by the current KPC commander Agim Cheku and by other members of the former KLA. "In the capacity of justice minister in the Serbian government, I am very surprised by the content of the letter that, following the arrest of Agim Cheku, you sent to the Slovenian authorities, claiming that for you, as special UN adviser, the decision of Serbian judicial bodies did not represent a legally relevant document, because the territory of Kosovo and Metohija has its own legal system that is completely separated from the Serbian legal system," Batic said in the letter to Holkeri.

### **Thaci: I am sure I will not be indicted by the ICTY (*Balkan*)**

PDK leader Hashim Thaci has stated he was certain that he would never be indicted by the ICTY. "I know that people in the Serbian Justice Ministry and Vladan Batic himself will be disappointed, but The Hague is not working according to the wishes of Belgrade. If Batic would be the one in charge, I would go, but he is not in charge," Thaci told, Jagodina TV *Palma Plus*, in an interview broadcast on Saturday evening. Thaci said Kosovo was for a dialogue with Serbia as a neighboring country, and that they should have talked on those grounds in Vienna. I think that representatives of other ethnic communities should be in the Kosovo delegation, and Kosovo and Serbia should not be a burden to each other on the road towards Europe, he said.

### **Rada Trajkovic: Some want ethnically clean Kosovo (*Blic*)**

KP AM Rada Trajkovic has assessed that all those who wish the abolishment of the alleged parallel institutions in Kosovo and Metohija wished an ethnically clean Kosovo and Metohija. "Those institutions that individuals call parallel, represent institutions of life and survival for Kosovo Serbs in this region," said Trajkovic. She stressed that UNMIK was obliged to create institutions for Serbs here that would have the function of protecting them, and not outvoting Serb representatives. The task of the international community's representatives in Kosovo and Metohija is to enable decentralization of authority in the province, and only then to think about abolishing

the alleged parallel institutions, said Trajkovic, who is also the member of the executive board of the SNC for central Kosovo and Metohija.

**KFOR soldier lightly injured (Glas/Beta)**

A group of Albanians has attacked a group of around 30 French members of KFOR near Srbica, northern Kosovo, *Beta* reports. KFOR spokesperson Chris Thompson has confirmed this assault adding that one soldier was lightly injured. He added investigation was underway and that KFOR would announce details later on. Soldiers were exercising an observation mission in the field.

**Serbia sends electricity to Kosovo and Metohija (Danas/Beta)**

Thanks to the delivery by the Serbian Electric Industry of 250 megawatts of electric energy, the supply regime, according to which the province was supplied with electricity for two hours, while restrictions last four hours, is still in force, Albanian media reports. According to their reports, the thermo-electric power plant in Obilic near Pristina is not producing electric energy, while five blocks of thermo-electric power plant Kosovo A and two blocks of power plant Kosovo B are in "hibernation." One hundred tons of oil is needed to start the production of electric energy.

**Policemen on strike (Glas/Beta)**

A group of 45 former Albanian policemen, who have been without jobs for 13 years, have been on a hunger strike for the fourth day in Pristina, demanding from the local institutions in Kosovo employment in the service.