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## Kosovo Media Highlights

### Holkeri expects UN will berate Kosovar leaders (*Koha Ditore & Zëri*)

In his report before the UNSC Holkeri will talk about the current political and security situation and in particular about the start and the possibilities for continuing the contacts between Pristina and Belgrade leaders, *Zëri* reports. This issue remained the prime preoccupation for Holkeri since his arrival in Kosovo, the paper reports.

### Holkeri: Mission in Kosovo is not impossible (*dailies*)

In an interview for radio *Voice of America* before his departure to New York, SRSG Harri Holkeri said that his report to the UNSC would attempt to be realistic, *Zëri* reports.

‘I will tell them that the roads in Kosovo are not full of roses, but at the same time it is not a mission impossible. There are lots of fields where we can achieve success,’ Holkeri was quoted as saying.

### **Annan: Belgrade government has made freedom of movement for the Kosovo Serbs difficult (Zëri)**

*Zëri* reports the UN criticized Belgrade for its decisions are impeding the integration of the Serbian minority in Kosovo.

‘Freedom of movement is worsened by the decisions of the Serbian government not to sign an agreement that would allow the use of Kosovo number plates in Serbia as well as their call [on the Kosovo Serbs] to not register vehicles through UNMIK,’ the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was quoted as saying.

### **PM Rexhepi says UNSC will approve his plan for operationalizing standards (dailies)**

*Zëri* reports Kosovo Prime Minister Bajram Rexhepi as saying that the plan for operationalizing the standards would get approval in New York. According to him by operationalizing the standards the responsibilities would be shared between UNMIK and the government.

### **Do warrant guarantees make the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia impossible? (Zëri)**

*Zëri* asks whether working groups for dialogue will be successful if Serbia doesn’t cancel its warrant guarantees? Kosovo Prime Minister Rexhepi said that Serbian warrant guarantees against Kosovar political leaders are estimated by the Kosovo government as a lack of willingness for building a relaxed relationship between Kosovo and Serbia.

‘As they [Serbia] are carrying on, they are creating a gap between us,’ Rexhepi was quoted as saying.

### **UNMIK: The arrested from Kaçanik committed war crimes against civilians (dailies)**

UNMIK spokesperson Neeraj Singh said that indictments against five Albanians ‘are still in the investigative stage and they are charged for war crimes against civilians during the conflict in 1999, but they are not related to The Hague’, *Zëri* reports.

The paper further reports that the UNMIK spokesperson estimated that cooperation with Serbian police should continue, regardless of indictments of ICTY for its senior officials.

‘We should make a distinction between individuals and institutions and the cooperation with Serbian police should continue,’ Singh said when he was asked whether it was right for UNMIK to cooperate with the Serbian Interior Ministry after the indictments of ICTY.

### **The Constitutional Framework was created to govern until status is defined (Koha Ditore)**

*Koha Ditore* reports that UNMIK reminded about the aim and the reason of the Constitutional Framework.

‘Changing the Constitutional Framework is a sensitive issue. The Constitutional Framework was developed in cooperation with the local politicians and the UNSC as well, under whose authority it was prepared. The Constitutional Framework presents a careful balance of forces and interests which aim to serve as a legal basis to govern Kosovo until its final status is defined,’ UNMIK spokesperson Sunil Narula said.

### **Shala: Deleting history (Zëri)**

*Zëri* carried a front-page editorial by Blerim Shala who writes:

‘With its decisions UNMIK is putting in doubt not only the perception (and well known experience) of all of us from the war, but also the actions of the international community and UNMIK’s actions since the beginning’, Shala writes.

### **Buçpapaj: UNMIK is still continuing non-registration of Kosovo Albanians (Bota Sot)**

*Bota Sot* carried a comment by Elida Buçpapaj who writes:

‘There is no reasonable justification for UNMIK’s bureaucracy not to register Kosovo residents during this four and half years that have just past. The real reason for not registering Kosovo residents, which as it is well known is composed by 95 % Albanians, is that it is postponed only for political reasons, by the destructive and anti-Albanian politics that are conducted by certain UNMIK elements,’ she writes.

### **Ibrahim Rexhepi: Week for Kosovo (Koha Ditore)**

*Koha Ditore* carried a comment by Ibrahim Rexhepi who writes:

‘Kosovo business week will convince Kosovars to consume domestic products especially if they convince manufactures to respect our consumers and their pocket,’ Rexhepi writes.

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### SC on Annan's report (*Balkan/Beta*)

On October 30, the UNSC will again review the situation in Kosovo and Metohija, on the basis of a regular quarterly report prepared by UNSG Kofi Annan. In his report Annan condemned violence against Serbs and members of other non-Albanian communities in Kosovo and Metohija, and called upon officials in Belgrade and Pristina to continue the initiated dialogue.

### Holkeri travels to New York (*Danas*)

UNMIK Head Harri Holkeri has traveled to New York where he is to address the UNSC on Thursday. Holkeri will speak at this session about the situation in Kosovo,

and especially, as sources in Pristina report, about the continuation of the commenced dialogue on technical issues of Belgrade and Pristina.

### **OSCE: To apply UN principles (*Danas/Beta*)**

The situation of IDPs in OSCE member-countries, including the problem of IDPs from Kosovo, has been discussed in OSCE headquarters in Vienna. Representatives of the OSCE, UN and the governments of the countries that are faced with the problem of IDPs, exchanged opinions on the possibilities of broader cooperation towards overcoming faster the present situation. Vladimir Cucic, the Head of CCK's department for returns, has pointed to the situation of more than 230,000 IDPs on the territory of SaM and 20,000 IDPs in Kosovo, and stated they lived under very difficult conditions. He said the international community should treat the problem of IDPs according to the principles proclaimed by the UN. Following the conference, he expressed satisfaction with the fact that the UN and OSCE representatives identified in the right way in their speeches the problems faced by IDPs in Kosovo.

### **Ratel: Problem resolved (*Glas/Beta*)**

KFOR regional commander, French General Bernard Ratel, has stated that the case of the attack on KFOR members in the village of Prekaze near Srbica is resolved. The French general confirmed that the soldiers were threatened with arms, but that the problem was resolved after talks with the locals. KFOR members didn't react to the attack, which is, as he said, a correctly performed job.

### **Five Kosovo Albanians arrested (*Politika/Tanjug*)**

Five Kosovo Albanians, former members of the officially disbanded KLA, were arrested in Kacanik in southern Kosovo on October 27, under the suspicion of committing war crimes during the conflicts in 1998 and 1999, UNMIK and KFOR representatives confirmed.

### **CCK on UNMIK police (*Vecernje Novosti*)**

The Head of the CCK judiciary and human rights sector Vladimir Bozovic has addressed a letter to his UNMIK colleague Paul Coffey, requesting an investigation to be implemented against Agim Çeku for war crimes. "If UNMIK claims that it is solely in charge of the war crimes in Kosovo and Metohija, there is its chance to launch an investigation against one of the KLA commanders, and presently of the KPC. There is evidence, and for a start, I expect him to be dismissed, Bozovic said at a press conference. He criticized UNMIK over double standards, and stated as an example the detention of Grujica Jovanovic of Babin Most three days ago because several buried rifles had been discovered 200 meters from his house. Jovanovic is still in prison and innocent, but then nobody from the group of armed Albanians, who attacked a French KFOR patrol in the Gornje Prekaze village a week ago, had not been interrogated. Bozovic confirmed that a group of Albanians was arrested in Kacanik, but because of the kidnapping of its fellow countrymen, and not for crimes against Serb civilians. For example, Albanian terrorists raped mother and daughter Gordana and Zivana Stankovic in Kacanik in 1999, monstrously murdered Velimir Radojkovic, but none of the criminals had so far been arrested or charged.

### **CCK on return of property (*Politika/Tanjug*)**

The UN Housing and Property Directorate (HPD) has received a total of 28,000 claims for the return of usurped property in Kosovo and Metohija, CCK's property and legal issues department head Svetlana Scepanovic said. "A total of 28,000 requests have been filed with the HPD by the deadline of July 1, 2003, and 8,000 of them have been followed through," she told a press conference at the Federation Palace. The main problem is moving out from illegally usurped premises that are not housing. Moving out from usurped premises has been implemented in only 630 cases so far, she said. "Filing complaints are under the jurisdiction of Kosovo courts, and if they don't succeed there, they may complaint with the International Court in Strasbourg as well," said Scepanovic.

### **Assassination prepared on Ljajic and Covic (*Blic*)**

ANA members have been preparing an assassination on Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Nebojsa Covic and SaM Minister for Human and Minority Rights Rasim Ljajic prior to the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue in Vienna, *Blic* learned from the top of the Serbian Interior Ministry. Our collocutor asserts that ANA had prepared to assassinate the representatives of both delegations of the Vienna dialogue, regardless of the fact that their composition was not known prior to that. "ANA's priority goal was to stop the commencement of the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue," claims our source from the Interior Ministry. He stressed that the Serbian Interior received the information on the assassination plan, first of all on Covic and Ljajic, prior to the dialogue in Austria's capital. "Following the assassination of Covic, not only would the process of negotiations between Belgrade and Pristina be stopped, but ANA planned Covic's assassination because it considers him the main negotiator and author of the strategy for resolving the issue of Kosovo and the south of Serbia," states our collocutor who wished to remain anonymous. According to our collocutor, ANA accuses Ljajic "for taking part as a Muslim in the Serbian delegation," as well as for calling this organization the main generator of the crisis in southern Serbia and Kosovo and Metohija.