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Savovic: Children make up 30 percent of killed civilians in Yugoslavia

May 22, 1999

Belgrade, May 22 (Tanjug) - Since the start of the NATO aggression on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, more than 1,200 civilians have been killed, of whom 30 percent are children, the chairman of the Yugoslav committee for cooperation with UNICEF and the promotion of the position of women, Margit Savovic said on Saturday.

Eleven month old Bojana Tosovic killed

Savovic told a press conference at the Yugoslav Army press centre that the hardest hit by the war are the children and that of the 5,000 civilians wounded so far, 40 percent are children.

Underscoring that three million children in Yugoslavia are prevented from sleeping peacefully at night and live in a state of constant stress, Savovic set out that the effects of this will be visible after the war.

In the name of the "humanitarian goals", NATO committed a classical crime of war when killed

Bojana (four) eleven month old
a one-year-old baby in the village of Mirovac near Podujevo and eleven-month-old baby in the village of Mordure, three-year-old Milica Rakic in Vratnica, two high school kids in Vladicin Han, a young girl in the Vardar-ka St. in Belgrade, 70 Albanians in the refugee convoy on the road between Djakovica and Prizren and massacred 81 Albanians in the village of Korisa, with 10 babies and 26 children to 15 years of age among them, Savovic estimates.

A classical crime of war, called by the enemy as a "collateral damage", Savovic says, was also the murder of 50 Serbs in the bus on the road between Nis and Pristina, 30 passengers in the train at the Grdelica gorge, 20 civilians in Srdulica with 12 children

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among them, 3 girls during the raid on the post office in Pristina, killing of the girl Milica Stojanovic in Vranje, 15 employees of the Radio-TV of Serbia, 15 citizens in Nis, six kids in Djakovica, four boys in the village of Doganovci near Urosevac etc.

Korisa, May 15 1995

However, the world publicity doesn't sympathize with the suffering of the civilians, Savovic stresses.

Speaking about the effect of the war on the health of the population, Savovic states that after the war we should expect a lower birth-rate, a deterioration of the people's immune system, an increase of malignant disorders, a rise in the number of invalid children and those without parental care and with disturbed behavior, and an increase in teenage delinquency and serious mental disorders.

According to Savovic, the consequences of war would include a rise in the number of disability pensions, orphans with the disorder in behavior as well as the number of the abused children, while there would be an decrease in the success of studies in the domain of education with the great number of those who would not be able to finish the elementary school.

When speaking about the use of the forbidden ammunition, Savovic says that 15000 cluster bombs were dropped on the FR of Yugoslavia till May 15 which caused the death of 200 and wounding of 400 civilians.

Pointing out that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which signed the World declaration of survival, development and protection of children, had a social insurance of the youngest ones better than the countries of the same financial group, Savovic warns that the dramatic worsening of the economic situation in the FRY and the drop of the life standard would have long-term consequences to the protection and development of children.

Renad Radostinovic

Speaking about the increase of the poverty in our country, Savovic stresses that a number of children included in the program of the social help would be doubled and that more than 60 per cent of children would have the need for some kind of the social help.

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(Belgrade local time - GMT+1)

17:35 NATO attacked village Budisavac near Klinë at 2:44pm.

17:30 14 persons were injured during last night's attacks on electrical power plant in Kolubara.

17:12 Last night at 8:00pm, one NATO airplane was shot down over Bils.

17:03 NATO made more than 684 flights over FRY during last night and early morning. During morning, NATO made the strongest attack on electrical facilities in FRY.

17:00 Yesterday, FRY AAA had shot down one pilotless airplane (type Hunter) near Gora (Kosovo).

16:45 NATO admitted that, during morning, NATO airplanes had attacked one KLA headquarter in Albania by mistake.

16:30 Civilian airport in Leskovac area was attacked at 2:30pm.

15:30 NATO airplanes broke sound barrier over Sabac.

15:25 NATO attacked Albanian village Bair near Kosovska Mitrovica with 18 missiles at 1:05pm. Village Buzet near Dragas (Kosovo) was attacked at 10:00am with 6 missiles. At 8:00am, village Stara Barutana near Prizren was under attack with 8 missiles but nobody was injured.

15:20 NATO attacked 'Jugopetrol' in Smederevo with 3 missiles at 1:50pm.

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14:52 End of air raid in Belgrade.

13:45 Air raid in Belgrade again!

13:12 End of air raid in Belgrade.

12:20 NATO attacked Makis near Belgrade with 3 missiles at

12:10pm. Lipovica and Sremski Rit were also under attack.

12:00 Air raid in Belgrade.

11:55 One detonation in Belgrade.

09:04 The problems with power in Belgrade.

08:40 Air raid danger in Kruševac.

07:20 NATO aircrafts fired more then 100 missiles on targets inside Kosovo within last 24 hours. Over 20 civilians were killed and more then 50 were wounded.

07:10 9 missiles hit wider Sombor area during last night.

06:20 The bridge near Banatski Dvor in Zrenjanin that was damaged two days ago was ruined last night.

06:10 Villages Zamjevac and Mandjelos on Fruska Gora mt. were targeted around 4.00 am.

06:05 Army barrack in Sabac were targeted with 6 missiles.

06:04 End of air raid danger in Belgrade.

05:30 Old police garage in Makis was hit around 3:10 am.

05:10 2 missiles hit Batajica airfield at 3:50 am.

05:05 2 explosions were spotted in wider Valjevo area.

04:25 Rafina near Kraljevo was targeted. "Nalbisgas-promet" fuel depot in Sombor was hit with 2 missiles at 04:15 am.

04:20 Power supply is normalized in most of the cities. Power transformer station "Bor 3" in Bor was hit with 2 missiles tonight.

04:10 Intensive NATO aircraft flights over Subotica, north Yugoslavia.

04:00 Palic area near Subotica was targeted.

03:55 Explosions in Novi Sad area.

03:50 Explosions were heard in Belgrade. Air Defence is acting.

03:30 5-6 heavy explosions were heard in Bransko Mitrovica at 02:20 am.

NATO raids on manufacturing and civilian facilities on May 21st and in the night between May 21st and 22nd 1999

On the 60th day of the aggression on FR Yugoslavia, NATO continues its destruction of manufacturing infrastructure and civilian facilities of great importance to the Yugoslav people. In the attacks yesterday and last night, immense destruction was reported, as well as a great number of casualties in KosMet - faced with constant air-raids. NATO targeted many previously destroyed facilities and residential areas, but also various new targets throughout the country. Carbon and electronic bombs caused, for the fourth time, black-outs and drinking water shortages to a great part of Serbia, which indicates that the enemy is determined to cause a humanitarian catastrophe and weaken the resistance of people defending freedom, sovereignty and integrity of their country.

ISTOK: (08:30) At least 19 people were killed in the Dubrava Penitentiary near Istok, in yesterday's raid on that institution, and more than 10 were severely or lightly wounded. 24 missiles were launched causing huge damage to most of the buildings in the penitentiary perimeter.

POZEGA: (10:55) Four missiles were fired on the village of Visibabe. From 11:00 to 14:00 hours, 16 missiles were fired at Uzice - Pozega road.

KRALJEVO: (11:00) Two missiles were launched on the village of Bogutovac near the town.

SMEDEREVO: (11:00) For the sixth time the "Jugopetrol" depot, in the industrial zone of the town, was targeted with three missiles. One missile hit the grounds of "Trudbenik-Buducnost" factory, and the other Ciodominsko Polje, near the Smederevo MW radio transmitter. Seven people were killed.

VELIKA PLANA: (11:15) The road-bridge on the river Jasenica has been attacked twice, two missiles having been fired in each of the raids. The Belgrade-Nis highway has been severed near Veliko Orasje, and the concrete bridge reduced to rubble collapsed into the river.

BOR: (11:30) NATO fighter-bombers newly raided the "Jugopetrol" depot on the Bor-Slatina road already destroyed in the previous attacks. Residential buildings in the "Elektroistok" quarter have also been damaged.

PRAHOVO: (11,30) The already destroyed "Jugopetrol" facilities in the town have been attacked for the fourth time.

LAZAREVAC: (02,20) Aggressor air-force used carbon-filament and electronic bombs on the facility in the village of Veliki Crljani, disrupting the power grid and leaving many villages and towns in Serbia without electricity.

BEOGRAD: (00,30) During the night, various targets have been raided in the Yugoslav capital. Two missiles were launched at the Lipovacka Suma area, and other targets included the "Jugopetrol" depot in Radnicka St. in the Belgrade Cukarica quarter, the Maks suburban zone, and the Bahujica residential zone. YA Air defence put up fierce resistance.

SABAC: (00,10) The old part of town was been targeted with 7 missiles, and eight more were fired at the Mt. Ujer zone. The Town Hall has been damaged as well as numerous civilian buildings. The attacks were countered by YA Air Defence.

NOVI SAD: (03,40) Enemy planes raided the Mt. Pirocin Gora zone and the TV relay tower on Trski Venac Peak. The YA Air Defence responded sternly.

SUBOTICA: (03,40) The radio tower and the meteorological station on the banks of the near-by Lake Palić were attacked. The surrounding residential buildings suffered major damages.

SOMBOR: (03,45) The "Natlugas" fuel depot has been attacked twice over the night. This caused serious damage to near-by companies and residential buildings. Enemy planes also dropped propaganda leaflets.

PRISTINA: Many villages and towns in the southern Serbian province were targeted: Urosevac, Podujevo, Kosovo Polje, the zone around Klinck... At least 100 bombs or missiles have been dropped on Kosovo and Metohija in the past 24 hours.

NATO STRIKES AT SERBIA POWER SYSTEM AGAIN

BELGRADE: - Aggressor NATO struck at 2:20 a.m. Saturday at the Serbia electrical power system for the fourth time since aggression on Yugoslavia was launched on March 24.

It used highly destructive missiles in an attack on the Kolubara thermo-electric power plant in Veliki Crljani, and graphite bombs, causing short-circuits on several of the most important electrical power system installations, the Serbia Elektroprivreda power

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The targets of the projectiles were the same as in the three previous attacks on the plant with graphite bombs, and included also the electricity distribution installations and a nearby transformer station.

The hit plant is about 50 kilometers from Belgrade, and is part of the the Nikola Tesla thermo-electric power plant.

Due to the damages caused on the Kolubara power plant, Elektroprivreda will not be able to count on the facility for a longer period.

As a result of the targeting of the electrical power station facilities, aimed at causing a large-scale humanitarian disaster, a large part of Serbia has been left without electricity.

NATO AIRCRAFT BOMB BAJINA BASTA HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT FACILITY

BAJINA BASTA - NATO aircraft dropped two graphite bombs on the Escrovian facility at Bajina Basta that is linked with the hydro-electric power plant at Perucac, during a raid launched at 2:15 a.m. local time on Saturday.

The attack left the entire area without power and water supply.

There were no casualties in the attack, the information centre in Bajina Basta, western Serbia, reported.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET SERBIAN POWER INDUSTRY FACILITIES IN POZAREVAC AREA

POZAREVAC - NATO aircraft raided Serbian power industry facilities in the area of Pozarevac, eastern Serbia, twice between 2 a.m. and 2:20 a.m. local time on Saturday.

The raid left Pozarevac, Veliko Gradiste, Kucevo, Kolubara and Smederevo without electricity, the information centre in Pozarevac reported.

NATO AIRCRAFT HIT CIVILIAN TARGETS IN BELGRADE

BELGRADE - NATO aircraft raided civilian targets in Belgrade at around 0:30 a.m. local time on Saturday.

One detonation was heard in the direction of Lipovica at around this time, the city's information centre reported.

The aircraft fired two missiles at a Jugopetrol fuel dump in Belgrade's district of Cukarica soon after, damaging the nearby tram grid, the centre said.

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NATO BOMBARDS BELGRADE SUBURB BATAJNICA

BELGRADE - Aggressor NATO aircraft bombarded the area of the Belgrade suburb Batajnica at around 3:50 a.m. local time Saturday.

Two strong explosions were heard and a heavy counter-attack by the Army of Yugoslavia air defense.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET BELGRADE SUBURB OF MAKIS

BELGRADE - NATO aircraft raided the Belgrade suburb of Makis soon after 3 a.m. local time on Saturday.

A strong detonation was heard also in the direction of the village of Cincula, between Lipovica and Barajevo, at 1:15 a.m., the city's information centre reported.

NATO AIRCRAFT AGAIN RAID MOUNT FRUSKA GORA NEAR NOVI SAD

NOVI SAD - Several strong detonations, coming from the direction of Mount Fruska Gora, rocked Novi Sad, Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, between 3:45 and 4:10 a.m. local time on Saturday.

According to unofficial reports, NATO aircraft again bombed a television tower at Trski Venac.

Yugoslav anti-aircraft batteries opened heavy fire on the aircraft.

The aircraft fired three missiles in the area of Mount Fruska Gora at around 9:30 a.m.

NATO AIRCRAFT AGAIN TARGET BRIDGE ACROSS BEGEJ AT BANATSKI DVOR

ZRENJANIN - NATO aircraft again raided the bridge across the Begej at Banatski Dvor, Ziliste municipality, in Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, at around 2:30 a.m. local time on Saturday, the municipal civil defence centre reported.

The aircraft fired two missiles at the bridge, located on the route linking Zrenjanin and Romania's town of Timisoara via Srpska Cinja. The bridge first came under attack two days ago after which it was closed to traffic.

A telephone cable attached to the bridge was damaged in the attack.

NATO AIRCRAFT RAID WIDER AREA OF VOJVODINA TOWN OF SUBOTICA

SUBOTICA - NATO aircraft attacked the wider area of Subotica,

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In the north of Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, at 3:50 a.m. local time on Saturday.

The aircraft struck at a weather station and Radio Sabotica medium wave transmitter at Palic that were targeted also earlier.

NATO AIRCRAFT RAID VOJVODINA TOWN OF SOMBOR TWICE IN ONE NIGHT

SOMBOR - NATO aircraft attacked for the second time Sombor, Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, early on Saturday.

The aircraft fired four missiles at the town's southern industrial zone at around 4:15 a.m. local time.

According to unofficial reports, the missiles hit a Naftagas Promet oil depot. A thick column of smoke was seen in the area soon after the attack.

The aircraft raided the town first at 3:50 a.m.

NATO AIRCRAFT STRIKE AGAIN AT PIROT

PIROT - The town of Piro, south-eastern Serbia, was a target of another NATO air assault at 5:55 p.m. local time Friday.

Three projectiles were launched on the outskirts of Piro, which was bombarded also a week ago.

NATO AIRCRAFT AGAIN ATTACK BOR

BOR - Aggressor NATO targeted with two very powerful projectiles the transformer station within the Bor Mining-Smelting Complex at 2:40 a.m. local time Saturday.

The vital facility, which supplies the metallurgical complex with electricity, was destroyed in a NATO attack a few days ago, due to which the production in the smelting plant and other metallurgical facilities came to a halt.

According to the Bor civil defense headquarters, there were no casualties in the attack but heavy damages were caused on nearby housing and business facilities.

It was the fifth NATO air strike against Bor since aggression on Yugoslavia was launched on March 24.

NATO AIRCRAFT ATTACK KRALJEVO AREA

KRALJEVO - NATO aircraft launched a projectile at the village of Ratina, five kilometers east of Kraljevo, at 2:45 a.m. Saturday.

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Shortly before the explosion, Kladjevo was left without the electricity and water supply.

NATO AIRCRAFT LAUNCH 16 PROJECTILES IN 20 MINUTES ALONE IN KOSOVO

PRISTINA - Aggressor NATO aircraft launched 16 projectiles at strictly civilian targets in Kosovo and Metohija in 20 minutes alone, beginning at 7:07 p.m. local time Friday.

Two projectiles fell between Mt. Gole and the Slatina civilian airport in the Lipanji municipality, and seven in the village of Sura Barutina, in Prizren municipality.

The area of the village of Zogradsko Hoca, the Prizren municipality, was targeted with three projectiles at around 7:25 p.m. local time.

The hill overlooking the village of Berkovo was targeted by NATO aircraft three times, with four projectiles, after 7 p.m. local time.

Enemy aircraft had launched four projectiles at the hill at around 6:20 p.m. Friday.

ONE PERSON KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED IN NATO RAID ON DJAKOVICA

PRISTINA - One civilian was killed and four lightly wounded in a NATO raid on central Djakovica, in the southwest of Serbia's Kosovo and Metohija province, at around 5:30 p.m. local time on Friday, the Pristina-based Media Centre reported.

The NATO aircraft showered the town's centre with six missiles.

The civilian that was killed was in his house located in this part of the town, while the four wounded persons were in a car at the time of the attack, the Media Centre said.

NATO AIRCRAFT ATTACK PRISON IN ISTOK SIX TIMES IN ONE DAY

PRISTINA - NATO aircraft launched two missiles on the prison in Istok, Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, soon after 3 p.m. local time on Friday.

This was the sixth raid on the prison in one day. Nineteen prisoners and guards were killed and more than ten wounded in the raids.

The aircraft fired five missiles at a barracks in Prizren that has already been flattened to the ground, in a ten-minute attack that commenced at 9:20 p.m.

One missile landed in the area between Prizren and the nearby

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village of Zur at around 9.40 p.m.

AGGRESSOR NATO TARGETS KOSMET OVERNIGHT

PRISTINA - Aggressor NATO aircraft again targeted strictly civilian facilities in Kosovo and Metohija on the night of May 21-22.

Enemy aircraft launched five projectiles at the area of the village of Prelez, the Grosovac municipality, at around 10:15 p.m. local time Friday, according to the Provincial Emergency Centre.

Three projectiles were launched on the wider area of Pristina at around 11 p.m. local time, and another one somewhat later. The target of the attack is still unknown.

NATO aircraft launched several projectiles in two lanes at the area around Klina, first at around 10:15 p.m. local time and again 11:50 p.m. local time Friday.

The village of Banja near Pec was a target of enemy aircraft at 11:30 p.m. local time.

The area north of Podujevo was targeted with several projectiles at around 1:20 a.m. local time Saturday.

From 8:25 a.m. local time Friday until 1:20 a.m. local time Saturday, enemy aircraft launched at least 100 projectiles on Kosovo and Metohija, killing at least 20 persons, wounding over 50, and, at the same time, inflicting immense damages.

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Serbia without electricity and water

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Belgrade, 22nd May 1999 - From the last night the greatest part of Serbia is without electricity and water. The aggressor shelled with soft carbon bombs power plant facilities in Lazarevac, Bajina Basta, Sombor, Smederevo, Kostolac and Nis.



Serbia without electricity

NATO aggressor aviation fired two bombs with special material on the plant Jiserovina near Bajina Basta that is connected to the power plant "Bajina Basta" in Perucac. Because of this attack the electricity is cut in the entire area and water as well. Professional teams are in the field investigating ecological consequences.

NATO Alliance aviation targeted twice this night, between 02:00 a.m. and 02:20 a.m. facilities of the electricity transmission system of Serbia in Pozarevac municipality. Due to this attack, the system broke and electricity was cut in Pozarevac, Veliko Gradiste, Kolubarica and Smederevo.



Just as the last night, NATO forces targeted "Dallagas promet" tanks in the southern zone of Sombor for two times. The first attack took place at 03:47 a.m. and the second at 04:15 a.m. The great part of Sombor is without electricity and water as well.

Forbidden graphite bombs

At around 02:15 a.m. NATO aircraft shelled the distribution centre of "Kolubara" power plant in Veliki Crljani. 9 persons were wounded and two of them were transported to the Emergency department of the Clinical centre of Serbia. The greatest part of Belgrade is without electricity.

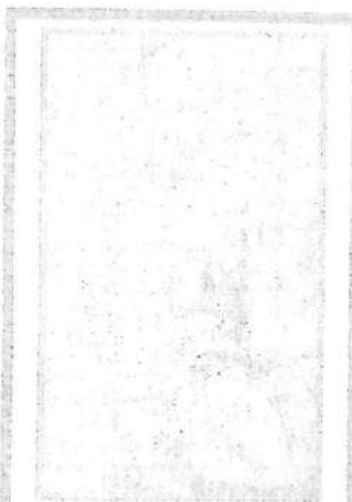
NATO forces targeted tonight the distribution centre of "Elektroistok" in Nis. Almost the entire town is without electricity. Immediately after the electricity cut the telephone lines were cut as well. The Emergency Centre of Nis informed that NATO aviation again targeted the transformer station in "Nikola Tesla" settlement.

New massacre by NATO criminals

May 22, 1999

Pec, May 22 (Tanjug) - The NATO air force on Friday repeatedly attacked a prison in Istok, Serbia's Kosovo and Metohija province, showering it with about 100 bombs, killing dozens of inmates and guards, Pec District Court Investigative Judge Vladan Vojic told Tanjug on Saturday.

NATO killed prisoners in Istok



Horrors in prison after NATO raid

Vojic was himself wounded during the first attempt on Friday to carry out an investigation on the spot.

The second attack on Friday lasted a full two hours, from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m., when the prison was hit with 20 bombs.

After this attack, the prison was visited by home and foreign reporters and investigative organs. After reporters left the area, NATO aircraft again attacked, showering the prison with about 20 more missiles from 1:20 until 3 p.m.

The longest attack lasted from 4:20 until 8 p.m., when dozens of bombs were again dropped on the prison. Two more bombs hit the area between 11:40 and 11:45 p.m. Friday.

Judge Vojic said any access to the rubble was prevented by constant air strikes.

Dozens of bodies could be seen in the rubble, including that of Warden Nedzmedin Kalicamaj, 41.

Many prison guards were wounded in these attacks.

It is feared that there are many more victims of this monstrous crime, because medical teams cannot reach the area since they are also targeted by NATO aircraft.

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NATO massively kills Kosovo inhabitants

May 22, 1999

Pristina, May 22 (Tanjug - abridged) - NATO warplanes on Saturday morning continued attacking solely civilian targets in Kosovo and Metohija.

According to the data of the provincial crisis center, a little after 7 a.m. a missile hit Mt. Gole, Lipijan district, about 20 km southwest of Pristina.



Children are NATO targets too

Two missiles were fired at 8:10 a.m. in the region of the village of Petrovo, Urosevac district.



Civilians are exclusive NATO targets

Between 9:30 and 10:20 a.m. a series of missiles was fired on a sheep farm in the Buzet village, Dragas district.

No one was killed or wounded in the attacks, but there was material damage.

During the day-long NATO air raids on Friday on Serbia's southern province, the aggressor warplanes fired more than 100

missiles killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 50 civilians.

The Yugoslav Army anti-aircraft defense on Friday downed one unmanned aerial vehicle in the region of the Gora district.

Kosovska Mitrovica, May 22 (Tanjug - abridged) - NATO aggressor attacked the village of Bair, Kosovska Mitrovica district with 18 missiles at 13:05 P.M. on Saturday, inhabited exclusively by the Albanians, Tanjug learns from the provincial crisis center.

There are no data so far concerning the eventual victims and the material damage.

Prizren, Serbia, May 22 (Tanjug) - NATO aircraft fired four missiles at the Stara Barutana section of Prizren, Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, at 8 a.m. local time on Saturday, and then four more missiles ten minutes later. There were no casualties in the attack, the regional information center reported.

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Catastrophic bombing of civilians

May 22, 1999

Sabac, May 22 (Tanjug - abridged)
- Last night, the city of Sabac was bombed for the third time this month. NATO aircraft launched 9 missiles on the town's suburb in several attacks.



Bombed settlement

With a great roar by the planes and strong detonations, an old town by the Sava river was hit with 6 missiles. After that, between 03:00 A.M. and 04:00 A.M. three more missiles were launched on the same location.



Woman wounded during child delivery

The buildings of the District Assembly of Sabac, Serbian financial inspection, administration of finances and the departments of the district service of law were demolished. The storage of the "Agrokop" company was completely demolished as well.

Dwelling and business objects in the local communities of Bajir and Kamick were damaged by the strong detonations while numerous windows in the city downtown were broken.

Yugoslav anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) downed a cruise missile.

Belgrade, May 22 (Tanjug) - NATO warplanes fired three missiles at 12:13 p.m. on Saturday on Belgrade's Makis suburb, five km from the center of the city, the city crisis center told Tanjug.

So far there is no information about the damage.

According to as yet unconfirmed information, at the same time NATO bombed the region of the Lipovica wood, southeast of Belgrade, but as yet it is not known what the aggressors targeted.

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Zrenjanin, May 22 (Tanjug - abridged) - NATO aircraft targeted a bridge on Becej, near Banatski Dvor, Zlatiste district with 2 missiles on Saturday about 02:30 A.M. That bridge, on the highway connecting Zrenjanin-Srpska Crnja-Temisvar, was hit for the first time two days ago and is not capable of functioning since then.

Because of the braking of the transmission electrical cable, telephone lines between Dvor and several villages in Banat are malfunctioning.

Bor, May 22 - The city of Bor was targeted by NATO aggressor again early this morning at 04:20 A. M. Transmission station in the area of mining-melting basin of "Bor" was hit with the two extremely strong missiles.

This object, of vital purpose for providing the metallurgy plants with electricity, was demolished in an earlier raid several days ago, because of what the production in the melting plant and other metallurgy plants was stopped. A great material damage was caused on the dwelling and business objects in the vicinity.

Kraljevo, May 22 - Last night, about 02:45 A.M. NATO air force launched a missile on the village of Ratina, 5 km. east from the city of Kraljevo. There are no data concerning the injured persons but great material casualties were caused to the village objects. Some time before the detonation the town was left without electricity and water.

Subotica, May 22 - Enemy NATO aircraft shelled the wider area of the town of Subotica this morning around 03:50 A.M. Tanjug learns that the target of the raid was a hydro-meteorological station and a radio of Subotica relay station on Palic, which have been already stroked by the aggressor.

Smederevo, May 22 (Tanjug - abridged) - Aggressor NATO air force started the raid on the civilian objects in the city of Smederevo at 13:52 P.M. Yugoslav AAA heavily reacted.

The storage of "Jugopetrol" in the industrial zone of the town which was the target of the raid yesterday as well has been shelled for the eight time since the beginning of the aggression.

Smederevo has no electricity since 09:00 A.M. and no water since 12:00 A.M.

The city information centre said that the attack, NATO's second on the depot since the start of the aggression 58 days ago, has caused extensive damage, but no casualties.

NATO AGAIN SHELLS BELGRADE'S LIPOVICA FOREST

BELGRADE - Shortly after midnight on Friday, NATO planes again targeted the Lipovica pine forest on the outskirts of Belgrade.

The attack caused extensive damage in Belgrade's Cankarica district, according to the city information centre.

SWISS AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE DAMAGED IN NATO RAID ON BELGRADE

BELGRADE - The Swiss ambassador's residence was severely damaged in a NATO raid on a Jugopetrol oil depot in Belgrade, launched at 8.20 p.m. local time on Thursday.

Nearly all windows on the residence looking out on the depot were shattered by strong detonations. The residence is located in the city's district of Senjak.

A reception, held on the occasion of Switzerland's national holiday, was in progress at the residence at the time of the attack, Belgrade's Studio B television reported.

According to initial reports, there were no casualties in the attack.

NATO HITS BELGRADE HOSPITAL, DAMAGES 4 DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCES

BELGRADE - NATO's bombing of the Dragisa Misovic Hospital in Belgrade before dawn on Thursday damaged the nearby residences of the Libyan, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish ambassadors.

The exact extent of the damage is not yet known, except in the case of the residence of the Swedish ambassador, whose country, incidentally, supports the NATO aggression on Yugoslavia, launched on March 24.

In connection with the incident, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh said "it is unacceptable that right in the centre of a large city these kinds of large explosives are used causing this kind of damages and injuries."

"We will ask for an explanation from NATO," Lindh said, adding that "the strike on the hospital underscores the need for a political solution."

Lindh's spokeswoman Annika Soder said that the blast shattered

nine windows and caused some structural damage. Nobody was hurt, although the ambassador and his wife were in the building at the time.

Swedish Ambassador in Belgrade Mats Staffansson said that two powerful explosions were heard some 150-200 metres away from the residence and that he went out to inspect the damage.

Damage to the Spanish ambassador's residence has not been assessed.

There were some security personnel in the building at the time, although the diplomats had been evacuated before the aggression started, leaving only a skeleton crew behind.

The Norwegian and Libyan residences were also damaged, TANJUG was told, but no details were immediately available.

SERBIAN OFFICIAL SAYS NATO DELIBERATELY TARGETS HOSPITALS

BELGRADE - NATO is visibly changing its tactics and has lately been targeting helpless civilians, according to the Yugoslav Republic of Serbia's minister of health in Belgrade on Thursday.

Speaking about NATO's bombing of Belgrade's Dragisa Misovic hospital before dawn on Thursday, Minister Leposava Milicevic said that, in the past 24 hours, NATO had deliberately targeted sick people, children, pregnant women...

"Deliberate targeting of operating theatres, intensive care units, maternity wards, kidney-machine units proves beyond a doubt that the aggressors have made hospitals a legitimate target and that helpless patients are not collateral, but central damage," Milicevic said, speaking to a large crowd of domestic and foreign reporters in the Yugoslav Army Press Centre.

YUGOSLAV MINISTER SAYS NATO DELIBERATELY TARGETS BELGRADE HOSPITAL

BELGRADE - Yugoslav Minister of Labour, Health and Welfare Miodrag Kovac said Thursday that NATO had deliberately targeted patients, pregnant women, babies, doctors and other medical staff of Belgrade's Dragisa Misovic clinical centre before dawn on Thursday.

Three patients were killed and scores wounded in the attack on the country's leading health care institution.

I wonder whether those who could have prevented these crimes but had failed to do so will be brought to justice, Kovac said.

"MISTAKES" BY NATO AGGRESSORS RESULT IN MORE THAN 200 DEAD CIVILIANS

Next NATO bombed a column of refugees from Kosovo and Metohija returning home on May 13 near the village of Korisa. Killed were 81 civilians of whom ten infants and 26 children younger than 15 years. Wounded were 70 people of whom two babies and 25 children.

It is necessary to point out that the NATO spokesmen admit only those "mistakes" which include the death of more than a dozen civilians. Thus, they do not consider a mistake the bombing of the village of Mirino when killed were five civilians, including two children, the bombing of the central Belgrade suburb of Vracar, nor the bombing of Gnjilane when killed were four civilians, as well as the bombardment of a number of other settlements throughout Yugoslavia where killed were more than 1,200 civilians, including numerous children.

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BELGRADE - Several minutes after midnight on Thursday, NATO aggressors bombed the Dr. Dragisa Misovic hospital in central Belgrade. This criminal attack killed three seriously ill patients, but the exact number of dead and wounded patients, pregnant women, children and medical staff remains to be determined.

This latest in a series of "mistakes" by the NATO aggressors was "explained" by NATO spokesman Jamie Shea that one of the laser guided missiles missed its target by 500 metres.

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Since the start of the NATO aggression on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on March 24, NATO spokesmen have admitted the mistaken bombing of eight facilities in Yugoslav territory. These "mistakes" killed 225 civilians including numerous children, elderly persons and refugees from Kosovo and Metohija.

On April 5 NATO admitted its "mistake" in bombing the town of Alekcinac when killed were 17 civilians. Pentagon "explained" that in question was a cluster bomb which "missed its target by mistake."

The next "mistake" took place on April 12 when 55 civilians were killed during the bombing of a passenger train on a bridge in the Girdelicka Ravine. NATO Europe Supreme Commander Wesley Clark described it as "a truly regretful incident" explaining that the pilots had only targeted the bridge and that the train had appeared by accident.

A convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees, who were returning home, was bombed on April 14 on the Djakovica-Prizren road killing 75 civilians. NATO's official "explanation" was that "the pilots thought that in question was a military convoy." They failed to answer reporters questions in Brussels how this was possible when films clearly showed mattresses and parcels on tractors.

In April 28 bombing of the centre of Surdulica killed were 16 civilians. NATO officials first said that a missile had "been dropped by mistake on a residential suburb" and a few days later they confirmed that more than one bomb had been used.

On May 1, NATO bombed a busload of people on the bridge near the village of Luzani killing 47 civilians. This time the "explanation" was that the target was the bridge and that the bus was there by accident.

The centre of the city of Nis was bombed on May 7 when killed were 15 civilians and about 17 were wounded. NATO's "explanation" was that "a bomb missed its target."

The Chinese embassy on Belgrade was hit on May 8. Killed were three Chinese nationals. This time the United States and NATO said that the mistake had happened because outdated maps had

'NAVO bombardeert gevangenis in Kosovo'

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Bij NAVO-bombardementen op de gevangenis van Istok, in het noordwesten van Kosovo, zijn volgens het Servische Informatiecentrum in Pristina vrijdag minstens 19 doden gevallen. Onder de slachtoffers zijn zowel gevangenen als de onderdirecteur en andere medewerkers.

De militaire woordvoerder van de NAVO, generaal Jertz, bevestigde vrijdag in Brussel dat de stad

Istok op de lijst van doelwitten van de NAVO staat. Hij zei niet welk doelwit er gisteren was uitgekozen, alleen dat het een 'belangrijk militair object' was.

Een correspondent van het Franse persbureau AFP zag vrijdag de lijken van negen gevangenen op het gevangenissterrein. De directeur zei dat er ongeveer duizend gevangenen vastzaten, in overgrote meerderheid 'Albanese terroristen'. Volgens een Servische functionaris was het doel van de NAVO-bombardementen om

deze Albanezen te bevrijden.

Volgens getuigen was het gevangeniscomplex 's ochtends getroffen door vijftien bommen. In de loop van de middag meldde het Joegoslavische persbureau Tanjug nieuwe luchtaanvallen. Woensdag waren er in de gevangenis ook al twee doden gevallen bij een NAVO-actie.

Anderen doelwitten van de NAVO waren gisteren olie-opslagplaatsen in de buurt van Belgrado en bij Sombor, niet ver van de Hongaarse grens. Bij de lucht-

aanvallen op Belgrado van donderdagavond liep de ambtswooning van de Zwitserse ambassadeur schade op. Zijn gasten, die juist aan het dessert zaten, doken onder de tafel. NAVO-chef Solana heeft excuses aangeboden voor de schade aan de diplomatieke vestigingen van Zwitserland, Zweden, India, Spanje, Noorwegen en Hongarije.

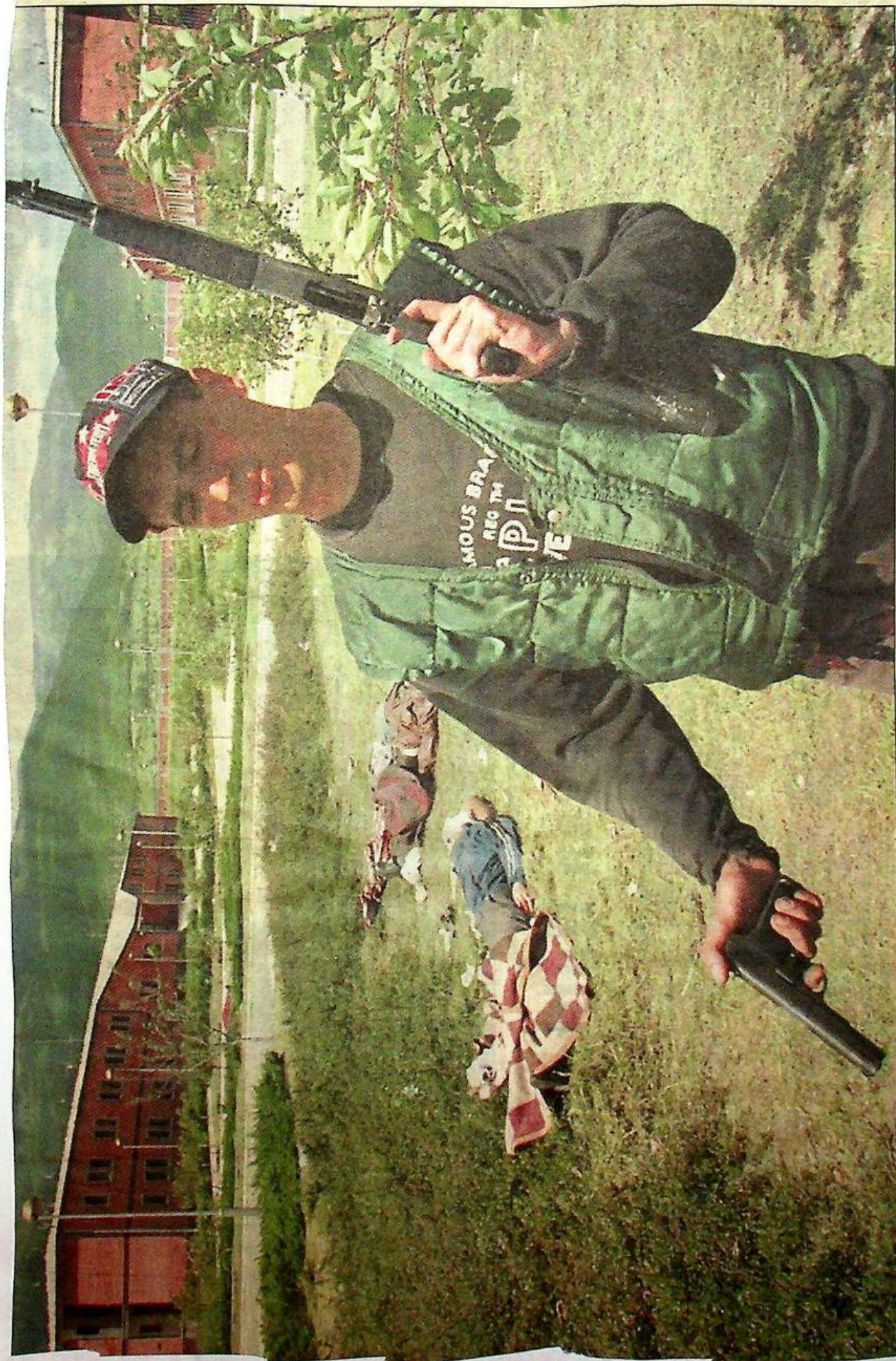
De Duitse minister van Buitenlandse Zaken, Fischer, drong er gisteren op aan dat de NAVO zijn doelwitten voortaan zorgvuldiger

uitkiest. Ook minister Van Aartsen heeft Solana gevraagd de strategie van de luchtaanvallen nog eens nader te bezien.

In Cetinje, een stad in Montenegro, is vrijdag bijna eenderde van de bevolking de straat op gegaan om te protesteren tegen de recente versterking van de Joegoslavische troepen in hun stad. Volgens de burgemeester hebben de soldaten hun artillerie gericht op Cetinje.

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en gevangene bewaarder staat bij de lichamen van enkele gevangenen die zouden zijn omgekomen bij een NAVO-bombardement op Istok (Kosovo).

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Tijdens acht weken van bombardementen op Joegoslavië zijn niet alleen tanks en kazernes vernield. Ook civiele doelen worden geraakt – met opzet (bruggen, fabrieken), dan wel per ongeluk (ziekenhuizen, treinen). Over die laatste categorie laat de NAVO weinig los. Belgrado geeft lange lijsten van burgerslachtoffers en vernielde burgerdoelen.

Waar of niet waar? Een overzicht.

De oorlogsschade volgens Belgrado

Van onze verslaggever
Rob Vreeken

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Wat Jamie Shea niet vertelt.

In het dorp Doganovici, bij Urosevac, werden de volgende kinderen gedood door een clusterbom: Endon (3), Fisnik (9), Osman (13), Burim (14) en Vajdet (15) Kodzan. Daarnaast werden twee jongens gewond naar het ziekenhuis gebracht.

Het is een willekeurige citaat uit de meldingen die de Joegoslavische regering geeft van de oorlogsschade. Vorige week waren door de NAVO-bombardementen ruim 1200 mensen omgekomen, aldus Belgrado, onder wie veel burgers. Meer dan vijfduizend mensen raakten gewond.

Naast militaire objecten worden in het hele land civiele doelen getroffen. Niet alleen wegen, bruggen en fabrieken, ook scholen en ziekenhuizen worden volgens

Belgrado vernield. Duizenden huizen en woonblokken zouden zijn geraakt. Joegoslavië staat bloot aan 'omvangrijke civiele vernietiging, zonder precedent in de moderne geschiedenis'.

Volgens westerse schattingen die ook in het Joegoslavische regeringsbulletin worden genoemd, beloopt de economische schade al meer dan 100 miljoen dollar. 'Meer dan twee miljoen mensen zitten zonder inkomen.'

Ook worden verkeersroutes op grote schaal getroffen. Volgens de 'Yugoslav Daily Survey' van het ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken, editie van 10 mei, zijn meer dan vijftig bruggen onklaar geraakt. Ook tientallen belangrijke wegen, vliegvelden en spoorstations zijn vernield, sommige van grote cultuur-historische waarde, 'zoals de Klagbrug in Novi Sad, waar de fascistische duizenden joden hebben vermoord'.

Maar industrie en verkeerswe-

gen zijn het soort doelen dat ook op de dagelijkse briefings van de NAVO in Brussel worden genoemd. Ze worden immers mede gebruikt om de militaire machine draaiend te houden.

Daarnaast maakt Joegoslavië echter melding van vele honderden getroffen scholen, ziekenhuizen, kerken en woningen. Of die berichten kloppen is niet te controleren. Geen van de partijen is vies van propaganda.

Ook van de NAVO valt, als direct belanghebbende, niet de hele waarheid en niets dan de waarheid te verwachten. Woordvoerders als Jamie Shea leggen de nadruk op *beoogde* treffers: militaire konvooien, vliegvelden, strategische industrieën.

Maar hoe 'schoon' is de oorlog als in Belgrado al de ambassades van China, Zweden, Noorwegen, Spanje en Zwitserland worden geraakt? Zou de nu al acht weken durende bommentegen niet veel

meer onbedoelde ellende aanrichten dan de circa tien grote incidenten die zijn toegevoegd?

Wie de officiële informatie uit Joegoslavië bekijkt (en gelooft) krijgt de stellige indruk van wel. Opvallend is in ieder geval de gedetailleerdheid van de informatie. Per treffer worden datum, exact tijdstip, lokatie en schade gegeven. Vaak worden namen van slachtoffers genoemd. 'In Batajinca, buitenwijk van Belgrado, werd het driejarige meisje Milica Ralic gedood.' Of er staat: 'Tweelingburgers (onder wie twaalf kinderen) werden gedood en meer dan honderd gewond (van wie 24 ernstig) bij het bombardement op Suralica op 27 april.'

Met eenzijdige nauwgezetheid wordt de materiële schade geturfd. Een overzicht van 28 april bevat een (onvolledige) lijst met achttien kerken en andere religieuze gebouwen die zouden zijn gehavend. Ook scholen worden

met naam en toenaam opgesomd. Op 10 mei wordt melding gemaakt van meer dan driehonderd geraakte scholen en gebouwen voor studenten en kinderen.

Alleen al op 10 april vernietigden NAVO-raketten de dorpscholen van Bogutova, Raska, Laccvci, Tavnik en Lozno, zo meldt Belgrado. 'De lagere scholen in Toza Markovic, Djorde Natsoevic, Veljko Vlahovic, Sangaj en Djuro Danicic, alle in de regio Novi Sad, werden geraakt, evenals het kinderdagverblijf aan de Visarionovstraat in de stad.'

Een lijst met namen van scholen is bijgevoegd. Veel kinderen zouden zijn omgekomen. Idem voor ziekenhuizen en klinieken: Sveti Sava-ziekenhuis in Belgrado, gerontologisch centrum in Leskovac, apotheek in Mount Zlatibor, enzovoort. Ook van musea en andere cultuuroederen worden lange lijsten gegeven, evenals van getroffen fabrieken.

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Schade op donderdag 19 mei volgens Belgrado

Schade door bommen op één dag (19 mei), te zien op Internetsite van Joegoslavische voorlichtingsdienst. De tekst is ingekort.

De afgelopen 24 uur heeft de NAVO de aanvallen op economische en civiele doelen geïntensiveerd. Onder meer werden bruggen, wegen, oliedepots en tv-zendstations geraakt. De aanval op Belgrado was een van de hevigste tot nu. Drie patiënten werden gedood in de neurologie-kliniek. Ook een kraamkliniek en een kinderafdeling werden geraakt.

GORA (08:25)
Drie raketten.

PRIZREN (09:23-10:20)
Alleen burgerdoelen getroffen. Zeven raketten op Albanese bevolking van dorp Zagradska Hoca. Schade enorm, tientallen huizen vernield.

BUJANOVAC (09:20-10:17)
Veertien raketten op zuidoosten van de stad. Een persoon ernstig gewond in dorp Borovac. Diverse huizen zwaar beschadigd.

ZITISTE (03:30)
Brug over Begej-rivier aan-gevallen. Verkeer verstoord.

BACKA PALANJKA (03:20)
Regio rond de stad doelwit.

BELGRADO (02:05) Minstens drie patiënten gedood in ziekenhuis Dragisa Misovic. Woonwijk Batanjica aangevallen om 00:27. Diverse gebouwen langs Obrenovacstraat, bedrijven in woonwijk Makis, benzinestation in Topcider geraakt, alsmede fabriek Prva Iskra in Baric.



KIKINDA (02:40)
Twee raketten in de buurt van de stad.

SOMBOR (02:15)
Naftagas-oliedepot geraakt.

NOVI SAD (02:00)
Vier raketten.

SUBOTICA (01:30)
Meteorologisch station bij Palic-meer geraakt door drie raketten.

SABAC (01:20)
Zes raketten rond berg Cer.

OBRENOVAC (00:04)
Zware explosies rond de stad.

SREMSKA MITROVICA (16:50) Drie sterke explosies.

PEC (rond 13:00)
Buitenwijken getroffen. Een raket op leeg Park Hotel in centrum. Vier mensen ernstig gewond.

RASKA (13:11-14:58)
Drie mensen gewond. Ca. 25 raketten op woonwijken in zuiden van de stad.

KOSOVO POLJE (13:00)
Twee raketten op woonwijk Belasevac, vier op woonwijk Pomazatin; beide bevoond door Albanezen.

ISTOK (rond 13:15)
Huis van bewaring Dubrava geraakt door drie raketten. Twee gevangenen gedood, drie mensen gewond.

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Een vrijdag door NAVO-bommen vernield oliedepot in Cukarica, een buitenwijk van Belgrado.

FOTO AP

Ook landen rond Joegoslavië kunnen last krijgen van gif in lucht en Donauwater

Milieu lijdt zwaar onder bombardementen

Van onze verslaggever
Broer Schoffens

AMSTERDAM

Het milieu heeft het zwaar te verduren in Joegoslavië. Zo zouden er tijdens de bombardementen van een kunstmestfabriek en olie-raffinaderij in de buurt van Belgrado grote wolken kankerwekkende en vertikkende stoffen zoals fosgeen en chloor in de atmosfeer terechtgekomen zijn. De concentraties ervan zouden hoger gelegen duizenden malen hoger geweest zijn dan is toegestaan, meldt de Servische regering.

Ook de verwoesting van de omvangrijke petrochemische industrie in Pancevo bij Belgrado zou een bron zijn van ernstige vervuiling. Bij de bombardementen van andere industriële complexen bij onder andere de stad Novi Sad zouden grote hoeveelheden giftige stoffen in de atmosfeer terecht zijn gekomen.

De wind zal deze stoffen over een groot gebied verspreiden, ook naar omliggende landen. Zo is in het noorden van Griekenland een

sterk verhoogde concentratie aan giftige dioxines in de lucht gemeten, blijkt uit onderzoek van de Aristoteles Universiteit in Thessaloniki.

'Als primaire bronnen van dioxine veelvuldig worden gebombardeerd, heb je er niet veel nodig om het een catastrofe te kunnen noemen', aldus voorzitter prof. Nikos Katsaros van de Griekse vereniging van chemici in *The Guardian*. 'Servië heeft onherstelbare milieuschade opgelopen.'

In een oproep op Internet spreekt de Joegoslavische milieuminister Zelenovic van een 'ecocide', die de hele Balkan treft. 'Het hart van Europa ondergaat een milieucatastrofe van niet te voorspellen omvang.'

De Europese Commissie maakt voor de vergadering van EU-milieuministers in juni een inventarisatie van de milieuschade. Ook de Amerikaanse oud-minister van Justitie Ramsey Clark leidt een onderzoeksmissie.

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Dat zal volgens Philip Weller van het Wereldnatuurfonds (WWF) in Wenen niet meevallen.

Er is volgens hem nog weinig concreets bekend over de ecologische gevolgen. Weller krijgt mondiaal informatie uit Joegoslavië van onafhankelijke bronnen.

'De Joegoslavische autoriteiten overdrijven met hun beweringen dat zich een milieuraamp voltrekt', zegt Weller. Hij meent dat het aantal doden op termijn als gevolg van de vele chemische stoffen die mogelijk in lucht en water terechtkomen, vermoedelijk in het niet zal vallen bij het aantal doden door Servisch geweld.

'Desondanks moeten landen zo-

melding van een olievlék van 15 kilometer lang en 400 meter breed. Maar sinds drie weken is de situatie weer normaal.

Dan is er het probleem van het verarmd uranium. Dat zit in een groot deel van de granaten die zijn gevallen. Volgens Joegoslavië is hierdoor de radioactiviteit in onder andere Macedonië enigszins verhoogd.

Daarover is bij het WWF echter niets bekend. Weller: 'In ieder geval is in Roemenië nog geen enkele verhoogde radioactiviteit in het water gemeten.'

Het gevaar van de met verarmd uranium gevulde granaten zit niet zozeer in de matige radioactivi-

teit, maar veel meer in de giftigheid van het zware metaal, want neer het fijnverdeeld in de longen en vervolgens elders in het lichaam terecht komt.

De vergelijking met de Golfoorlog dringt zich op. In Zuid-Irak waar eveneens duizenden granaten neerkwamen, zouden bijvoorbeeld pasgeborenen relatief veel geboortefwijkingen hebben, als gevolg van dat verarmd uranium.

Duizenden Amerikaanse militairen zouden er het Golfoorlog aan hebben overgehouden, een cluster van ziekteverschijnselen. Directe aanwijzingen over een verband zijn er niet, heftige discussies erover des te meer.

De Joegoslavische Jamie Shea heet www.gov.yu op het Internet

Van onze buitenlandredactie

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De Joegoslavische autoriteiten hebben weinig gevoel voor *public relations*, ook als het gaat om informatie over de oorlogsschade. Joegoslavië geeft geen dagelijkse persbriefings in Brussel en is nogal terughoudend in het toelaten van westerse journalisten. Maar wie moeite doet, komt veel te weten.

Om te beginnen faxt de Joegoslavische ambassade in Den Haag op verzoek het dagelijks nieuwsoverzicht (met anderhalve week vertraging) van het ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken in Belgrado.

Ook op het Internet is, voor wie daar kennis van wil nemen, de Joegoslavische kant van het oorlogsverhaal te lezen. De regerings-site www.gov.yu biedt dagelijkse briefings over slachtoffers en getroffen doelen.

Boeiend (want vol opmerkelijke berichten, opinie, propaganda en kritische geluiden uit de westerse pers) is ook www.serbia-info.com van het Servische ministerie van Informatie. Verder zijn er de meer zakelijk getoonzette berichten van het officiële persbureau Tanjug op www.tanjug.co.yu. Alle sites geven, soms gruwelijke, foto's van slachtoffers en ruïnes.

Tanjug gebruikt regeringsinformatie, maar heeft ook correspondenten in het hele land, zegt chef buitenland Ljubinka Milosevic

vanuit Belgrado. De meldingen van de NAVO zijn volgens haar over het algemeen correct, maar onvolledig. 'Als ze het hebben over vernielde bruggen klopt het wel, maar ze noemen niet de schade aan burgerdoelen. Alsof dat niet gebeurd is.'

Zo gaf NAVO-woordvoerder Shea donderdag, nadat 's nachts het Dragisa Misovic-ziekenhuis in Belgrado was geraakt (vier doden), wel toe dat er een afzwaaiër was geweest, maar hij kon niet zeggen waar die was geland. Foto's van het verwoeste gebouw werden gisteren echter verspreid door de persbureaus. De bevolking is 'heel boos, heel boos', zegt Milosevic. 'De bom kwam recht op de kraamafdeling terecht. Veel mensen in Belgrado hebben daar hun kinderen ter wereld zien komen.'

Ook op gov.yu wordt geklaagd over de Brusselse NAVO-voorlichting. 'Als "collateral damage" worden alleen de gevallen genoemd waarin tientallen burgers zijn gedood. De andere "kleinere vergissingen", onder de tien slachtoffers, worden niet eens genoemd. Zoals bij het bombardement op Murino, waarbij vijf mensen werden gedood, onder wie twee kinderen.'

François le Blevennec, NAVO-woordvoerder in Brussel, hecht op zijn beurt weinig waarde aan de informatie van zijn Belgradose

collega's. 'Buiten kijf staat dat die lijsten ontzettend veel leugens bevatten. Wij mikken bijvoorbeeld nooit op civiele doelen. Het is wel heel toevallig dat iedere keer als er iets fout gaat, op die plek een ziekenhuis of school blijkt te staan.' Ook over de milieuschade haalt hij de schouders op. 'De grootste schade komt van de rook uit in brand gestoken Kosovaarse dorpen.'

Le Blevennec wijst erop dat de Joegoslavische journalisten niet vrij kunnen werken en worden gecensureerd. Maar de BBC-correspondent in Belgrado, John Simpson, breekt een lans voor zijn Joegoslavische collega's. Zij proberen gewoon zo snel en zo goed mogelijk nieuws te brengen, schrijft hij in *The Sunday Telegraph*.

Simpson: 'Deze mannen en vrouwen lijken erg veel op westerse journalisten. Mijn ervaring na 54 dagen oorlog is dat, als de eerste berichten binnenkomen dat burgers zijn gedood bij een NAVO-aanval, die bijna altijd correct zijn. Bovendien zijn de eerste schattingen van aantallen doden en gewonden meestal aan de lage kant.'

Ljubinka Milosevic volgt de BBC en CNN, Britse en Amerikaanse kranten. Te vaak lopen die volgens haar hun regering achterna. Haar voorkeur heeft het Franse persbureau AFP. 'Die zijn het minst bevooroordeeld.'

Volgens Servische bronnen hebben NAVO-toestellen gisteren een gevangenis in het plaatsje Istok in Kosovo bestookt. Daarbij zouden 19 mannen zijn omgekomen en enkele gevangenen zijn ontsnapt. De NAVO richtte de aanval vooral op oliedepôts bij Belgrado en de stad Sombor. Bij aanvallen op een depôt bij de sjieke wijk Dedinje in Belgrado, waar Milošević en de Servische elite woont, liepen donderdagnacht de residenties van de Zwitserse, Spaanse, Indiase, Noorweegse en Hongaarse ambassadeurs schade op. Vanmorgen vroeg volgden nieuwe luchtaanvallen op doelen in Servië, waaronder elektriciteitscentrales. Volgens Servische bronnen kwam een aantal steden, waaronder een groot deel van de hoofdstad Belgrado, zonder stroom te zitten.

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Aggressor's raids on Serbia

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Belgrade, May 23 (Tanjug - abridged) - On Saturday night aggressor NATO air force attacked Belgrade's wider area, Sabac, Sremska Mitrovica, suburbs of Novi Sad, Vrbac, Leskovac and Kursunlija as well as several places on Kosovo and Metohija.



NATO bombardment on civilians goes on

NATO aircraft fired two missiles at the Obrenovac electric power plant at about 4 a.m. Sunday, the Belgrade Information Center said.

Power went out in this southern suburb of Belgrade, and the city itself has also been affected.

NATO planes fired two missiles on Batujnica Airport outside Belgrade at 4:17 a.m. on Sunday, according to the city information centre.



The NATO air force attacked the area between Belgrade's suburbs of Surcin and Jakovo at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, the Information Center of Belgrade's municipality of Zemun said.

Ruined buildings as result of NATO bombs

Several detonations were heard in the area.

Two strong detonations were heard on Strazevica Hill, in Belgrade's Rakovica district, at about 3 a.m. Sunday.

The NATO air force attacked the old inner core of the western Serbian town of Sabac at 1 a.m. Sunday.

The town on the Sava river was attacked on Saturday as well.

At least three missiles were fired at the old core of the town, said the information Center for the Macva district. There are no reports yet about possible casualties or damage.

NATO planes again during the Saturday to Sunday night raided the area of Kursunlija in the south of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia.

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Four powerful detonations were heard in the area between 9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Saturday.

NATO planes again on Sunday targeted the area between Sremska Mitrovica and Mandjesos in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's northern Vojvodina province.

Six powerful blasts rocked the area at around 1 a.m., according to the local civil defence command.

Three big detonations reverberated on Mt Fruska Gora in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's northern Vojvodina province at 1:03 a.m. on Sunday.

The NATO air force destroyed the antenna tower in the northern Serbian town of Vrbas with one missile at 40 minutes past midnight. The tower had been considerably damaged in a previous NATO attack.

The NATO air force launched a massive attack on several places in Serbia's Kosovo and Metohija province from 9:30 until 11:40 p.m. Saturday, the provincial Information Center said.

NATO aircraft fired three missiles at Bair district of Kosovska Mitrovica at about 10 p.m. There are no reports yet about casualties or damage.

A strong detonation was heard in the wider area of Pristina, from the fringes of Mt. Gole, at 9:39 p.m.

Two detonations were heard in the wider region of Gazimestan, municipality of Obilic, between 11:10 and 11:42 p.m.

The village Velika Grabovica, near the southern Serbian town of Leskovac, was again attacked by NATO on two occasions late Saturday.

The village was hit at 7 p.m. with three missiles, and 22 minutes later with three more.

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NATO to up pressure on Milosevic as air campaign enters third month

The attack on the Oprenovac electricity generating plant 30 kilometres (20 miles) southwest of Belgrade at 04:05 a.m. (0205 GMT) Sunday, came after NATO blacked out large areas of Serbia overnight Friday using graphite bombs to short-circuit installations.

Parts of Serbia, including areas of Belgrade, are still without power.

It also confirmed the attack on the Oprenovac power plant.

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NATO pounds Yugoslavia power grid

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - NATO warplanes battered Yugoslavia's already crippled electricity system Sunday, leaving millions in the dark and threatening the country with water shortages. As NATO's air campaign reached the two-month mark, Western leaders differed on the means to ensure its success. President Clinton said the air campaign was working and would return displaced Kosovo Albanians to their homes. But British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook indicated bombing was not enough, saying NATO must prepare to deploy troops in Kosovo with or without resistance from Yugoslav security forces. Refugees continued pouring out of the Serbian province and busloads of uprooted residents of the province entered neighboring Macedonia.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET POWER PLANT IN DRINO NEAR KOSTOLAC

POZAREVAC, Serbia - NATO aircraft fired two highly destructive missiles on a power plant in Drino near Kostolac, eastern Serbia, at around 10 p.m. local time on Sunday.

The missiles set the plant on fire. The missiles caused extensive damage to the plant that will be out of operation for a long time but, luckily, no casualties.

NATO SHELLS POWER INSTALLATIONS AT SERBIA'S NOVI SAD

NOVI SAD, Serbia - NATO planes fired three missiles on power

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installations at Rinski Sancevi outside Novi Sad in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's northern Vojvodina province at around 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The shelling started a fire on the installations, which supply electricity to most of Vojvodina. According to unofficial information, barely 30 percent of Vojvodina has electricity and a humanitarian catastrophe is imminent.

NATO MISSILES DAMAGE POWER INSTALLATIONS AT SERBIA'S NIS

NIS, Serbia - NATO planes fired two missiles on power installations in the Nis area, in the southeast of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia, at around 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The bombs started two fires, which were soon contained. One person was hurt in the raid.

SERBIAN POWER COMPANY MAKES EFFORTS TO NORMALISE SUPPLY

BELGRADE - NATO aggressors shelled electric power installations in Serbia during the Sunday to Monday night for the third night in a row, cutting power supply to most of this Yugoslav republic.

At 10.10 p.m. on Sunday, NATO planes fired missiles on power installations in Nis, Novi Sad and Drmno near Kostolac, the power company said.

Every effort is being made in this difficult situation to restore power supply to priority users - hospitals, the water company, bakeries - in order to alleviate the humanitarian disaster being caused by NATO, the company said.

NATO RAIDS RITOPEK VILLAGE NEAR BELGRADE

BELGRADE - NATO planes fired two missiles on Ritopek, 20 km southeast of Belgrade, at around 3.30 a.m. on Monday, according to the city information centre.

One of the missiles hit and demolished a family villa and the detonation smashed windows and roof-tiles on a dozen houses in the area. One person was hurt in the blast.

The other missile detonated in an orchard.

NATO AGAIN SHELLS SERBIA'S SREMSKA MITROVICA

SREMSKA MITROVICA, Serbia - NATO planes again before dawn on Monday targetted the area of Sremska Mitrovica

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According to the local civil defence command, at least ten big explosions were heard in Sremska Mitrovica between 3.15 and 4.30 a.m.

POWERFUL DETONATIONS ROCK AREA EAST OF SOMBOR

SOMBOR, Serbia - Two series of powerful detonations rocked the area east of Sombor, Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, as NATO aircraft targeted a Naftagas oil depot first at 3.05 a.m. and then at 3.15 a.m. local time Monday.

The missiles set the depot, located near the village of Conoplja, ablaze. The depot has repeatedly come under attack since the outset of the NATO aggression on March 24.

AT LEAST 30 MISSILES TARGETS KOSMET

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft launched a series of raids on civilian targets throughout Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, firing at least 30 missiles at them between 2.14 p.m. and 7.58 p.m. local time on Sunday.

The village of Nekodim, Lipjan municipality, was struck with four missiles at 6.43 p.m., while three missiles hit the pipes factory in Uroševac at 7.15 p.m., the provincial information centre reported.

One detonation rocked the village of Paljojac, Strpce municipality, at around the same time, while the village of Vica, also in Strpce municipality, was hit by one missile at 7.50 p.m.

Nine missiles rained down on the wider area of Mala Krusa near Prizren between 7.25 p.m. and 8.05 p.m., hitting the villages of Planceja, Landovica, Almadja and Djonaj.

The village of Piran, Prizren municipality, was struck with five missiles at 7.58 p.m.

According to initial reports by the provincial information centre, the raids caused extensive damage.

Yugoslav army anti-aircraft batteries downed yet another NATO A-10 Thunderbolt jet near Klina in the night of May 22-23, the centre said.

NATO AIRCRAFT LAUNCH 19 MISSILES IN SOUTHERN SERBIA ON SUNDAY

VRANJE, Serbia - NATO aircraft fired 19 highly destructive missiles in Serbia's southernmost part on Sunday afternoon and evening, the Pejin district civil defence centre said.

Seventeen missiles rained down on the area of Presevo between 1.20 p.m. and 6.20 p.m. local time.

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According to initial reports, there were no casualties in the attacks that caused extensive damage.

NATO aircraft targeted also the area of Bujanovac. Two detonations were heard in the direction of the village of Borovac. There were no casualties in the raid that caused extensive damage.

NATO PLANES, MISSILES SHOT OVER YUGOSLAVIA STILL CRASH IN MACEDONIA

SKOPJE - A pilotless NATO plane crashed at Blace in Macedonia near the border with Yugoslavia on Sunday, according to a Skopje television report.

The spy plane, shot over Djeneral Jankovic in Yugoslavia, bears clear NATO markings, according to Skopje's A-1 television channel, quoting reliable sources.

The remains of the downed aircraft were immediately picked up by NATO troops, flown to the scene of the crash in a helicopter.

A-1 television further said that a downed missile also was found near Tetovo in west Macedonia on Sunday. Parts of the missile were seen by local villagers before NATO troops arrived and sealed off the area.

NATO raids on manufacturing and civilian facilities on May 23rd and in the night between May 23rd and 24th 1999

NATO continues its destruction of industrial and civilian facilities throughout FR Yugoslavia. In the raids last night enemy air-craft concentrated the attacks on power network facilities in Serbia, causing black-outs and drinking water shortages in many towns and villages, and thus creating grounds for an even bigger humanitarian catastrophe. Yesterday and last night, NATO raided towns and villages throughout the country, especially in Kosovo, and the Yugoslav capital was on the target list once again. Several dozens of missiles were fired mostly on civilian facilities in the southern Serbian province.

KELEN POTOK: (08:45) One missile was launched on the village of Calan.

GNJILANE: (08:10 - 08:25) Three missiles were fired at the village of Velikinci. (12:45) One missile fell between the village of Balince and the county seat of Svinjice. One detonation was registered in the zone of Suva Reka.

UROSEVAC: (08:00 - 13:00) In the first wave of the attack, 13 missiles were fired at the local garrison, and in the second three more were launched.

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PRIZREN: (12:25 - 12:45) The surrounding area of the town was severely bombed. In the first wave of the attack the enemy fired 16 missiles at the zone between the villages of Zagradaska Hoca and Vlasce. The villages were targeted first and then the town itself. Seven missiles were fired north of Stipce. From 13:12 to 13:20 six highly destructive missiles were fired at the local garrison.

UZICE: (12:40) Six missiles were fired at the zone of Ponikve, west of Uzice. Since the aggression began this plateau was raided 28 times, with more than 300 destructive missiles fired, causing enormous material damage to the local manufacturing facilities and housing.

PRISTINA: (14:14 - 15:03) At least 20 missiles were launched at the Gmija resort and the near-by Butovacki Breg hill.

VRANJE: (16:00-18:30) In the vicinity of the village of Svingiste in the northern part of the Presevo county, 15 missiles were fired in the NATO attack.

BUJANOVAC: Yesterday afternoon, two missiles were launched at the village of Borovac in the Bujanovac county.

KOSTOLAC: (22:05) Two missiles were used in the attack on the power distribution facility of the Drmno thermo-electric power plant.

NIS: (22:10) NATO targeted the installations of the "Elektroistok" power company, firing two missiles in the attack.

SOMBOR: (03:00) The "Nallagas-promet" depot between the villages of Conoplja and Kljajicevo was targeted.

FRUSKA GORA: (03:15) The area around the village of Mandjelos was raided.

BELGRADE: (03:30) In the attack on Ritopek, a village near the capital of FRY, one family house was destroyed and one civilian was injured.

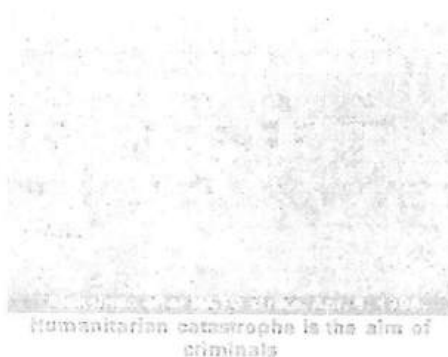
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NATO wants to control humanitarian aid in FRY

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Brussels, 24th May (Tanjug) - NATO aggressor refused to guarantee security to humanitarian convoys from abroad because it wants to control distribution of aid sent to Yugoslavia.

"NATO does not know what is happening with that aid", said the spokesman of the Alliance at the press conference in Brussels held yesterday. In that way he revealed the background of his recent statement, which was seriously condemned in the world, that NATO "can not guarantee security to humanitarian convoys".



Humanitarian catastrophe is the aim of criminals

On another example - in its attempt to justify bombing of electric power and water supply systems - NATO propaganda confirmed that causing of a humanitarian catastrophe is the main target of the Alliance. In strikes to these targets "various ammunition" is used, such as "graphite bombs" and "bombs of small destructive power", said spokesman Jamie Shea answering to the question what was used for targeting the power generating plant in Obrenovac.

According to his words, NATO will continue to destroy such systems as well as "other targets that are in direct connection with the Yugoslav Army". To remark that these however are not military targets, he cynically responded: "We target everything that, in our opinion, has any connection with the army or could put out of order its actions".

This statement completely corresponds to the words which NATO Commander in Charge for Europe, American general Wesley Clark said in Vicenza yesterday. As he said, NATO "extended" the number of targets and emphasized that "the military campaign" continues. On the occasion of these actions, as well as about the possible deployment of ground troops, Clark announced that NATO council session would be held in Brussels next week.

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Criminals cause humanitarian crisis on purpose

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Belgrade, May 24 (Tanjug) - Aggressor's NATO aviation attacked during the last night the wider districts of Belgrade, Sombor, Sremska Mitrovica and few spots in Kosovo and Metohia, as well as surroundings of Novi Sad, Kostolac and Nis where acted with highly destructive missiles on the installations of the Power Industry of Serbia, what caused the loss of the electricity in big part of the Republic.

NATO destroys power installations

Aggressor attacked again, for the third time with very destructive missiles the power installations in Nis, Novi Sad and Drmno near Kostolac, said the Power Industry Center for public relations. That's what cause the loss of electricity in bigger part of the Republic.



Humanitarian catastrophe caused on purpose

The installations in Drmno near Kostolac were hit with two missiles, after which a huge fire was seen. The fire extinguishing teams came to the spot immediately. That installation will be out of order for a longer period, because the material damage is enormous, and luckily there are no injured persons.

Criminal NATO aviation targeted at 10 p.m. with three highly destructive missiles the power installations in Rinski Sancevci, ten kilometers from the very center of Novi Sad, said the Tanjug correspondent. After the attack the fire was seen. These installations are supplying almost all parts of Vojvodina with electricity.

According to unofficial information, the region has to face the humanitarian catastrophe because of these aggressive actions, because only 30 % of the population has the electricity.

In the same time, NATO aviation targeted with two highly destructive missiles power installations in the district of Nis, about four kilometers from the center of Nis. Two fires were localized, and one person was lightly wounded in the attack.

The criminal NATO aviation acted this morning at about 3.30 a.m. shooting two missiles on the region of Ritopek in municipality of Grocka, some twenty kilometers south-east from Belgrade, said the

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City Information Center. One missile hit a family house in that district and destroyed it totally. One person is lightly wounded. The detonation caused glass breaking on ten surrounding houses.

Aggressor's NATO aviation launched yesterday at least 30 missiles between 2.14 p.m. and 7.58 p.m. on the civilian facilities throughout Kosovo and Metohia, said the Regional Information Center.

Early this morning, at 3.05 a.m. and 3.15 a.m., two series of strong detonations were heard eastern from Sombor. Aggressor's NATO aviation targeted storage of Naftagas company near the village of Conoplja, which has already been the target for few times. There was a large fire seen after the attack.

Aggressor's NATO aviation dropped its deadly load between 3.15 and 3.30 a.m. on the area between Sremska Mitrovica and village of Mandjelos. At least ten strong detonations were heard, according to the Regional civil protection squad.

Yugoslav Army Anti Aircraft Artillery strongly responded on the attack of the enemy's aviation.

During the bombing of the region, the water pipe lines were heavily destroyed, and more than 10000 people of five villages in Fruska Gora and two refugee camps in Lezimire and Lepenka stayed without water.

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EL PAIS: NATO ADMITS TO USING AMMUNITION WITH DEPLETED URANIUM IN WAR AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

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Madrid, 23 May (Tanjung) - The NATO admits to using ammunition with depleted uranium in the war against Yugoslavia, informs today's Spanish daily El Pais.

The paper states the cynicism of the NATO, which says that these missiles are used "on principle only against tanks and armoured vehicles and that they have no negative effects on the health of people". Contradictory to that, there is also cited the founding of the Human Rights Comity of the United Nations that had analyzed the impact of the same ammunition during the Gulf War in 1991, when an enormous augmentation of cancer and leukemia afflicted persons took place.



German General Walter Jertz stated at the NATO press conference of May 14 that "the Alliance does use that ammunition, but only in special cases", El Pais reports.

According to the Spanish daily, the NATO spokesman Jamie Shea, who claims, with his already well-known cynicism, that "uranium does absolutely no damage to the people and the environment", helped the German General.

Allegedly, a certain Rand Corporation from California confirmed this. The already mentioned German General Jertz stated at the same press conference that these missiles were not launched over Yugoslavia by American aircraft, as the Pentagon had confirmed on May 3.

The issue here is, states El Pais, depleted uranium - a byproduct in the process of the isolation of radioactive uranium 235. Depleted uranium has sixty five per cent radioactivity and retains its abilities completely between four and five thousand years. The Spanish daily also states today other forms of endangering the health of people and the environment by the NATO aggressors. "The destruction of oil refineries and factories in Serbia has alarmed all governments, most of all those of the neighbouring countries", writes El Pais.

The paper states that the United Nations have formed a special comity presided over by Senegal Bakari Kante, Advisor of the UN Program

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for the Environment, with the task of analyzing all health and ecological consequences of the criminal bombing of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

According to the Spanish daily, "The Solun University has proven a higher level of pollution of the atmosphere in the North of Greece for a whole fifteen per cent since the NATO had bombed the chemical factories in Pancevo and the refinery in Novi Sad in April".

During the same interval, the toxicity of the Danube River water has augmented too. The Spanish newspaper informs that the Romanian government has proven a higher level of ammonia in the atmosphere, Bulgaria registered large oil spills on the Danube, the same as Ukraine.

Italy is particularly concerned because of a large quantity of bombs the NATO aircraft had rid themselves of when returning to their bases. The Spanish newspaper states that next to the Italian shore, 143 bombs were dropped into the Adriatic Sea, mostly around Venice.

El Pais also quotes the Director of the Danube-Carpathian Program of the World Natural Fund, who said that "a natural and humanitarian catastrophe and tragedy threaten not only the Balkans, but the whole of Europe".

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Silent murder of the helpless

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Belgrade, May 24 (Tanjug) - Denying electricity and water is a reliable way to kill the ill and helpless, even more certain than the physical devastation of hospitals which triggers reactions, Serbian Health Minister Leposava Milicevic told Tanjug on Monday.



Babies in danger!!!

Commenting on the tasks which health services face following the NATO destruction of electric power plants and facilities throughout Serbia this weekend, Dr. Milicevic said more than 4,000 kidney patients on dialysis were the most endangered of all categories.



Devastated electric-power system

The lives of all other patients who are connected to medical apparatuses, from babies in incubators, to the most difficult cases being treated in intensive care units, are also in danger, she said.

The minister said the republic's health service was investing great efforts to alleviate the consequences of this unprecedented humanitarian disaster.



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Zinoviev accuses the West of new totalitarianism
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Paris, May 24th 1999. (Tanjung) Ex-soviet dissident Alexandre Zinoviev, talking about NATO war against Yugoslavia, accused the West of a "New Totalitarianism", worse and more dangerous than Hitler's or Stalin's.

"Misinformation, ideological propaganda and lies" of the Western world during aggression on Yugoslavia "are worse than those in Hitler's or Stalin's times" wrote Zinoviev in an article published in "Le Monde". He stressed that "New Totalitarianism" of the West was "more horrible and more dangerous of its Nazi and Stalinist predecessors".

"If Goebbels could have wake up from his grave he could only admire skills and power of propaganda fabrications invented by his contemporary rivals" on Balkans, wrote 77 years old Zinoviev, famous for his books "Les hautes beautés" and "L'avenir radieux".

Zinoviev, university lecturer in Munich, Germany, thinks that "what leaders of the Western world recently do to Yugoslavia" shows "very strong tendency of totalitarianism" which, to his opinion, is on its way since the Cold war ended and Soviet block broke.

In his thesis on expansion of Western totalitarianism Zinoviev warned on selfishness and brutality of countries which have taken part in NATO aggression on Yugoslavia, following only their interests and breaking rights of one nation as well as international laws.

"Western leaders, which have almost limitless politic, economic and military resources, as well as enormously big propaganda

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'Rond honderd doden'

NAVO-bommen op gevangenis

BELGRADO, BRUSSEL, 25 MEI. Bij herhaalde NAVO-bombardementen op een gevangenis in Istok in Kosovo zijn volgens de Servische media bijna honderd doden gevallen. De NAVO zegt dat de gevangenis een steunpunt van het leger en de politie is.

De gevangenis van Istok werd vrijdag en zaterdag gebombardeerd. Een verslaggever telde zondag 46 lijken, maar volgens het Joegoslavische persbureau Tanjug vielen er rond honderd doden en tweehonderd gewonden onder de gevangenen. Tanjug meldde ook dat een aantal gevangenen van het bombardement had geprofiteerd door te vluchten.

De NAVO bombardeerde dit weekeinde wel een kazerne van het Joegoslavische leger in Kosovo, die sinds ongeveer een maand in handen was van het Kosovo Bevrijdingsleger UÇK is. Dat was de NAVO niet bekend. Volgens het UÇK kwamen bij het bombardement zeven strijders om het leven.

Belgrado en grote delen van Servië zitten al sinds zondagochtend zonder elektriciteit en vaak ook zonder water na NAVO-bombardementen op energiecentrales. Anders dan bij voorgaande gelegenheden bombardeerde de NAVO de centrales niet met grafietbommen die kortsluiting veroorzaken – een euvel dat snel kan worden verholpen – maar met raketten die verwoestingen aanrichtten. Volgens de NAVO vormen de centrales een legitiem militair doel, maar de burgers in Joegoslavië wijzen op het feit dat leger en politie hun eigen generatoren hebben en dat alleen de burgers last hebben van de stroomuitval. Bij een van de NAVO-bombardementen kwam dit weekeinde in Kosovo een lid van het Servische parle-

ment om. Het slachtoffer was lid van de ultra-nationalistische Servische Radicale Partij.

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NATO Warplanes Jolt Yugoslav Power Grid

By Philip Bennett and Steve Coll
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BELGRADE, May 24 — NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia's power grid left millions of people without electricity or water service today, bringing the war over Kosovo more directly into the lives of civilians across the country.



A man and his daughter watch a column of smoke rising from a burning oil refinery in Novi Sad, some 50 miles north of Belgrade. (Associated Press)

Three consecutive nights of air attacks caused extensive blackouts in Belgrade, Novi Sad, and Nis, the three largest cities in Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic. In contrast with previous attacks on the power supply — in which allied warplanes triggered temporary outages by dropping carbon-fiber filaments that shorted out electrical lines — NATO forces this time struck at Serbia's five major power-transmission stations with high-explosive munitions, causing damage that could take weeks to repair.

Officials at the Pentagon and at NATO headquarters in Belgium said allied jets deliberately attacked the power grid, aiming to shut it down more completely and for longer periods than at any time previously in the two-month-old air campaign. U.S. officials estimated the attacks had shut off power to about 80 percent of Serbia.

Allied officials said the attacks were intended to disrupt operations by the Serb-led Yugoslav military in Kosovo, the focus of the conflict, and not target civilians. But by increasing the hardship of ordinary citizens, alliance leaders also appeared to be seeking to encourage public disaffection with the government of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Here in Belgrade, where rage against NATO during the initial days of the three-month-old bombing campaign has lapsed into weariness for many residents, the prospect of sustained blackouts brought renewed anger toward the alliance. Some cited the power outages as evidence that the genuine aim of NATO is not to expel Yugoslav troops and Serbian special police units from Kosovo, but to punish civilians and wreck the country.

The attacks also slashed water reserves by damaging pumps and cutting electricity to the few pumps that were still operative.

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Belgrade's water utility said that reserves of drinking water had been reduced to 8 percent, according to the Beta news agency, and that 60 percent of the city was without water service. The agency said authorities were trying to restore water to most city residents by midnight.

A NATO spokesman, Peter Daniel, insisted that allied warplanes were not targeting the Yugoslav water system or main power plants. Instead, he said, the attacks were aimed at "the transformers and the edges, so to speak, of the electricity-generating system."

Still, military officials confirmed that the objective of using conventional explosives against parts of the power grid was to cause longer-lasting disruptions of electrical service. "It's fair to say we made the decision that we're going to attack some elements of it in a way that's going to take it down for longer than it would have been," said a senior officer at the Pentagon.

By focusing the attacks more on distribution lines than on main production components, the officer said, the damage should take weeks, not years to repair. He said Yugoslav authorities have access to "auxiliary power supplies for many of these facilities," but he added that the latest attacks should prove more challenging for the Yugoslav military than the brief outages caused by the filament drops.

That weapon is a highly classified munition that throws out clusters of bomblets packed with chemically treated strands that act like lightning when they touch an electrical structure, causing widespread outages but no permanent damage.

The strikes have been limited thus far to electrical facilities in Serbia proper, the Pentagon officer said, but NATO commanders are understood to be planning to extend the attacks to Kosovo — a Serbian province from which Belgrade government forces have driven hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians in a drive to crush an independence movement there.

NATO officials said the new attacks on the electrical system are part of the alliances' two-track strategy to step up the pressures on the military front while pressing ahead with diplomatic contacts designed to bring about a political settlement.

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Monday, with the brunt of the attacks aimed at power plants, ammunition dumps and broadcast relay stations. One of the more devastating strikes shut down the the Kostolac power generating plant, 20 miles east of Belgrade.

NATO's supreme commander, U.S. Gen. Wesley K. Clark, has insisted that his top priority now is to destroy the Yugoslav Third Army or chase it out of Kosovo, but senior allied military officials acknowledged that they also want to damage the quality of everyday life so that suffering citizens will start questioning the intransigence of their political leadership.

Electricity was not out everywhere in Belgrade. The government-sponsored midday rock concert -- a daily protest of the NATO bombing that was attended by just a few dozen people today -- was fully amplified. In some neighborhoods, lights flicked on and off with the unpredictable frequency of the air raid sirens that now echo across Belgrade several times a day. Most electric street car service was canceled.

But the darkness added to the gloom of another in a succession of cool and rainy days here. Residents of apartment buildings climbed flights of stairs in darkness, and many people complained of spoiled food and accumulating laundry. Bread lines formed early in the morning as many bakeries were closed.

"It's a big leap towards hurting the civilian population, especially the water," said Aleksa Djilas, a historian. "I have two small children, and it's very difficult."

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Reduced to a 'Caveman' Life, Serbs Don't Blame Milosevic

By STEVEN ERLANGER

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia -- In the Belgrade suburb of Zemun Monday morning, people were complaining that even McDonald's did not have coffee, because there was no water and no electricity.

In Kovin, a small town in the northern province of Vojvodina, there is no power for the air-raid sirens. So the populace is relying for warnings on the church bells, which are rung with pauses, in an imitation of the broken sound of an air alert here.

Branislav Grcic described with fury how he had to make a fireplace out of broken bricks in his Belgrade courtyard to heat milk for his baby son and grill the chicken in his freezer, before it spoiled. "This is nearly the 21st century, and they force us to live like cavemen," he said. "Slobo," he said, referring to the Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, "has plenty of power and water, and so does the army."

After two months of bombing, which began March 24, NATO is going after Serbia's electricity and water supplies in a serious way. The high-explosive bombs are doing permanent damage to both systems, considered essentials of modern civilian life.

People are buying up batteries and bottled water and boiling eggs, when they do have a little electricity, so they will have something to eat in the long, dark, powerless nights, when the planes come again and anti-aircraft fire is the only light in the sky.

The electricity supply is intermittent for even the luckiest, while workers struggle to provide emergency power to hospitals, bakeries and the water company. But the hospitals are having the most trouble finding enough water to bathe patients and to sterilize equipment; the city is attempting to supply them with water trucks.

Without power to run the pumps, many urban dwellers have no running water -- and if they have water, they have little hot water, since most dwellings have electric water heaters. City officials say Belgrade is down to less than 10 percent of its water reserves because it cannot filter new supplies. They say that only 30 percent of residents, mostly in low-lying areas, have any running water.

The electricity cuts, which have been temporary in the past, intensified with new NATO attacks on Saturday morning. As the national electricity grid, EPS, has begun to restore power, NATO has attacked it again and again. The company urged consumers to be patient, saying that NATO has hit Serbia's five major transmitting plants, including plants at Obrenovac, Kostolac and Kolubara.

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The largest democratic opposition party, the Serbian Renewal Movement, led by Vuk Draskovic, issued a scathing attack Monday on NATO's targeting of power and water plants, calling the bombing of these public services "collective retaliation" and "crimes against the civilian population." The party called for quick action by the U.N. Security Council, European Union and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to intervene to stop attacks on these utilities.

"The situation requires an urgent reaction by major international institutions, rather than a slow diplomatic process, since a flagrant violation of all international norms and customs of war is happening before the eyes of the entire world," the party said in a statement.

The opposition Democratic Party, whose leader, Zoran Djindjic, has been attacked as a traitor by the regime, said that cutting electricity would produce needless deaths of the innocent, the very young and very old. "Such attacks are particularly unreasonable at a time when diplomatic activity is being stepped up and there is a chance to find a solution," the party said.

The Russian special envoy for the Balkans, Viktor Chernomyrdin, was to arrive Monday to discuss a possible peace settlement, but now will not come until Thursday, so he can have further talks with the American deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott, and the Finnish president, Martti Ahtisaari.

Some analysts here said they assumed that NATO was intensifying both its attacks and its language as a way to force a diplomatic endgame on Milosevic and to press him to sign a less favorable deal to end the war.

But Jadranka Djordjevic, a 64-year-old Belgrade resident who used to work for the American Embassy here, is caustic about such an assumption. "If NATO wants to overturn the government this is not the way to do it," she said. "Bombing has never had that result anywhere in the world. I am absolutely certain this will not make people revolt against their government -- they will revolt against whoever is doing this to them. NATO is terrorizing six million civilians in large cities in Yugoslavia. Making people's lives miserable is not solving any problem."

Ms. Djordjevic was 6 years old in 1941, when the Nazis bombed Belgrade, and she remembers the Allied bombing of the city in 1944. "Our generation is well-trained in war," she said.

"My mother always had salt, flour and dried yeast in the house at all times. I have 100 liters of water in my apartment now. Of course, then we had wood stoves. My mother always implored me not to get rid of our wood stove. And I still have it in the pantry."

She has no stock of wood, Ms. Djordjevic said. "But as a last resort I can use my parquet floor. In fact I think it could come to that this winter."

She lives in downtown Belgrade, on the second floor, and a relative who lives in an eighth-floor apartment in the newer part of the city has moved in with her. "Of course, we all worry about our freezers and how long the food will stay safe to eat," she said. "The problem is that for most of us, that food is now worth a fortune. We can't replace it if we have to throw it out."

Ms. Djordjevic, who worked at the embassy for much of her career, is extremely bitter about this war. "I worked for 30 years to elevate relations between our two countries and they were destroyed in two days of bombing," she said.

Will the new difficulties affect the way Serbs think about Kosovo? "People now think of survival, of keeping old ones warm and the little ones safe," she said. "It's exhausting. When you have to fear for your survival, you don't think politics. You just get angry at people who want to make you live like cavemen."

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Ms. Djordjevic also had some choice words for President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, who said the plight of Kosovo refugees reminded her of Holocaust scenes in the Steven Spielberg film "Schindler's List": "People who learn history from Spielberg movies should not tell us how to live our lives."

And for the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook. "I've heard he's said that this might make people rise against the regime," she said. "If he really said that, it means he's a terrorist and should be put on trial by the International Court of Justice in The Hague. You cannot terrorize civilians in this way. We are talking about millions of people here who are deprived of basic necessities."

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NATO AGAIN TARGETS BELGRADE

BELGRADE - A number of powerful detonations rocked Belgrade from the direction of its Batujica district just after 3.45 a.m. on Tuesday, according to the city information centre.

One explosion was heard at dawn from the direction of Strazevica in the city's Rakovica district.

The Centre reports also that at 3.05 a.m., NATO again hit the Serbian interior ministry building, but no blast was heard. The building has been virtually demolished in earlier raids.

NATO planes started overlying Belgrade at 3 a.m., provoking heavy fire from the air defence systems.

NATO SHRELS POWER LINES IN BELGRADE'S BOLJEVAC FOREST

BELGRADE - NATO planes again during the night between Monday and Tuesday targeted long-distance power lines in the Boljevac forest in Belgrade's Obrenovac district.

Seven missiles were fired on the power lines somewhat after 4 a.m. on Tuesday, the city information centre has reported.

SEVERAL POWERFUL DETONATIONS ROCK WESTERN SERBIAN TOWN OF UZICE

UZICE, Serbia - Several strong detonations were heard in Uzice, western Serbia, at around 3 a.m. local time on Tuesday.

There were no immediate reports on possible casualties in the raid that caused extensive damage to civilian facilities and that even shattered windows on buildings in the town itself.

NATO CONTINUES TO BOMB SERBIA'S KOSOVO-METOHIA

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO planes fired two missiles on the village of Sedlare in the Lipjan municipality in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's Kosovo-Metohija province at around 11 p.m. on Monday.

Sedlare was once a stronghold of the ethnic Albanian terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

NATO fired three missiles also on the area of Glogovac at around 11.15 p.m., but no word was immediately available about casualties or damage.

The Glogovac area had been raided twice on Monday afternoon.

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NATO AIRCRAFT FIRE 28 MISSILES IN PRIZREN, ISTOK AREA IN TWO HOURS

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft fired 22 missiles at villages near Prizren, Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, and six missiles on the wider area of Istok, late on Monday.

The area of the village of Berkovo, Prizren municipality, was hit with ten missiles between 7.30 p.m. and 8 p.m., the provincial information centre reported.

According to initial reports, there were no casualties in the raid that caused extensive damage to civilian facilities.

The wider area of Prizren came under attack again at around 9.30 p.m. The area of the village of Landovica was hit was 12 missiles.

NATO AIRCRAFT RAID KOSOVO AND METOHILJA VILLAGE OF VOLUJAK

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft fired five missiles at the village of Volujak near Klin, Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, on Monday afternoon.

The village was hit with three missiles at 5.43 p.m. local time and then with three more missiles three minutes later.

According to initial reports, there were no casualties in the raid.

According to initial reports, NATO aircraft fired five missiles at a television and post relay on mount Zabucja, near Uzice.

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO planes, which had during the afternoon on Monday been mainly overflying the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's Kosovo-Metohija province, raided solely civilian targets in the evening.

The province's information centre reports that NATO fired two missiles on the Glogovac municipality southwest of the province's chief city of Pristina at 5.25 p.m., and two others five minutes later.

Just after 5 p.m., one missile was fired on the Stinotje municipality.

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NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN NATO RAIDS ON ISTOK PRISON STILL UNCERTAIN

PRISTINA, Serbia - Scores of prisoners were killed and nearly 200 wounded in NATO's raids on the prison in Istok, Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, over the past five days, the Pristina-based Media Centre said late on Monday.

Some of the staff of the Dubrava prison were also killed or wounded in the raids, with the number of fatalities still being uncertain.

The evacuation of the wounded was completed on Monday, because NATO's continual bombing of the prison made it impossible to complete it sooner. The wounded were transferred to hospitals in Pec and Pristina, Kosovo and Metohija's chief city.

Vladan Bojic, Pec district court investigative judge, told reporters that NATO had committed the largest-scale murder of prisoners in the history of modern civilization.

He said an investigation into the incident would be launched later in the day, because he was wounded in a NATO raid three days ago while trying to open an investigation.

U.N. MISSION VISITS MT ZLATIBOR DISTRICT IN WEST OF SERBIA

UZICE, Serbia - The visiting U.N. inter-agency humanitarian mission on Tuesday visited the Mt Zlatibor district, western Serbia, where it was informed about the consequences of NATO's two-month-old bombing of the area.

The 12-member mission, headed by U.N. Undersecretary General Sergio de Mello visited the demolished bridge in Prijepolje and the bridges in Bistrica and Kokin Brod near Nova Varos that have also been demolished in NATO raids.

Director of the Uzice-based Telekom office Milovan Petrovic showed the delegation the ruins of the town's post office whose destruction left 18,000 people without telephone links.

"Sveti Nikola" Church Damaged in Kosovo and Metohija ay 26, 1999

Pristina, 26 May, 1999 (Tanjug) - "Sveti Nikola" church in Gornja Brnjica was one of the oldest temples in Kosovo and Metohija. Yesterday it was endangered by the NATO aggressor's missiles.

Two NATO missiles fell in the church yard near the Orthodox graveyard. There were no military or police objects near that holy place.

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Petrovic said that a radio-relay PTT station in Tornik and Orlovac and the post office buildings in Bistrica and Ponikve had also been damaged in NATO raids.

The mission visited also Mt Zlatibor where local tourist workers informed it about the consequences of NATO raids that destroyed a motel which operated within the local health care centre and killed three employees.

NATO TARGETS NOVI SAD REFINERY FOR 15TH TIME

NOVI SAD - Three strong detonations were heard in Novi Sad at 3.45 p.m. local time on Monday from the direction of Crveni Col on Mt. Fruska Gora.

At 3.50 p.m. at least five more detonations came from the direction of the refinery.

This was the 15th attack on this installation since the start of the NATO aggression on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on March 24. The explosions were followed by dense black smoke spreading over the city.

NATO AGAIN ATTACKS PONIKVE AIRPORT NEAR UZICE

UZICE - Ponikve airport near Uzice in western Serbia was again attacked by the NATO air force on Monday.

Four very strong detonations were heard in that region at about 4 p.m.

There are no reports yet about possible casualties in this latest attack on the airport, but initial reports indicate that there is material damage to civilian objects.

NATO raids on manufacturing and civilian facilities on May 24th and in the night between May 24th and 25th 1999

Yesterday and last night the enemy continued to destroy manufacturing and civilian facilities, particularly in the Southern Serbian province, with unabated vandalism. NATO cut off two thirds of electric power supply system disconnecting 5 major transport capacities connected to Djerdap Hydroelectric Power Plant, Steampower Plants in Obrenovac and Kostolac and "Kolubara" Steampower Plants.

Three missiles were fired at Mt. Fruska Gora at about 18:00.

UZICE: (about 16:00) Yesterday, Ponikve airfield was once again raided by NATO aircraft. Two persons were injured and serious damage was inflicted to civilian facilities. The airfield was struck with 6 missiles. At 03:00 the enemy attacked TV repeater in the surrounding area of the town with 5 missiles.

PRIZREN: (19:30 - 20:00) Ten missiles were launched at the village of Berkovo in the vicinity of the town, 6 at the village of Zac near Istok, and 12 at the village of Landovica near Prizren.

GADZIN HAN: (21:40) NATO air force attacked TV repeater on Mt. Selicevica in the Gadzin Han area not far from Nis with 1 missile. The TV repeater was used by local TV station in Gadzin Han.

LIPLJAN: (23:00) The village of Sedlare near this small town, once a stronghold of the so called KLA, was attacked with two missiles.

NIS: (23:00) In at least 5 waves NATO aircraft did not manage to drop their deadly payload because the Yugoslav Army Air Defence fiercely responded with SAMs.

PRISTINA: (23:10 - 23:40) Civilian airport Slatina was attacked twice with 13 missiles.

GLOGOVAC: (00:50) NATO launched three missiles on this town in KosMet.

BEOGRAD: (02:45) Strong explosions were registered in the surrounding area of Belgrade. The enemy attacked the suburb of Sarcin, Strazevica Hill, Lipovicka Suma (about 03:00), Batajnica, and the building of the Ministry of the Interior of Serbia.

OBRENOVAC: (about 04:00) The long-distance power line in the area of Boljevacaka Suma in the vicinity of the town was hit.

CRVENKA: Last night this town was added to the enemy target list. The missile hit the ground in the vicinity of the residential area making about 15m wide and 7m deep crater.

SOMBOR: (03:05 - 03:25) The Oil Industry of Serbia (NIS) depot, some 10km far from the town was attacked again with about a dozen of missiles.

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NATO planes strike Milosevic's villa

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - NATO warplanes attacked Slobodan Milosevic's villa and other targets across Yugoslavia Tuesday and early Wednesday, and the alliance approved a revised plan for an enlarged peacekeeping force in Kosovo as soon as Serb troops depart. NATO strikes were reported Tuesday on military barracks, fuel depots, electric power lines and other targets in Kosovo and central Serbia. Late Tuesday and early Wednesday, loud detonations shook the Kosovo capital, Pristina, as well as its military airport in Slatina. Also reportedly struck was an airfield near Uzice, central Serbia. Serbian TV headquarters in Novi Sad was hit early Wednesday, the third time since the bombing started, the state-run TV said.

NATO raids on manufacturing and civilian facilities on May 25th and in the night between May 25th and 26th 1999

Daily destruction of manufacturing and civilian facilities entered the tenth week of the aggression on FR Yugoslavia. Enemy aircraft continued with the bloody massacre causing the death of civilians and destruction of manufacturing infrastructure and facilities of vital importance to the population, and creating a huge humanitarian catastrophe. NATO is particularly pounding the southern Serbian province. More casualties were reported after yesterday's raids.

DIJKOVICA: (10:30 - 11:00) Five missiles were launched at the Mt. Vrh Suk and a long-distance power line was cut.

JACOBINA: (12:20) Overpass on the Belgrade-Nis motorway, between Jagodina and the village of Ribare, was hit with one missile. One person was wounded.

NOVI PAZAR: (12:30) Some 12 missiles were fired at the northern part of the town in only an hour. Residential areas were largely damaged.

KLINA: (12:50 - 13:30) The village of Vujak was also on the enemy's target list (four missiles were fired), as well as the broader area of Kosovska Kamenica, and the village of Grace (Vucitrn district). Bakim Gasi was severely wounded during the raid on Vucitrn. He did not live through the night.

BELGRADE: (13:07) Four missiles were launched at the Radio Belgrade broadcasting center in the village of Zvečka near Obrenovac. Batujnica and Malis residential areas were also raided several times during the night.

SABAC: (13:35) "Mika Mitrovic" army barracks in the center of the town were targeted with six missiles. Zivorad Nenadovic (1930) was killed and four people were wounded. Immense damage has been inflicted upon "Laza Lazarevic" elementary school, "Maeva" football team stadium and "Trkaliste" residential area.

BAR: (14:40) At least four missiles targeted the Crni Rt cape near Sutomore.

BUJANOVAC: (18:30 - 19:35) The villages of Borovac, Novo Selo and Bogdanovac were raided, as well as the TV antenna in the village of Borovac. Some 15 missiles were fired.

PRISTINA: (19:30) NATO Air Force showered the villages in KosMet with more than 40 missiles in only two hours. Vranjevac residential area, Mt. Gofas and Slatina airport were targeted. From noon to midnight more than 100 missiles were launched at Kosovo and Metohija. Careva Kosa, some 10 miles southeast from Pristina was also raided. The area was attacked three times with 15 missiles. The enemy also targeted a poultry farm. Mt. Brezovica was targeted for the first time since the beginning of the aggression (17:25), and two missiles fell in the immediate vicinity of Molika Hotel. The damage caused by these attacks was immense.

DJAKOVICA: (around 19:30) Several missiles were fired at the main waterworks in the town, disrupting the running water supply system.

LIPLJAN: (20:00) The village of Savi Dol was targeted twice last night. Some five missiles were launched in the first wave of the attack, and three in the second. Simultaneously, the village of Konjuh was targeted with one missile.

ISTOK: (20:00) The area between the village of Drenja and the village of Zae was targeted with five missiles, and in the second wave of the attack two more missiles were fired. Three missiles fell in the zone between the village of Betnice and Simlje county seat.

PRIZREN: (19:00) The village of Landovica was targeted. The immediate vicinity of the "Metohija-vino" administration building in Siroko (zone of Prizren) was targeted with three missiles.

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STRPCE: (21:20) Southern area of this municipality, in the direction of Mt. Sara was targeted by the enemy aircraft with four missiles.

UZICK: (23:07) Various facilities were targeted in the zone of Mt. Zlatibor, as well as the vicinity of Cajetina. TV and postal relay tower on Zabucje Hill and Ponikve airport were raided.

NOVI SAD: (00:30) In the 43rd raid on the city the Serbian Broadcasting Corp. building was hit once again. Five more explosions were reported from other sites.

BOR: (01:30) Already destroyed "Jugopetrol" installations and "Bor 3" electric power transformer were hit.

KURSUMLIJA: (02:45) The outskirts of the town were showered with cluster bombs.

PRAHOVO: (03:10) "Jugopetrol" fuel depot was targeted.

LESKOVAC: (02:00) Six missiles were fired in the sixth attack on the village of Grabovica (05:50). Crni Vrh TV relay tower on Mt. Stara Planina was hit with two missiles.

NATO ATTACK KILLS ONE INHABITANT OF SABAC, WOUNDS FIVE

SABAC, Serbia - In the NATO air raids on the city of Sabac, west of Belgrade, on Tuesday afternoon fatally wounded was Zivorad Nenadovic, 69, who later died in hospital.

The attacks wounded five people who were sent home after receiving first aid in hospital.

The bombing cut off the electric power supply to Sabac.

NATO BOMBS BOR AND PRAHOVO

BOR, PRAHOVO, Serbia - NATO targeted the towns of Bor, eastern Serbia, and Prahovo, on the Danube river on the border with Romania, early on Wednesday.

At 1.30 a.m. as many as 15 missiles hit a Jugopetrol oil depot and a transformer station in the mining and smelting complex Bor.

All telephone links with Bor have been severed.

At 1.25 NATO fired ten missiles at the already demolished facilities of Jugopetrol in Prahovo.

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NATO TARGETS PIROT FOR THE THIRD TIME

PIROT, Serbia - NATO warplanes targeted the city of Pirot, southeast Serbia, for the third time since the start of the aggression.

Four strong detonations were heard on the city's outskirts close to the Tanasko Rajic settlement.

A detonation was heard close to the village of Izvor, previously also targeted by NATO.

At least two missiles were fired at the radio and television relay station on the Crni Vrh summit of Mt. Stara Planina, about ten kilometres south of Pirot.

NATO ATTACKS KURSUMLIJA, SOUTH SERBIA

KURSUMLIJA, Serbia - Two big detonations rocked Kursumlija in the south of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia at 2.30 a.m. on Wednesday.

NATO AGAIN ATTACKS SERBIA'S SOUTHEASTERN LESKOVAC TOWN

LESKOVAC, Serbia - Forty minutes after midnight on Wednesday, NATO planes again shelled the area of Velika Grabovnica to the south of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's southeastern town of Leskovac.

Eight missiles were fired, and they all exploded, according to the local information centre, but no word was immediately available about casualties.

NATO SHELLS NOVI SAD TELEVISION THIRD TIME

NOVI SAD, Serbia - A large number of NATO planes again swooped down on the northern Yugoslav city of Novi Sad 40 minutes after midnight on Wednesday, provoking strong fire from the Yugoslav air defence systems.

One NATO missile hit a Novi Sad Television building, its third hit since the NATO aggression started on March 24.

Two detonations reverberated in Iriski Venac on Mt. Fruska Gora.

NATO AGAIN SHELLS GRADINA HILL, POKRKE AIRPORT AT UZICE

UZICE, Serbia - NATO planes again swooped down on Uzice in the east of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia an hour before midnight **ON TUESDAY.**

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NATO RAIDS PRISTINA, SUVA REKA IN SERBIA'S KOSOVO-METOHIA

PRISTINA/PRIZREN, Serbia - In just 20 minutes on Tuesday night, NATO planes fired 13 missiles on the area of Pristina in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's Kosovo-Metohija province.

According to the province's information centre, shortly after 11 p.m., four missiles were fired on Pristina's Grnija picnic grounds, northeast of the city and barely a few kilometres from the city centre.

At 11.20, two missiles were fired on Lebane west of Pristina, and in another wave of bombing five minutes later, another four. Minutes later, three more detonations reverberated in Pristina. No information was immediately available about casualties or damage.

The information centre said also that, at 9.35 p.m., NATO fired three missiles on Siroko in the Suva Reka municipality in the Prizren District. No casualties were reported, but damage is extensive.

NATO FIRES OVER 30 MISSILES IN 2.5 HOURS ON KOSOVO AND METOHIA

PRISTINA - NATO warplanes shelled villages and cities in Kosovo and Metohija on Tuesday night for two-and-a-half hours with more than 30 missiles, starting at 7.30 p.m.

According to the provincial crisis centre, the aggressors first hit the main waterlines in Djakovica with several missiles, disrupting water supplies in the area.

NATO also targeted Careva Cesma, close to Komorani, about 15 km southwest of Pristina. This area was targeted three times when 15 missiles were fired. The first four missiles were dropped at 9.50 p.m. Ten minutes later, ten more missiles were fired.

The local crisis centre said that targeted was a poultry farm. So far it is not known if there were any casualties.

At 9.20 p.m. NATO attacked the southern parts of the Strpce district firing four missiles in the direction of Mt. Sara.

A little before 8 p.m. three missiles were fired, for the second time that evening, on the village of Sivi Do, Lipjan district. Five missiles were dropped in the first attack. The material damage was considerable.

No details were immediately available about casualties or damage in this latest NATO outrage.

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At the same time, a missile was fired on the region of the village of Konjuh, in the same district.

A little before 8 p.m. NATO warplanes dropped five missiles on the area between the villages of Drenja and Zac, Istok district. Five minutes after, the aggressors fired two more missiles.

NATO raided with three missiles the area between the village of Belince and the town of Stimlje between 7.38 - 7.52 p.m.

In the period from noon until 10 p.m. on Tuesday, NATO dropped about 90 missiles on the region of Kosovo and Metohija.

NATO FIRES SEVERAL MISSILES ON MONTENEGRO IN ADRIATIC RESORT SUTOMORE

BUDVA, Montenegro - NATO warplanes on Tuesday afternoon twice fired several missiles in the direction of the Crni Ri promontory, close to Montenegro's Adriatic resort of Sutomore.

Eyewitnesses described black smoke rising after the detonations. So far there are no more details about the attack.

According to Radio Bar, no one was wounded.

NATO FIRES 15 MISSILES NEAR BUJANOVAC

VRANJE, Serbia - NATO dropped 15 missiles between 6.30 - 7.35 p.m. on Tuesday on the region of Bujanovac.

The attack caused great material damage but so far there have been no reports about casualties.

The Vranje crisis centre said that the aggressors targeted the villages of Borovac, Samoljica, Novo Selo and Bogdanovac and the radio antenna tower near Borovac, previously also attacked.

NATO TARGETS VICINITY OF PRISTINA

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO fired several missiles at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday on the area northeast of Pristina.

About 5.30 a missile hit Pristina's Vranjevac suburb.

For the first time since the start of the NATO aggression on Yugoslavia, the aggressors hit the region of Mount Brezovica.

Two missiles fell close to hotel Molika on this mountain.

Twenty minutes later five missiles hit the Suvi Do settlement in the **Lipljan District. THE** material damage was considerable, the provincial crisis centre said.

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GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS MEASURES FOR ALLEVIATING EFFECTS OF NATO AIR STRIKES

BELGRADE - The Serbian government met in session on Tuesday, chaired by Prime Minister Mirko Marjanovic, to consider measures aimed at helping ease the consequences of the brutal NATO bombardment of civilian targets, a government statement said.

The NATO crimes which kill innocent civilians, destroy the economy, infrastructure, and communications, are continuing and intensifying, the government said, underscoring that only an end to the air strikes will enable peace, renewal of the political process, and the return of refugees to their homes.

"Our country has opted for a peaceful and political solution to problems in Kosovo and Metohija, but it is also resolved to defend its freedom and independence," the statement said.

NATO TARGETS MAKIS AND BATAJNICA NEAR BELGRADE AGAIN

BELGRADE - NATO warplanes fired missiles on Tuesday at 2.26

Black smoke was spreading from the attack site. The material damage is considerable.

NATO also targeted the region of Batajnica with several missiles.

NATO HITS RADIO BELGRADE'S TRANSMISSION CENTRE NEAR OBRENOVAC

BELGRADE - NATO warplanes fired four missiles at 1 p.m. on the transmission centre of Belgrade Radio in the village of Zvecka, near Obrenovac, the municipal crisis centre said.

The material damage is considerable.

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Allies Target Computer, Phone Links

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BRUSSELS, May 26—NATO military commanders won political approval today to attack some of Yugoslavia's most sensitive sites, including the country's civilian telephone and computer networks, in a bid to cut communications between Belgrade and armed forces in Kosovo, senior NATO sources said.

At a closed-door meeting of allied ambassadors, NATO's chief military commander, Gen. Wesley K. Clark, said NATO warplanes have established air supremacy and could now step up airstrikes on key targets such as leadership residences, police and ministerial headquarters and the country's basic infrastructure networks.

In the past few days of NATO's two-month-old campaign of air attacks against Yugoslavia, allied bombing runs have deprived Belgrade and other major cities of much of their electricity and water supplies by knocking out power stations. The projected attacks on Yugoslavia's telephone system would also cause hardship for millions of civilians. But allied officials say they also will serve an important military purpose by severing land telephone connections that have been largely immune from Western surveillance.

"The plan is to cut off the main telephone system, drive their computer systems crazy and make sure the Serbs can only use cellular phones that are most vulnerable to eavesdropping by satellite," a senior alliance official said. "There is agreement [among NATO governments] that this is the moment to apply maximum pressure."

Clark told the ambassadors good weather was expected for the next two weeks and more than 1,000 warplanes were able to conduct round-the-clock bombing runs.

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NATO Keeps Up Pressure With Strikes

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) -- NATO warplanes pounded more targets in Belgrade and throughout Yugoslavia early today while reports surfaced that the Yugoslav president has been indicted on war crimes charges.

Planes roared over Belgrade, and the rattle of heavy anti-aircraft fire resounded in the capital soon after air raid sirens sounded. Powerful explosions were heard in the city's New Belgrade area and the southern district of Rakovica, where thick, black smoke was seen rising from an engine factory.

The private Studio B television said 53 missiles hit Belgrade and the surrounding area overnight in one of the fiercest NATO attacks on the capital since the bombing started March 24.

In all, NATO said it flew a record 741 sorties on Day 64 of its air campaign, including 308 strike sorties and 74 others designed to suppress Serbian air defenses.

The 19-country alliance said the strikes hit a wide range of targets, including artillery and armor in Kosovo and strategic targets across Serbia.

The state-run Tanjug news agency said NATO struck a ministry building in New Belgrade that coordinates imports and exports of weapons, but the missiles did not explode.

Local media reported that two children and a woman were killed and several people were injured in Rajka, 18 miles south of Belgrade, when a missile struck residential buildings. Tanjug said three people were killed and two injured when NATO bombed two villages in the Kosovska Vitina area southeast of Pristina, Kosovo's provincial capital.

The reports could not be independently confirmed.

Serbian media also said a series of "exceptionally strong explosions" echoed early today from the direction of the Batajnica military airport, northwest of Belgrade.

Also reportedly targeted early today were an industrial zone in Nis, Yugoslavia's third-largest city, a communication tower near Novi Sad in the north of the country and a hill near Belgrade where an underground military complex is believed to be located.

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NATO launches extensive strikes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Blasts reverberated throughout dozens of Yugoslav cities Wednesday during a record number of NATO attack flights, which zeroed in once more on President Slobodan Milosevic's villa and hit army barracks and command posts. Planes roared over Belgrade shortly before midnight Wednesday and the rattle of heavy anti-aircraft fire resounded in the capital soon after air raid sirens sounded, signaling a new night of NATO attacks. Earlier Wednesday, allied jets bombarded Kosovo's capital, Pristina, its surroundings and the northern city of Novi Sad, Serb media reported. Sustained NATO strikes also were reported in central and southern Yugoslavia as well as an area north of the port of Bar in Montenegro.

ARANDJELOVAC HEARS BLASTS, 6 NATO MISSILES SHOT DOWN OVER MT KOSMAJ

ARANDJELOVAC, Serbia - Two powerful explosions rocked Arandjelovac, south of Belgrade, at around 11 p.m. on Wednesday, according to the local information centre, which said that Yugoslav air defence systems had shot down two NATO missiles over Mt Kosmaj.

A fire broke in the Maks residential area (23-25), parts of the Zeleznik district suffered black-outs, and windows on many buildings were shattered. Four severe explosions were reported in the foot of Mt. Avala. The Rakovica residential area was raided twice, "21. Maj" farm equipment factory was targeted. "Jugimport - SDPR" building in New Belgrade (05:20) was targeted, as well as the area of the village of Ostruznica and the vicinity of the bridge on River Sava. Several explosions were registered in Surcin and Babajnica residential areas. YA Air Defence units put up a fierce resistance.

NOVI SAD: (01:50) Three strong explosions were registered in the vicinity of the Vojvodina capital.

SOPOT NEAR BELGRADE: (02:00) Three people were killed in the village of Rajka (Sopot district), when a private home of the Pavlovic family was hit. Children Stefan and Dejana Pavlovic were killed, as well as Biljana Momcilovic (29). Two private houses were destroyed.

NIS: (03:20) The industrial zone of the town was raided.

ARANDJELOVAC: The outskirts of the town was targeted during the night.

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According to the Centre, NATO operations in the village of Begaljica southeast of Belgrade at 11.30 p.m. damaged a private house, wounding one person.

Five NATO missiles were fired also on near-by Bubanj Potok.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET RAILWAY STATION NEAR VOJVODINA TOWN OF ZRENJANIN

ZRENJANIN, Serbia - NATO aircraft fired a missile at a railway station at Lukicevo near Zrenjanin, Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, at around 2 a.m. local time on Thursday.

The missile did not go off but it badly damaged the railway line interrupting traffic between Zrenjanin and Pancevo near Belgrade.

Another missile hit the area but has not been located yet, the district civil defence centre in Zrenjanin reported.

NATO AIRCRAFT LAUNCH FIERCEST ATTACK EVER ON KURSUNLIJA

KURSUNLIJA, Serbia - NATO aircraft launched their fiercest raid ever on Kursunlija, southwestern Serbia, early on Thursday, shelling the town's suburb of Markovici.

The aircraft fired about 30 missiles at the suburb in a three-hour attack that commenced at 1 a.m. local time, the local information centre reported.

According to initial reports, there were no casualties in the raid that caused extensive damage.

NATO SHELLS POPULATED PARTS OF SERBIA'S NIS

NIS, Serbia - NATO's overnight raids on the southeastern Serbian (Yugoslav) city of Nis targeted populated parts of the city and the industrial zone.

One civilian was wounded in the raids which started at 11.20 p.m. on Wednesday and continued until 4 a.m. on Thursday, according to the local information centre.

A dozen detonations rocked the city from the northwest at 1.45 a.m., and the raids were repeated at 2.55, 3.15, 3.30 and then at 10-minute intervals until 4 a.m.

A number of private residential houses were damaged in the latest air strikes on the area, which was targeted and heavily demolished also on April 24.

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SERIES OF POWERFUL DETONATIONS ROCK BATAJNICA NEAR BELGRADE

BELGRADE - A series of strong detonations were heard in the direction of Batajnica near Belgrade early on Thursday, the city's information centre reported.

According to initial reports, as many as 18 highly powerful blasts rocked the area.

Two explosions were heard at around 1.55 a.m. local time to be followed by a series of at least 15 detonations soon after 2 a.m.

Belgrade residents reported that they could see the flash from the explosions in the sky over Batajnica.

NATO TARGETS MTS MALJEN, DIVCIBARE

VALJEVO, Serbia - NATO planes fired two missiles on Mt Maljen and the wider area of Mt Divcibare in east-central Serbia (Yugoslavia) at a few minutes past 11 p.m. on Wednesday.

The detonations were heard in the town of Valjevo 30 km away. It is not clear what the target of the attack was.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET JUGOIMPORT COMPANY IN NOVI BEOGRAD

BELGRADE - NATO aircraft fired a missile at the building of the Jugoimport SDPR company in Belgrade's district of Novi Beograd at around 2 a.m. local time on Thursday, the city's information centre reported.

The missile did not go off.

Serbian police have cordoned off the area around the building located in the vicinity of China's embassy that NATO aircraft targeted on May 7, killing three Chinese reporters.

THREE DIE, THREE OTHERS WOUNDED IN NATO RAID ON RALJA, OFF BELGRADE

BELGRADE - Three people were killed and three others were wounded in a NATO raid on the village of Ralja south of Belgrade. One NATO missile hit a block of houses, wounding one child, while another is listed as missing.

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One missile fell in the village of Popovac in the back yard of a private house, blasting a crater 10 metres in diameter and 5 metres deep.

NATO HITS AGRICULTURAL MACHINES FACTORY IN BELGRADE'S RAKOVICA

BELGRADE - NATO planes shelled the maintenance shop of the 21. Maj factory of agricultural machinery in Belgrade's Rakovica district at around 11 p.m. on Wednesday.

The city information centre said the building was hit with one missile, but no word was immediately available about casualties.

NATO AIRCRAFT FIRE AT LEAST 35 MISSILES ON KOSOVO AND METOHIJA

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft fired at least 35 missiles at civilian targets in Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija in a four-hour attack launched at 5.30 p.m. local time on Wednesday.

There were no casualties in the attack that caused extensive damage.

NATO AGAIN SHELLS SUVA REKA TYRE FACTORY IN SERBIA'S KOSOVO-METOHIJA

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO planes again shortly before 4 p.m. on Wednesday shelled the area of the Balkan Belt dumper tyre factory at Suva Reka, in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's province of Kosovo-Metohija.

Two missiles fell between the factory and the local primary school, wreaking huge damage.

No casualties have been reported, according to the province's information centre.

NATO had raided the factory earlier in the afternoon, also with two missiles.

RUTEL SAT CUTS OFF SERBIAN TELEVISION TRANSMISSIONS

BELGRADE - Under a decision of the RUTEL SAT Board of Directors, Serbian television transmissions were cut off at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Serbian television programmes are no longer available in Europe and most of the world, and in some parts of the Yugoslav republic

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NATO AIRCRAFT SHELL OLD ROUTE AT OBRENOVAC NEAR BELGRADE

BELGRADE - Several powerful detonations were heard in the direction of Makis near Belgrade at around 11 p.m. local time on Wednesday.

According to eyewitnesses, NATO aircraft targeted the old route at Obrenovac, southwest of Belgrade.

NATO AIRCRAFT AGAIN TARGET PRISTINA ENVIRONS

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft again bombed the environs of Pristina, chief city of Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, at around 9.50 a.m. local time on Thursday.

Two missiles hit a warehouse in Lebane. There were no casualties but considerable damage was caused.

The aircraft fired two missiles near the villages of Veric and Tucep, Istok municipality, soon after 9.30 a.m.

TWO NATO MISSILES FALL IN SERBIA'S DESPOTOVAC AREA

DESPOTOVAC, Serbia - NATO planes shelled on Thursday morning the village of Ravna Reka in the Despotovac municipality in the east-central part of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia.

According to Despotovac Mayor Radoslav Racic, speaking for TANJUG, two missiles fell in the village area between 9.25 a.m. and 9.40 a.m.

No casualties were reported, but some damage was done to the local forestry estate.

NATO AIRCRAFT AGAIN TARGET JUGOPEIROL OIL DEPOT IN BOR

BOR, Serbia - NATO aircraft raided again a Jugopetrol oil depot in Bor, eastern Serbia, at around 9.30 a.m. local time on Thursday.

The depot was completely destroyed in previous raids.

About ten powerful detonations were heard during a 30-minute attack on the town, the seventh since the outset of NATO's aggression on Yugoslavia on March 24.

NATO AIRCRAFT FIRE MORE THAN TEN MISSILES AT FARM NEAR CUPRIJA

CUPRIJA, Serbia - NATO aircraft launched more than ten missiles on an industrial farm near Cuprija, eastern Serbia, between 9.25

a.m. and 9.40 a.m. local time on Thursday.

The farm came under attack also on Wednesday afternoon when it was hit by six missiles.

NATO AIRCRAFT RAID PRISTINA ENVIRONS TWICE ON THURSDAY MORNING

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft bombed the environs of Pristina, chief city of Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija, twice on Thursday morning.

The Grnija picnic grounds near Pristina came under attack at 8.38 a.m. local time, while the village of Devet Jugovica was hit at 9.12 a.m.

The provincial information centre reported that a bomb dropped on the village landed near a railway line section in whose vicinity ethnic Albanians live.

NATO AGAIN RAIDS KULA, NORTH SERBIA (YUGOSLAVIA)

KULA, Serbia - NATO planes shelled the town of Kula in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's northern Vojvodina province again before dawn on Thursday.

At 2.17 a.m., four missiles were fired on the part of town known as Stole, for the third time since NATO launched its aggression on Yugoslavia on March 24.

NATO CONTINUES TO SHELL CIVILIAN TARGETS IN SERBIA'S KOSOVO-METOHIA

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO planes resumed at just after 7 a.m. on Thursday their shelling of civilian targets in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia's Kosovo-Metohija province, according to the province's information centre.

At 7.10, one missile was fired on the village of Gajbulje near Vucitrn, and three others fell 4 minutes later, hitting a warehouse.

NATO again targetted also Urosevac, which was hit with one missile at around 7.15.

From 7.40 to 7.50, three missiles were fired on the territory of the village of Istok, but no word was immediately available about casualties, although damage is sure to have been done.

12:30pm with 10 missiles. Lot of houses were destroyed or damaged.

13:50 Four or five explosions in Leskovac at 1:40pm. No data about injuries.

13:15 Sound barrier was broken over Nis.

13:03 Today's second air raid in Kragujevac.

12:50 NATO attacked Grnija in Pristina with 10 missiles between 11:35am and 11:55am.

12:30 NATO attacked television and radio transmitter in village Zabucje near Uzice with 4 missiles at 12:00pm.

11:40 NATO attacked farmer facilities in Dobricevo near Cuprija with 10 missiles.

11:30 Kosovo: at 7:10am NATO attacked Vucitrn with 4 missiles, at 7:15am Urosevac with 2 missiles, at 7:50am Istok area with 3 missiles, at 8:38am Grnija (Pristina) with one air bomb, at 9:12am village Devel Jugovica with one missile, at 9:30 Istok area and at 9:50 Lebane near Pristina.

10:35 End of air raid danger in Belgrade.

10:15 One NATO combat jet was shot in the sky above Arandjelovac at 09:55 am according to first reports from that city.

09:55 Two more victims of tonight's bombing of Rajja are identified. They are children Dejana and Stefan Pavlovic. Three wounded in tonight's attack are hospitalized in Clinical Center of Serbia in Belgrade: Branislava Pavlovic, Vlodimir Pavlovic and Ljubinka Ivanovic. The doctors are still fighting for the life of Branislava Pavlovic. Two civilian buildings were hit with 4 missiles.

09:45 More than 10 explosions in Bor area, east Serbia.

09:21 Air raid danger in Belgrade, Kragujevac and Pozarevac.

08:40 Belgrade was hit with 53 missiles during last night.

08:00 More than 20 strong missiles hit Batajnica military airfield, 20 miles west from Belgrade, during the night. Missile that hit SDPR building didn't explode.

06:27 End of air raid in Belgrade.

05:45 Railroad Zrenjanin-Belgrade was targeted with 2 missiles at 01:55.

05:20 During tonight's attack on New Belgrade, building of

"Jugolimport-SDPR", defence industry company, was hit.

04:15 It is quiet in Nis. NATO aircraft are flying over the wider city area.

04:10 Kursunlija area, 40 miles north of Pristina, is under heavy NATO aircraft attack during the whole night. The heaviest attacks occurred between 01:00 and 04:30 am.

NATO raids on the civilian and manufacturing facilities on May 26th and in the night between May 26th and 27th 1999

The destruction of manufacturing and civilian facilities continued with the same intensity in the past 24 hours. Many people were killed in last night's raids, including two children in the village of Rajka (municipality of Sopot). NATO aircraft raided numerous facilities in the capital, as well as various localities throughout the country, destroying villages, manufacturing capacities, and residential areas. Southern Serbian province is becoming more of a ruin with every day, and the aggressor is making best efforts to turn Yugoslavia into scorched ground causing an unprecedented humanitarian and civilizational catastrophe.

PRISTINA: (08:30) Two children were killed and one severely wounded in the enemy raid on the village of Radose. The area between the villages of Orlovce and Djakovica suffered several attacks. The village of Miljevac (near the village of Devet Jugovica) was targeted around 10:00. Yesterday (17:30) the enemy aircraft fired 35 missiles at Kosovo and Metohija in only four hours. Some six missiles fell in the northern area of the city (21:15). The villages of Brojica and Sefalija and Gmija picnic ground were also targeted.

KURSUMLIJA: (07:25 -11:45) The enemy targeted for several hours the Markovici suburb. Some 14 missiles were launched. Fierce attacks on this town were carried out last night between 01:00 and 04:30. Immense damage was inflicted.

SRPCE: (08:30 - 08:40) The area of this town near Mt. Sara was targeted with one cluster bomb and one missile. The village of Bafinja was raided from 14:47 to 15:25, and soon after that a missile fell on Mt. Goleš.

ZVECAN: (08:45) One missile fell on the Banjska residential area.

LIPULIN: (10:30) The zone of Mt. Goleš was targeted with three missiles.

ZURIN POTOK: (11:00) The home of Vukomir Milivojevic in the village of Gruzivode was targeted with three missiles. His child and wife were severely wounded.

BAR: (12:25) Crni Rt cape near Sutomore was targeted with four missiles.

GORA: (12:35) Two missiles were fired at the area of the village of Kosovce near Dragas.

CUPRIJA: (13:00) Cattle farm near this town was targeted.

KRAGUEVAC: (13:17) Industrial facilities and the village of Zdralice were targeted.

ZAJECAR: (13:20) Two missiles fell into the fields in the immediate vicinity of the town area. More than 50 private houses were damaged.

BAJINA BASTA: (15:00) Several missiles were fired at Ponikve airport and the village of Kremna on Mt. Tara, west of Uzice.

KOSJERIC: (15:25) One missile hit a private house in the village of Rosici.

LEBANE: (16:18) Four missiles were launched at this area. One missile fell in the area of the village of Besinje, and another one in the nearby hills.

UROSEVAC: (18:39) The enemy raided the area twice last night. In the first wave of the attack, the village of Crnilo was targeted, and only eight minutes later, in the second wave of the attack, some seven missiles were launched at this area.

SOVA REKA: (18:25) The village of Rocane was targeted with one missile, and the immediate vicinity of "Schweppes" soft drinks factory was raided twice during the night. Simultaneously, one missile hit the village of Trnje. Around 12:00 two missiles exploded in the vicinity of "Balkan-belt" rubber producing plant. Two missiles hit the area between the plant and the elementary school causing huge material damage.

STIMLJE: (18:20) During the night, this small town suffered two waves of the attack 15 minutes apart, with one missile each.

PEC: (18:05) The broader area of the town was targeted, and four missiles were launched at the village of Rausic.

KLINA: (17:30 - 17:41) The enemy aircraft showered the village of Tikves with 12 missiles in only 10 minutes. One missile hit the wider area of the town.

CACAK: (01:10) In the 13th attack on this area, "Sloboda" community was raided for the fifth time since the beginning of the **AGGRESSION**.



Comment: Bombs Rule Out Talk of Peace

By Viktor Chernomyrdin
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I deem it necessary to express my opinion on the Kosovo situation as the warfare escalates and the danger grows of a shift to ground operations, which would be even bloodier and more destructive. I also want to comment on certain ideas put forward by President Clinton in his contribution of May 16 to the New York Times.

In particular, I am anxious to express my opinion of his premise that "Russia is now helping to work out a way for Belgrade to meet our conditions," and that NATO's strategy can "strengthen, not weaken, our fundamental interest in a long-term, positive relationship with Russia."

In fact, Russia has taken upon itself to mediate between Belgrade and NATO not because it is eager to help NATO implement its strategies, which aim at Slobodan Milosevic's capitulation and the de facto establishment of a NATO protectorate over Kosovo. These NATO goals run counter to Russia's stance, which calls for the introduction of U.N. forces into Kosovo with Yugoslavia's sovereignty and territorial integrity intact.

Moreover, the new NATO strategy, the first practical instance of which we are witnessing in Yugoslavia, has led to a serious deterioration in Russia-U.S. contacts. I will be so bold as to say it has set them back by several decades. Recent opinion polls back this up. Before the air raids, 57 percent of Russians were positively disposed toward the United States, with 28 percent hostile. The raids reversed those numbers to 14 percent positive and 72 percent negative. Sixty-three percent of Russians blame NATO for unleashing the conflict, while only 6 percent blame Yugoslavia.

These attitudes result not so much from so-called Slavic fraternity as because a sovereign country is being bombed - with bombing seen as a way to resolve a domestic conflict. This approach clashes with international law, the Helsinki agreements and the entire world order that took shape after World War II.

The damage done by the Yugoslavia war to Russian-U.S. relations is nowhere greater than on the moral plane. During the years of reform, a majority of Russians formed a view of the United States as a genuine democracy, truly concerned about human rights, offering a universal standard of civilization.

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shattered the myth of the socialist regime's merits, so the United States lost its moral right to be regarded as a leader of the free democratic world when its bombs shattered the ideals of liberty and democracy in Yugoslavia. We can only regret that it is feeding the arguments of Communists and radical nationalists, who have always viewed NATO as aggressive, have demanded skyrocketing defense expenditures and have backed isolationist policies for Russia.

Now that raids against military targets have evidently proven pointless, NATO's armed force has moved to massive destruction of civilian infrastructure - in particular, electric transmission lines, water pipes and factories. Are thousands of innocent people to be killed because of one man's blunders? Is an entire country to be razed? Is one to assume that air raids can win a war?

I should like here to turn to the lessons of recent history. The U.S. Air Force and the RAF dropped several hundred thousand bombs on Berlin, yet it took a Soviet Army offensive, with its toll of several hundred thousand lives, to seize the city. American air raids in Vietnam proved pointless, and the Russian Army suffered setbacks in Chechnya. Serbs see NATO and the Americans as aggressors against whom they are defending their native land. I do not think a ground war will be a success, and I am sure it will bring tremendous bloodshed.

Further, it will no longer be possible to thwart the proliferation of missiles and nuclear arms - another negative consequence of NATO's policy. Even the smallest of independent states will seek nuclear weapons and delivery vehicles to defend themselves after they see NATO's military machine in action. The danger of global instability looms, with more new wars and more victims.

More bombing makes it pointless to plan a return of refugees. What will they come back to - homes in debris, without electricity or water? Where will they find jobs, with half of all factories in ruins and the other half doomed to be bombed in due course? It is time for NATO countries to realize that more air raids will lead to a dead end. No fewer than half of the refugees are not eager to leave a prosperous Europe to return to a devastated Kosovo to live side by side with war-embittered Serbs. Of this, I am sure. Clearly, every hundred Kosovans will have to be indefinitely protected by one or two soldiers; that is how NATO's presence in Yugoslavia will become permanent.

Also, sooner or later NATO will be expected by the world community to pay Yugoslavia for damages, to compensate the bereaved families of innocent victims and to punish pilots who bombed civilians and their commanders who issued criminal orders.

Thus, the bloc is headed for a Pyrrhic victory, whether the conflict ends with the Serbs capitulating or in an invasion of Yugoslavia. The campaign will not achieve its main goals. Not all refugees will come back to Kosovo, which will remain in some form under Yugoslav jurisdiction, and many billions of dollars will be spent rebuilding the country from the ruins.

Now, a few words about the ethnic Albanian paramilitaries. They are

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essentially terrorist organizations. Of this, Russia is sure. They are making money chiefly from drug trafficking, with an annual turnover of \$3 billion. As it maintains close contact with these paramilitaries and modernizes their weaponry, the West -- directly or indirectly -- encourages the emergence of a major new drug trafficking center in that part of the world. It also encourages the paramilitaries to extend their influence to neighboring countries. The Greater Albania motto may soon start to take hold. This will mean more bloodshed, more wars and more redrawings of borders.

The world has never in this decade been so close as now to the brink of nuclear war.

I appeal to NATO leaders to show the courage to suspend the air raids, which would be the only correct move.

It is impossible to talk peace with bombs falling. This is clear now. So I deem it necessary to say that, unless the raids stop soon, I shall advise Russia's president to suspend Russian participation in the negotiating process, put an end to all military-technological cooperation with the United States and Western Europe, put off the ratification of START II and use Russia's veto as the United Nations debates a resolution on Yugoslavia.

On this, we shall find understanding from great powers such as China and India. Of this, I am sure.

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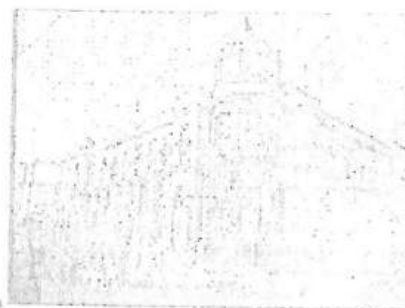
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Serbia Information Ministry Statement

May 27, 1999

The Serbia Information Ministry Thursday most severely condemned the EUTELSAT Board of Directors decision to discontinue transmitting the Radio-TV Serbia (RTS) satellite program and, thus, make RTS inaccessible in European countries.



The criminal decision is a culmination of the hypocrisy of the policy pursued by Western powers, which in words urge the freedom of the press while most grossly preventing the flow of information in the world and, thereby, consciously violating the EUTELSAT founding principles, a statement released by the Serbia Information Ministry set out.

In the war against our country, the criminal NATO forces are bothered the most by their inability to conceal from the world public the consequences of their own criminal actions and the killing of innocent people in Yugoslavia. An endless number of times so far, they had intended to silence the Serbian media and prevent them from keeping the domestic and world public informed about the daily crimes committed by the NATO forces on the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: the destruction of the RTS buildings in Belgrade, Novi Sad and Pristina, the brutal killing of journalists, the repeated destruction of radio-TV transmitters, the jamming of RTS signals. However, regardless of all the gross attempts at silencing information and the wish to have only the NATO news circle the globe, they have not succeeded in preventing the massive support lent by the peace- and truth-loving part of mankind to the Serbian people.

Despite the fact that RTS is an EUTELSAT shareholder and has met all its financial obligations, the principle of ownership has been abrogated and the possibility denied to present to the world public opinion all the horrors and sufferings of the civilian population, caused by two months of bombardments by the NATO criminals, which is an act of unprecedented discrimination, aimed against all citizens of Yugoslavia.

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Terecht wordt er in de media veel aandacht geschonken aan het lot van de Kosovaren. Wat mij echter verbaast en verbijstert is dat er niet of nauwelijks aandacht is voor de milieuramp die door de NAVO-bombardementen in Joegoslavië wordt veroorzaakt.

De voortdurende vluchten met supersonische vliegtuigen hebben een ernstig negatief effect op de zo kwetsbare ozonlaag rond de aarde. Bovendien bestaat de uitstoot van de vliegtuigen uit toxische en carcinogene stoffen.

Veel ernstiger nog is de ramp die wordt veroorzaakt door het vernietigen van de olieraffinaderijen en petrochemische industrie. De schadelijke stoffen die hierdoor vrij komen zullen via de rivieren, de lucht en het grondwater verspreid worden.

Het mag duidelijk zijn dat een gifwolk zich niet aan de grenzen van Joegoslavië zal storen. Dit betekent dat de omringende landen direct en de rest van Europa hier later de schadelijke gevolgen van zal ondervinden.

Ten slotte is er nog het aspect van het gebruik van verarmd uranium in de door de NAVO gebruikte raketten. Met de Bijlmer-ramp nog vers in het geheugen moet dat tot nadenken stemmen.

Is het zo dat deze gevolgen ook als 'zijdelingse schade' gezien moeten worden, net als het per ongeluk bombarderen van een bus of trein?

HEERENVEEN M.W. Otten

17:50 During NATO bombing of Alekandrac last night were killed: Pjeter Nedeljkovic, Dusanka Savic and one still unidentified person. Natasia Stanjkovic-Nedeljkovic, Natasia and Divna Stanjkovic were wounded.

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17:35 Village Zabucje near Uzice was targeted at 13:00.

17:22 "Kusik" in Valjevo was targeted 3 times today after 13:00.

17:10 Gradina near Cuprija was targeted during the day.

11:00 Pristina was targeted with 2 missiles.

11:10 Dragas was targeted 2 times with 2 missiles.

11:20 Novo Brdo i Urosevac were targeted.

11:30 Village Zaglavlje near Pec was targeted.

10:50 Dragas and Vucitrn were targeted with 2 missiles each. Since morning until the end of attack, village Relja was targeted with 27 missiles.

16:24 End of air raid danger in Sabac.

15:52 Ladjevci near Kraljevo was targeted at 3:30.

15:45 RTS TV transmitter near Glogovac was targeted at 9:20.

15:30 Between 1:50 and 3:50 Lebanc village near Pristina were hit with 17 missiles.

15:25 Air Raid in Sabac.

14:20 End of air raid danger in Belgrade and Sabac.

13:10 Air Raid in Belgrade, Sabac and Valjevo.

08:10 The power supply is enabled for priority users only: hospitals, water mains and bakeries. Water supply capacity is filled with 42,5% of total. The city transport was reduced to only 124 vehicles.

07:30 Wider Obrenovac area was targeted at 03:55 with 8 missiles. 6 missiles hit the Boljevacke woods, while another 2 hit hangars in army barracks in the western part of town.

06:24 End of air raid danger in Belgrade.

05:30 Bridge over Nisava river in Popovac village was damaged during last night's attack on Nis.

05:15 Heavy explosion followed by fire was spotted on the northeast of Carak at 03:20.

04:30 It is confirmed that Maks and Lipovica were hit with 4 missiles each.

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- 03:55 Explosions directed from Maki, Lipovica and Rakovica.
- 03:50 2 explosions spotted in Barajica direction
- 03:40 Detonation which was heard in Valjevo surround resulted from breaking of sound barrier.
- 03:35 Warplanes over Belgrade! Heavy air defense actions.
- 02:15 Hum and Popovac villages were also targeted during the attack on Nis. One person was injured.
- 02:05 Bridge over Juzna Morava river in Vladicin Han was targeted around 01:00. Nearly civilian objects suffered huge material waste.
- 01:55 30-minutes lasting attack on Pirot have started at 00:50. "Tanasko Rajic" settlement, Izvor village and TV transmitter Crni Vrh were hit with several missiles each.
- 01:45 Veteraik hill near Pribina was targeted with 2 missiles around 11:20pm.
- 01:40 Industrial zone of Aleksinac was hit with more than 10 missiles between 00:30 and 00:45. According to the first informations, there were injured persons.
- 01:25 One NATO aircraft was downed near Breck village yesterday at 5:30pm.
- 01:10 Northwestern, industrial zone of Nis was targeted with over 20 missiles.
- 01:00 Power supply in Serbia is gradually stabilizing.
- 00:45 RTS TV transmitter near Gora, Lipljane and Kosovska Vitina area were attacked during the afternoon. Urosevac surround was hit with 5 missiles.
- 00:30 Belince village in Stinlje municipality was targeted with 10 missiles around 7:30pm.
- 00:10 Sav hill in Gajilane area was hit with 6 missiles around 5pm.
- 23:50 Devic village in Klina municipality was attacked twice today around 3:40pm and hit with 31 missile.
- 23:30 Bridge over Cekavica river in Cekavica village near Lipljane was targeted today at 1:20pm. Veselka Spajic (1940) and Branka Stankovic (1940) were killed during the attack.

23:00 Beograd, Smederevo, Novi Pazar, Pancevo and Sombor are out of power supply. There is no water in Pancevo.

20:30 Air raid in Belgrade.

NATO AIRCRAFT LAUNCH 12 MISSILES ON ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN SERBIA

BELGRADE - Aggressor NATO aircraft again targeted the distribution system of the Elektroprivreda (EPS) Serbia power company early Friday, after attacking and damaging two central Belgrade transformer stations late Thursday, which left the Yugoslav capital and most of the province of Voivodina without electricity, EPS said.

Several transmission-line pylons on the left bank of the Sava were destroyed, further aggravating the situation with the electricity supply in Belgrade and Voivodina.

On the territory left without electricity late Thursday, EPS succeeded overnight in securing electricity for hospitals, the water supply system and bakeries, so as to diminish the humanitarian disaster caused by the aggressor with the destruction of electric power facilities.

NATO ATTACKS KOSOVO AND METOHIJA AGAIN ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

PRISTINA - The NATO air force on Friday afternoon continued attacks on the southern Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija.

Two missiles hit the municipality of Dragas in two separate strikes shortly after noon.

Two missiles were fired at an old warehouse of building material "Miloje Zakic" in Vucitrn at about 1 p.m. There are no reports yet about casualties, and material damage is being assessed. The warehouse was hit with two missiles several days ago as well.

Shortly before 2 p.m., NATO again attacked the area around Pristina. Several missiles hit Batovacki Breg hill, where a picnic ground is located which was hit with at least 15 missiles on Thursday.

NATO AIRCRAFT DESTROY TV TRANSMITTER NEAR UZICE

UZICE - Aggressor NATO aircraft launched a heavy attack on the wider area of Uzice, a city in western Serbia, at around 1 p.m. local time Friday.

The aggressor aircraft targeted the Zabucje Hill, overlooking

Uzice, and with several projectiles completely destroyed the TV transmitter on it.

At the same time, enemy aircraft struck at the Gradina area, near Cajetina, targeting for who knows which time the local TV transmitter.

Several strong explosions were heard also in the wider area of Ponikev, northwest of Uzice.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET RUBBLE OF KRUSIK FACTORY IN VALJEVO

VALJEVO - Aggressor NATO aircraft launched heavy assaults in three waves between 1-1:10 p.m. local time Friday on the rubble of the Krusik factory in Valjevo, a town in western Serbia, which was destroyed in the previous bombardments.

The Thursday attack on the factory, the 30th since NATO aggression on Yugoslavia was launched on March 24, was preceded by air strikes on May 18.

Thick clouds of smoke are rising from the site where once stood Valjevo's biggest working collective and pride.

As opposed to the attack of May 18, when 41 projectiles hit the factory compound and a score the nearby housing blocks, killing a woman, there were no casualties this time and no damages.

NATO FIRES SEVEN MISSILES ON PRESEVO

VRANJE - NATO warplanes fired on Friday seven missiles on the area of the village of Reljan, eastern part of the Presevo district, the crisis centre in Vranje, southern Serbia, has said.

At 10:25 a.m. the aggressors dropped four missiles, and three more five minutes later.

The raids caused considerable material damage.

The Yugoslav army anti-aircraft defence responded to the NATO attacks.

NATO AIRCRAFT LAUNCH NEW ATTACKS ON KOSOVO AND METOHLJA

PRISTINA - Aggressor NATO aircraft launched two projectiles on the Pristina environs shortly after 11 a.m. local time Friday.

A strong explosion was heard in the village of Brodosavce, the Decani municipality, at 11:20 a.m. local time.

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at around 11:20 a.m. local time.

The village Zagrulje, the Pea municipality, was targeted with two missiles at around 11:30 a.m. local time.

NATO AIRCRAFT CONTINUE RAIDS ON CIVILIAN TARGETS IN PRISTINA AREA

PRISTINA, Serbia - NATO aircraft continued shelling civilian targets in the area of Pristina, chief city of Kosovo and Metohija, on Friday morning after launching raids throughout Serbia's southern province all day on Thursday.

The aircraft fired four missiles at the village of Lebane, 8 km north of Pristina, soon after 7 a.m. local time on Friday. At least 25 missiles rained down on the village on Thursday.

A Serbian Radio and Television transmitter in Komorane near Cilogovac was hit with two missiles at around 9:20 a.m. The aircraft fired two more missiles at the transmitter some 15 minutes later.

NATO KILLS AT LEAST THREE, WOUNDS MANY IN ALEKSINAC

ALEKSINAC, Serbia - At least three people were killed and many were wounded in the NATO attack early Friday on Aleksinac and surrounding villages, eastern Serbia, municipal civilian defense authorities told Tanjug.

The NATO missiles destroyed 10 and heavily damaged 30 houses.

Rescue teams are clearing the ruins and searching for other casualties.

NATO fired at least 7 missiles in three attacks about 12:40 a.m. on the Novo Naselje district in Aleksinac.

In its previous three attacks on Aleksinac, NATO killed 29 civilians and wounded about 40, and destroyed over 120 houses and damaged over 550.

NATO DEPRIVES BELGRADE, VOJVODINA PROVINCE OF POWER

BELGRADE - The NATO aircraft destroyed with missiles two key power distribution stations near Belgrade at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, the power company (EPS) told Tanjug.

The station at Bezanijska Kosa carried power to the capital city from the Obrenovac thermo-electric power plant, and the station in Lestane from the Djerdap hydro-power plant.

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of Vojvodina were left in total darkness.

The destruction of the two stations created serious problems in Serbia's overall power supply grid.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET DENSELY-POPULATED SECTION OF OBRENOVAC NEAR BELGRADE

BELGRADE - NATO aircraft launched two missiles on the densely-populated, west section of Obrenovac, some 15 km southwest of Belgrade, at around 4 a.m. local time on Thursday.

NATO HITS MAIN ROAD OUT OF BELGRADE

BELGRADE - NATO fired four missiles on the southern part of Belgrade early Friday, one of which hit and damaged a lane of the main Ibarska highway towards the south, and three fell in the Maksis district, city civilian defense authorities told Tanjug.

NATO also fired four missiles on Lipovicka Sana forest bordering the Ibarska highway.

The attack started about 4 a.m. Yugoslav Army anti-aircraft defense opened intensive fire on the aggressor aircraft.

NATO TARGETS VILLAGES IN KRALJEVO AREA FRIDAY

KRALJEVO, Serbia - NATO fired a missile on the Ladjevci village, 10 km from Kraljevo, central Serbia, at 3.25 a.m. Friday, Tanjug's reporter said.

There are no reports yet on any casualties, but village homes were extensively damaged.

At the same time, NATO fired a missile on the home of brothers Radisa and Dragisa Dragicevic in the Mrenjevci village, 20 km west of Kraljevo. The house was heavily damaged.

STRONG DETONATION ROCKS WIDER AREA OF CENTRAL SERBIAN TOWN OF CACAK

CACAK, Serbia - A powerful detonation rocked the wider area of Cacak, central Serbia, and a huge fire ball was seen in the sky northeast of the town, between the villages of Preljina and Trepcu, at around 3.20 a.m. local time on Thursday.

NATO ATTACKS VLADICIN HAN EARLY FRIDAY

VLADICIN HAN, Serbia - NATO attacked at 1 a.m. Friday a bridge on the Jazna Morava river in Vladicin Han, southeastern Serbia, causing extensive damage.

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No reports are available yet on any casualties, but extensive damage was caused to civilian facilities in the area.

NATO AIRCRAFT TARGET SOUTHEASTERN SERBIAN TOWN OF PIROT, ITS ENVIRONS

PIROT, Serbia - NATO aircraft attacked the southeastern Serbian town of Piroć and its environs at around 0.50 a.m. local time on Thursday.

Several missiles hit the town's residential area during the 30-minute attack, while some more landed in the vicinity of the village of Izvor, located 3 km from the town.

The aircraft fired several missiles at a radio and television transmitter at Crni Vrh, 10 km east of the town.

NATO AIRCRAFT RAID NIS, WOUND SEVERELY ONE CIVILIAN

NIS, Serbia - NATO aircraft launched a 30-minute attack on Nis, in the southeast of Serbia, at around 0.30 a.m. local time on Thursday, severely damaging the bridge across the Nisava at the village of Popovac and a section of the motorway linking the city with Macedonia's capital Skopje.

Some 20 missiles rained down on Popovac, the city's northwestern industrial zone and the village of Uzun, located north of the city, four of which were highly destructive, the city's information centre reported.

One civilian was seriously wounded in the raid.

NATO WOUNDS FIVE IN ATTACKS ON CENTRAL SERBIA

JAGODINA, Serbia - Since the outset of the NATO aggression on Yugoslavia, the alliance aircraft have fired 97 missiles on mainly civilian facilities and infrastructure in Jagodina, Despotovac, Čuprija, Paraćin and Rekovac, in the Pomoravski district (Morava river valley) in central Serbia, district head Vladimir Jovanović told Tanjug Friday.

Five people were wounded, one of them seriously, in the attacks, he said.

Over 50 missiles hit Paraćin, and the greatest devastation was caused in Čuprija, where 800 homes and 38 public and private businesses have been razed to the ground or were heavily damaged, as well as schools, health, cultural and sports institutions and the bridge across the Velika Morava river on the Belgrade - Nis highway, Jovanović said.

Damage in Cuprija has been assessed at over 20 million German marks, but the figure excludes the damage to the Dobricevo agricultural complex, he said.

Accommodation has had to be found for 500 Cuprija residents as their homes have been destroyed, Jovanovic said.

The aggressor aircraft have also destroyed the bridge across the Lagodac river near Jagodina, on the Belgrade - Nis highway, the Serbian TV transmitter on Mt. Crni Vrh, and hundreds of homes and businesses in the district, Jovanovic said.

PEINJSKI DISTRICT SUFFERS 120 MILLION DEUTSCHE MARKS IN DAMAGES

VRANJE - The Peinjski district in southern Serbia has been hit by over 400 projectiles, 42 civilians have been killed, and over 500 seriously or lightly wounded, mostly women and children, since criminal NATO aggression was launched on Yugoslavia on March 24.

About 1,000 private houses, quite a number of schools and economic and other facilities have been damaged or destroyed, with the total damages estimated to stand at over 120,000 deutsche marks, commander of the Peinjski District Civil Defense Headquarters Caskav Ristic said Friday.

SERB EMIGRANTS SEND AID

BELGRADE - A delegation of the Serbian ministry for ties with Serbs outside Serbia on Friday received representatives of Serb communities from Slovenia and Canada, who brought humanitarian aid worth 131,000 D-marks from fellow Serbs living abroad.

The aid is intended for hospitals.

Serb societies in Slovenia participated with 72,000 D-marks, Serbs from Vancouver with 46,000, and the Slovenian Red Cross contributed 13,000 D-marks' worth of medicines.

NATO Raids on the Civilian and Manufacturing Facilities on May 27th and in the Night Between May 27th And 28th 1999

NATO raids continued with the increased intensity on the 66th day of the aggression on F.R. Yugoslavia. According to NATO officials, the number of sorties was the highest in the last two days (741 in the last 24 hours), and 308 airplanes carried out the attacks on manufacturing and civilian facilities. Roads, bridges, lines of communication, power plants, residential areas, villages and

Vrouwen Kosovo prooi van maffia

GENÈVE ²⁸⁻⁵⁻⁹⁴ - Gevluchte vrouwen uit Kosovo worden met honderden per nacht door misdadige organisaties van Albanië naar Italië verscheept om in de prostitutie aan het werk te worden gezet. Dit heeft de International Organisatie voor Migratie in Genève verklaard. De vrouwen zijn een gemakkelijke prooi, omdat zij geen identiteitsbewijzen meer hebben. De maffia in Albanië en Italië zou nauw samenwerken met de politie. (ANP)

NAVO-bombardementen

1 Ruim een halve eeuw na WO-II ben ik nog nooit in Duitsland met vakantie geweest. Wat mij er, onbewust, nog altijd van weerhoudt is het idee dat voor en in de oorlog zoveel Duitsers met enthousiasme achter hun leider en diens opvattingen stonden. Men slikte alle propaganda van regering en leger voor zoete koek.

Zijn wij een haar beter? Volgens opiniepeilingen keurt ongeveer 70 procent van de Nederlanders de agressie van de NAVO tegen Joegoslavië goed. Min of meer dezelfde argumenten spelen bij deze massale steun weer een rol: beluister hoe trots men is op het oppermachtige militaire apparaat van de NAVO dat niet kan en mag verliezen, het racisme ten aanzien van de inwoners van Joegoslavië die rustig gebombardeerd mogen worden, de opvatting dat alleen óns Westerse democratisch stelsel in heel Europa moet zegevieren en dat de oorlog zich tenslotte ver van ons bed afspeelt. Ook nu slikken wij de slimme propaganda.

Stijgende huizenprijzen zijn vele malen belangrijker dan het in onze naam vernietigen van mensen met fragmentatiebommen. We weigeren zelfs om over deze oorlog na te denken en erover in discussie te treden. Wij beseffen niet dat aan die massale steun voor het gooien van bommen de betrokken regeringen weer hun steun aan de NAVO onttelen.

E. NEUTEBOOM,
Amsterdam

2 Wij mij zo beangstigt is dat dit hele NAVO-gebeuren lijkt te

worden gedirigeerd door onze Amerikaanse vrienden aan de overkant van de Atlantische Oceaan en 'aangevuurd' door hun Engelse medestanders. Onze Europese leiders zouden veel meer van zich moeten laten horen en alles in het werk moeten stellen dit zinloos gebeuren op de Balkan te beëindigen.

Zij moeten duidelijker hun inbreng tonen met in het achterhoofd het Nederlandse spreekwoord 'Beter ten halve gekeerd dan ten hele gedwaald'.

K. BAKKER,
Wieringerwerf

3 Dagelijks worden wij op triomfantelijke wijze geïnformeerd over de keer op keer op Joegoslavische steden uitgevoerde bombardementen. De van zichzelf vervulde NAVO-woordvoerder Jaime Shea zegt voortdurend dat „wij geen oorlog voeren tegen de Serviërs, maar tegen Milošević.”

Welnu, na meer dan twee maanden bombarderen zijn wel de Serviërs geslachteerd, maar zijn er geen tekenen dat Milošević persoonlijk daaronder lijdt. Enige bescheidenheid over het tot nu toe bereikte resultaat van onvoorstelbaar menselijk lijden van zowel Kosovaren/Albanezen als Serviërs, alsmede van de gigantische kapitaalvernietiging zouden de NAVO niet misstaan. Ook door de NAVO dienen de humanitaire grenzen in acht te worden genomen, zulks temeer omdat het leed van de een niet door het leed van de ander kan worden verzacht.

P.J.G.A. EGO,
Zevenbergen

In de schaduw van Kosovo

Vollekker.

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HET TV-NIEUWS loopt klappen op in Kosovo. Alle nieuws- en actualiteitenrubrieken zijn na twee maanden oorlog aan het bezuinigen en moeten al te ambitieuze plannen voor de rest van het jaar afblazen. De verkiezingen die volgend weekend in Indonesië plaatsvinden, stellen hoofdredacties nu, kunnen best vanuit Nederland worden verslagen.

Sinds 24 maart bivakkeert NOS-verslaggever Gerri Eickhof net als de rest van de oorlogscorrespondenten in Belgrado, in het Hyatt-hotel van die stad. Het vijfsterren-hotel telt dagelijks de kosten op van verblijf, minibar en overhemden-service en stuurt de rekening naar Hilversum. Zonder korting.

Geven nog steeds een ton per week uit aan Kosovo', stelt adjunct-hoofdredacteur Hans Laroes. Volgens hem geeft het NOS Journaal sinds het uitbreken van de Balkancrisis structureel meer uit dan het budget eigenlijk toelaat.

Laroes: 'Een satellietverbinding met Belgrado kost drieduizend gulden per tien minuten. En voor ieder studiogebruik van Gerri moeten we vijfduizend Zwitserse francs overmaken op een Russische bankrekening. Dat heeft journalistieke gevolgen voor de rest van het bulletin. Dat kan niet anders.'

Een reportage over Koerdistan naar aanleiding van het proces tegen Öcalan is inmiddels geschrapt. Het staatsbezoek van Beatrix aan China en de verkiezingen in Israël werden al so-...er verslagen dan gepland. Laroes: 'We zijn Netanyahu eeuwig dankbaar dat hij in één klap verloren heeft. Dat scheelde een hoop geld.' Verder

Nieuwsbulletins op televisie geven aan hun Kosovo-verslaggeving meer uit dan hun budget eigenlijk toelaat. Gebeurtenissen in de rest van de wereld worden de dupe. 'Kosovo heeft al mijn plannen gedwarsboomd.'

heeft de NOS besloten minder satelliettijd te reserveren voor de verbinding met verslaggevers - opletende kijkers zullen merken dat correspondenten dit jaar minder frequent worden gebeld, of kort worden gehouden tijdens de uitzending. 'Voorlopig is er nog geld voor alle grote gebeurtenissen', stelt Laroes. 'Maar ik vind het niet erg als in eigen land dit najaar geen tussentijdse verkiezingen worden gehouden.' Andere redacties, minder rijk dan het NOS Journaal, voelen de gevolgen van Kosovo nog sterker. Zo had RTL Nieuws ambitieuze plannen voor de verkiezingen in Zuid-Afrika en Indonesië. Al twee weken voor de verkiezingsdag zouden reportage-teams afreizen. 'We hadden dat groots willen aanpakken', zegt eindredacteur Marcel Gellauf, 'maar daar hebben we het geld niet meer voor.' Hij verzekert dat de verkiezingen nog steeds uitgebreid worden verslagen, 'maar gewoon vanuit Hilversum'.

Jean Mentens beschikt als hoofdredacteur van de SBS-journaals over het meest bescheiden budget. Hij ziet 'donkerzwarte wolken' overdrijven als zijn budgetoverschrijding ter sprake komt. 'De precieze cijfers heb ik niet, maar Kosovo heeft al mijn plannen gedwarsboomd. Het gaat niet om een

steen in de vijver, maar om een hele bergwand die kringen maakt die nooit meer overgaan.' Het budget van SBS Nieuws ligt volgens Mentens vast, omdat producent Cameo de hele nieuwsrubriek voor een vast jaarbedrag aan SBS levert. Ongeacht de gebeurtenissen. Mentens: 'We zijn in onderhandeling met een begripvolle SBS-directie, maar die heeft tot nu toe geen extra middelen toegezegd. Van mijn wens de rubriek een eigen gezicht te geven, komt zo niet veel terecht.'

Toch stuurde Mentens afgelopen week een verslaggever naar Suriname en is hij ook van plan een team naar Indonesië te sturen. 'Ik vind dat ik geen keus heb.' Als bezuiniging overweegt hij in de zomer de uitzending van vijf uur te schrappen. 'Dan kijken toch niet veel mensen. En als dat niet helpt, gaat ook de zes uur-uitzending eraan. Alles om ons vlaggenschip (het bulletin van half acht) te redden.'

Zo'n drastische ingreep is bij de publieke omroep niet nodig. Netwerk wil in de zomer juist door, maar is wel van plan meer specials uit te zenden: aangekochte documentaires die een hele uitzending vullen. Vorige maand was Netwerk met een dozijn journalisten en technici aanwezig op de Balkan. En met een eigen satellietwagen die de

rubriek in Nederland had gehuurd en naar Tirana had laten rijden. 'Door meer specials uit te zenden kunnen we bezuinigen', stelt eindredacteur Maria Henneman. 'Als we de rest van het jaar rustig aandoen, blijven we misschien binnen het budget.'

Die hoop is nauwelijks nog aanwezig bij Nova. 'We hebben tonnen extra uitgegeven', stelt adjunct-hoofdredacteur Ad van Liempt. Met de directies van de betrokken omroepverenigingen is volgens hem 'een inspanningsverplichting' afgesproken om de rest van het jaar te bezuinigen. 'We hebben vanochtend nog over Suriname vergaderd', zegt Van Liempt. 'En ik kan melden dat daar niemand van ons naar toegaat.' Ook het plan een eigen Nova-equipe naar Indonesië te sturen, is van de baan. Geen ramp, stelt Van Liempt, omdat Nova geen primaire nieuwstaak heeft.

Elders documentaires inkopen en inkorten, vindt hij geen oplossing. 'Wat Netwerk doet vind ik kwalijk. Ze hadden onlangs een programmvullende reportage over een instituut in Engeland voor moeilijk opvoedbare jongeren. Wat heeft dat nog met hun taak te maken: het brengen van achtergronden van het nieuws?'

Liever riskeert Van Liempt een botsing met zijn bazen. 'We houden er serieus rekening mee dat op de Balkan een grondoffensief begint. In ieder geval gaan daar nog heel wat erge dingen gebeuren en aan het licht komen. Als we dat op een professionele manier willen blijven verslaan, dan gaat het budget er aan. Dat is het risico van dit vak. Ik hoop alleen dat de directies dat ook zo zien.'

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Nato Hurls on Manufacturing and Civilian Facilities on May 28th and in the Night Between May 28th and 29th 1999

In the last few days only, NATO air-craft showered manufacturing and civilian facilities with several hundred missiles. Towns and villages throughout Serbia which were previously raided, were hit once again and lives and property were scorched and burned. The southern Serbian province was exposed to particularly ruthless attacks, and the whole territory of Serbia suffered failure of the electric power system, which proves that NATO is causing a huge humanitarian catastrophe. On the 6th day of the aggression on FR Yugoslavia, along with the destruction of basic living conditions, numerous casualties have been reported.

ALJECINAC: In the Thursday night's attack on the suburb of this town Pecheg Markovic (37), Dusan Savic (42) and Branislav Milevic (79) were killed. Four people were wounded, and Srdan Simkovic is still in treatment.

PRISTINA: (07:00) The village of Lebina was targeted with four missiles, and about 09:20 two missiles were fired at the Serbian Broadcasting Co. (RTS) relay tower in the village of Komorici, about 12 miles from Pristina. At 11:00 the vicinity of the town was raided. Batovci Greg at the Grmija resort was targeted at 14:00. About 21:00, Vranjevac was raided, soon after Kosovsko Vilage suffered the attack with three missiles.

DRAGAS: (11:10) Strong detonations could be heard in the village of Dragas, and some 10 minutes later in the zone of Novo Brdo. The major part of this municipality suffered another two waves of the attack around 12:00.

ERDSEYAC: (11:20) Two missiles were launched at the village of Erdseyac.

PEC: (11:30) The area of the village of Zagradje was raided.

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VUCITRN: (13:30) "Miloje Zakić" construction material storage facility in this town was raided with two missiles.

UZICE: (13:00) The Ponikve Airport was targeted with two missiles, and the RTS relay tower on Zabuće Hill was completely destroyed with four missiles. Windows on many manufacturing and civilian facilities were shattered, due to severe explosions. At the same time a local TV relay tower in the zone of Čadina near Čajetina was targeted.

VALJEVO: (around 13:15) At least 12 missiles were fired at previously destroyed "Krusik" factory. The zone of Valjevo has been raided for 30 times since the beginning of the aggression.

KURSUMLIJA: (23:30) The village of Markovci was once again on the enemy target list. Four missiles were fired.

HERCEG NOVI: (15:25 - 16:17) The vicinity of this town on Montenegrin Coast was raided five times last night with ten missiles. YA Air Defence downed one "Hunter" UAV at 09:15.

NOVI SAD: (00:30) Seven strong explosions were registered in the city zone. Previously destroyed TV Novi Sad building, as well as TV relay tower on Hriški Vrh were raided.

VRSAČ: (01:40) Four missiles were launched at this town.

BELGRADE: (02:05) Batajnica military airport was targeted.

SREMSKA MITROVICA: (02:30) Several detonations were reported north of the town.

ČUPRIJA: (03:15 - 03:40) Center of the town was targeted with ten missiles. One missile hit a private home in the immediate vicinity of the "Ravno" hotel.

KRALJEVO: (03:30) The village of Rafina near Kraljevo was targeted with four missiles. At 03:15 yesterday, enemy aircraft raided the villages of Ladjevci and Mrcajevci on the Kraljevo - Čačak road. One missile fell on the small village of Dragicevici hitting private homes of Radisa and Dragisa Dragicevic.

(Belgrade local time - GMT+1)

13:07 Seven civilians were injured during today's last attack on Kraljevo.

12:55 Bridge over Ibar river near Biljanovac, on Kraljevo-Raska road was attacked at 11:10am.

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12:25 Radio Television transmitter near Pribej was attacked with one missile at 11:15am.

12:20 NATO attacked Prizen area with 4 missiles at 10:40am.

12:14 NATO attacked village Visibaba near Uzice with 7 missiles at 11:30am.

12:05 Knisk factory in Vidjevo was attacked at 11:37am with one missile.

11:54 End of air raid warning in Belgrade.

11:17 Air raid in Belgrade.

11:05 Transmitter of Radio Krugjevo was attacked with 2 missiles at 10:14am. There were no injured people.

10:50 Kosovo: in less than 2 hours NATO launched more than 10 missiles on Kosovo. At 7:00am and 7:10am Lebane near Pribej was under attack with 10 missiles. at 7:10am and 7:20am Vranjevo, at 8:38am Prizen, at 8:39am village Stocci, at 8:40am villages in Gora area and at 10:10am Vuchin with one missile. There were no injured people.

10:47 Velikinci place near Cujilac was attacked at 6:30am.

10:45 Kraljevo was attacked at 10:00am with 2 missiles and also at 10:05am with 2 missiles. Kraljevo suburb Jaganjak was attacked at 10:10 with more than one missile.

10:25 Antenna tower near Krugjevo was hit with 1 missile at 10:10.

03:40 Sjenica area, south-west Serbia, was hit with 2 missiles at 03:45am.

07:50 3 persons were wounded and several downtown houses were completely destroyed during last night's attack on Cuperija.

07:10 As eyewitnesses report, one NATO aircraft was shot over Ugrinovci area around 02:00 am. Few minutes earlier one missile was downed over wider Saren area.

06:28 End of air raid danger in Belgrade.

05:10 Cuperija downtown was hit with 10 missiles between 03:15 and 03:40 am. One missile hit residential house near "Ravno" hotel.

04:55 Ratina village near Kraljevo was targeted with 4 missiles.

04:20 According to the information from Serbian Electric Utility Company, EPS, the cause of latest power shortage was the technical problem.

04:00 Power supply for priority users is gradually normalizing.

03:20 Belgrade out of power again.

03:12 Problems with power supply in Belgrade.

02:30 Several explosions were spotted north-western from Srebrenka Mitrovica.

02:05 Strong acting of AAA over Belgrade. Explosions towards Banja Luka airfield.

01:40 Vrsac area was hit with 4 missiles at 01:30am.

00:45 Already smashed building of TV Novi Sad and TV transmitter on brsk Venac rd were targeted during the attack.

00:30 Markovici village was targeted around 11:30pm with 1 missile.

00:20 7 heavy explosions in Novi Sad area.

00:15 Explosions in Novi Sad area.

Chernomyrdin satisfied by visit to Belgrade, adds.

BELGRADE, May 28 (Itar-Tass) - Russian special envoy for the Yugoslav settlement Viktor Chernomyrdin is "very satisfied by his visit to Belgrade".

The envoy made a statement to the effect before the departure to Moscow after almost ten hours of negotiations with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Friday.

In the words of Chernomyrdin, Milosevic and he "discussed in detail our moves at the future complicated negotiations" of the special envoy, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Stroob Talbot and Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari. "I hope next time we will come to Belgrade together with Martti Ahtisaari. I am sure of that by 95-97 percent," the envoy said. He assured correspondents that Russia did its best to achieve the termination of bombing and the war.

Goal of NATO aggression - world domination, Chi Haotian says.

BELUNG May 29 (Itar-Tass) - Urge for world domination and

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Violation of human rights this is what the military actions against Yugoslavia, unleashed by the U.S.-led North Atlantic Alliance, actually boil down to. According to official reports, this was stated by China's Defence Minister Chi Haotian during his meeting with Viktor Shennin, Secretary of the Belarus Security Council and Security Adviser to the Belarus President, who is currently visiting here at the invitation of the Chinese Defence Ministry.

Faced as they are with the danger of hegemonism and positions of strength policy, the peace-loving nations must consolidate their cooperation in the effort to safeguard peace, the Chinese minister stressed.

In the course of the negotiations, the Chinese and Belarus sides noted the similarity or even identity of the stands of their respective countries on many international problems. Chi Haotian particularly noted that China and the Belarus Republic were coining out actively for the creation of a multi-polar world.

The Chinese defence minister said it was very important to promote cooperation between the two countries in order to contain the "aggressive aspirations for domination" over all the planet.

For his part, Shennin stressed Belarusia's sharply negative attitude to the new NATO strategic concept, noting that it can "lead only to international instability".

FOUR DETONATIONS ROCK BATAJNICA NEAR BELGRADE

BELGRADE - Four detonations were heard in the direction of Batajnica near Belgrade in the night of May 28-29, the city's information centre reported.

Yugoslav anti-aircraft batteries opened heavy fire on NATO aircraft.

NATO AIRCRAFT AGAIN TARGET NOVI SAD TELEVISION BUILDING

NOVI SAD - NATO aircraft raided the area of Novi Sad, chief city of Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, soon after midnight on Friday.

At least six powerful detonations were heard in the direction of the River Danube's right bank during the 20-minute-long raid.

The aircraft fired at least three missiles at the building of the Novi Sad television in Sremska Kamenica. The building was levelled to the ground in three previous NATO attacks.

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Yugoslav army anti-aircraft defences fiercely responded to the attack.

SIX STRONG EXPLOSIONS ROCK SREMSKA MITROVICA

SREMSKA MITROVICA - Aggressor NATO aircraft again attacked the Voivodina town of Sremska Mitrovica early Saturday.

Six strong explosions were heard in the northwestern part of the town at around 2 a.m. local time, the District Civil Defense Headquarters told Tanjug.

The Army of Yugoslavia air defense heavily countered the attack.

FOUR STRONG EXPLOSIONS ROCK VRSAC

VRSAC - Four strong explosion rocked the Voivodina town of Vrsac at around 1:30 a.m. local time Saturday.

The explosions came from the southern part of the town.

KOSMET HIT BY OVER 100 PROJECTILES IN 33 AIR ASSAULTS IN 24 HOURS

PRISTINA - The wider area of the Kosovo and Metohija capital of Pristina was hit by 18 projectiles in several NATO assaults on the night of May 27-28.

According to the figures of the Provincial Emergency Centre, from 2 a.m. Friday until the same hour Saturday, NATO aircraft carried out 33 attacks, mostly on civilian facilities in the province, launching over 100 projectiles.

At around 11:20 p.m. local time and again 15 minutes later, the Kamenic area, twenty or so kilometers southwest of Pristina, was targeted with two highly destructive projectiles each time.

The village of Lebane was the target of two attacks, in which ten projectiles were launched by NATO aircraft.

The earlier bombarded Csa Dusan Silni barracks in Priazen were targeted with three projectiles between 2:45-3:35 a.m. Saturday.

Shortly before midnight Friday, one projectile was launched on the eastern part of the Pae municipality.

In the specified 24-hour period, the Pristina environs were targeted with 40 projectiles in 13 aggressor NATO air strikes.

AGGRESSOR NATO AIRCRAFT LAUNCH FIVE PROJECTILES ON PRISTINA SUBURB