

At the meeting held on 17 March 1994 in Gornji Vakuf between representatives of the State Commission for the Exchange of Prisoners of War of the RBH /Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina/ and the Service for the Exchange of Prisoners of War and Other Persons of the Croatian Defence Council /HVO/, in the presence of EC monitors, UNPROFOR HQ - South-West Sector, and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross /ICRC/ as witnesses, the parties reached the following

AGREEMENT

1.1. On Saturday, 19 March 1994, 73 prisoners from the prison in Mostar, 294 prisoners from the prison under the control of by the RBH Army in Bugojno, and 500 members of the RBH Army from the Heliodrom prison (Rodoč), shall be released simultaneously.

1.2. The RBH Army Commission for the Exchange of Prisoners of War in Mostar shall prepare a list of individuals to be released from the Heliodrom prison and submit it to the HVO Commission for Exchange and the ICRC not later than on 18 March 1994. The HVO Commission for Exchange shall do the same.

1.3. HVO undertakes to allow the take-off of two helicopters /illegible/ SPABAT /Spanish Battalion/ in Medjugorje and ensure safe flight over the HVO-controlled territory in keeping with the previous agreement reached between the RBH Army and HVO commanders. If technical inspection and repairs of the helicopters cannot be completed by the above-mentioned date, the take-off shall take place immediately after inspection, or after repairs at the latest.

2.1. On Tuesday, 22 March 1994, HVO shall release all prisoners held in all prisons under the HVO control in Herzegovina (Heliodrom, Ljubuški VIZ /Military Remand Prison/, Čapljina, Prozor, and possibly others), with the exception of prisoners from Central Bosnia (Žepče, Novi Šeher, Maglaj, Zenica, etc.) held in Helidrom prison. The RBH Army shall release six prisoners from the prison in Gornji Vakuf.

2.2. On the same date, all isolated individuals shall be evacuated from Rotilj to the RBH Army-controlled territory, including those who are currently at the French Battalion Base in Čatići and the 32 HVO members released from prison who are currently in Vareš in the RBH Army-controlled territory. This will be done solely on the basis of free will of these individuals that they will express when representatives of the ICRC come to interview them.

3.1. On Thursday, 24 March 1994, parties to this Agreement shall meet again in Gornji Vakuf in order to agree the release of all the remaining prisoners held in prisons in Central Bosnia by the RBH Army and HVO, as well as the prisoners from Central Bosnia held in the Heliodrom prison.

3.2. Prior to the deadline mentioned under item 3.1., and in compliance with the HVO request, the ICRC shall visit Tarčin and the village of Mjehurići near Travnik in order to verify whether any Croats are being held in captivity on these locations.

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