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Belgrade's Support for the Bosnian Serb Army: Apparently Ongoing



[redacted] officials in Belgrade, including Serbian President Milosevic and Yugoslav Army (VJ) leaders, are involved in supplying the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) with missile components, fuel, and technical support. [redacted] during a 29 August meeting in Belgrade, Milosevic exploited the BSA's need for military supplies to pressure Pale into accepting him as chief negotiator in the peace talks. In return, Milosevic reportedly agreed to meet all of Pale's material needs. Separately, a Bosnian Serb [redacted] stated in early October that the BSA, because of its reliance on Serbia, is placing considerable pressure on Pale to maintain good relations with Milosevic. [redacted]



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Missile-Related Shipments

[redacted] Belgrade sent several shipments of missile-related material to the Bosnian Serbs in October:

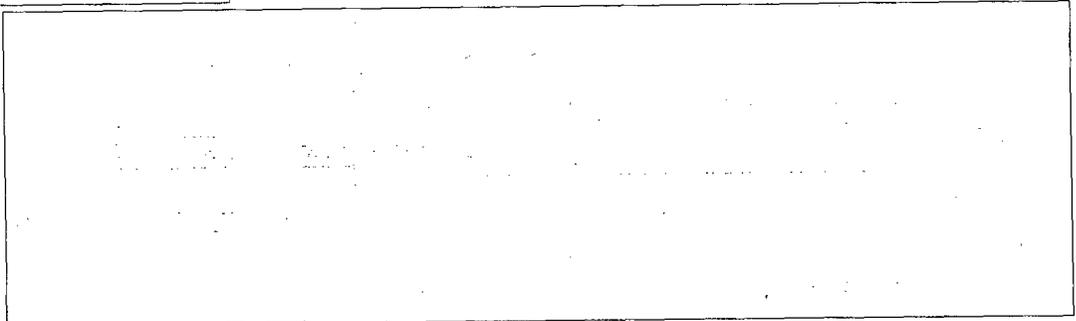
- [redacted] a BSA missile brigade at Banja Luka received shipments of missile components, oxidizer, and fuel. [redacted] the BSA was expecting to receive a shipment of missile components [redacted]

- [redacted] an unspecified FRY entity shipped probable weapons-related supplies to Banja Luka for delivery to a BSA missile brigade. Perhaps relatedly [redacted] a BSA airfield near Banja Luka expected to receive a delivery of anti-aircraft missiles from Bijeljina, a town in northeastern Bosnia near the Serb border. [redacted]

These shipments may be related to an apparently new BSA SA-2 battalion that [redacted] may be operational near Prijedor in western Bosnia. A tracking radar apparently arrived at the site [redacted]

Fuel-Related Shipments

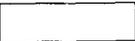
Belgrade apparently is helping the Bosnian Serbs meet the BSA's fuel needs [redacted]



[redacted] that FRY Customs Director Kertes--a longtime Milosevic henchman--sent at least eight tanker trucks with diesel fuel, gasoline, and heating oil to Bosnia during mid-October, allegedly as humanitarian aid. [redacted]

Other Shipments to Bosnia

[redacted] Belgrade made a series of deliveries to Bosnia, some of which may be related to the fuel or missile shipments:



[redacted]

Separately [redacted] the BSA had obtained secure radio equipment from the FRY and was planning to acquire coaxial cable. The BSA reportedly was repairing communications facilities in the wake of NATO airstrikes. [redacted]

Likely Transport Methods

The type and size of the shipments almost certainly dictate Belgrade's method of delivery:

- [redacted] some missile and fuel shipments are moved by trucks at night. Meanwhile, the US Embassy reported that ICFY border monitors observed several trucks--not associated with humanitarian deliveries--with Bosnian Serb registration near the border during October; *this suggests that prohibited shipments may enter Bosnia at unmonitored crossings. Some trucks may be disguised as humanitarian shipments.*
- *Other military supplies may be moved by boats or ferries at remote sites along the Drina River.*