
Relief Deliveries to Bosnia and Hercegovina Growing

Since resuming operations on 8 August, the Sarajevo airlift has set one-day records for the number of flights, 24 on Monday and on Wednesday, and for total tonnage delivered, 356 on Wednesday. The airlift has averaged 20 flights and 245 tons of relief supplies daily during the nine days it has operated this month, as compared to an average of 17 flights delivering 205 tons during the 28 days it operated last month. Officers involved in the airlift operations note, however, that they will need to cut back flight schedules this fall as weather conditions deteriorate and daylight hours grow shorter, according to US diplomats.

The UN will soon have enough trucks in Bosnia and Hercegovina to transport as much as 683 tons of relief supplies daily, according to the US Embassy; fighting and bad weather probably will limit deliveries to less than 350 tons, however. The UN is seeking additional trucks to increase its capacity to about 1,570 tons. If the airlift can sustain deliveries of 200 tons daily, which is enough to meet the needs in Sarajevo, land convoys probably would need to deliver about 550 tons daily to meet relief requirements elsewhere in Bosnia.

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