

TAPE: Interview with Dario KORDIĆ - Provided by Ministry of the Interior, Zenica

Journalist: in Central Bosnia and Busovača?

Dario KORDIĆ: Today, while we are talking, General Morillon is discussing several issues with the two highest commanders for Central Bosnia in Vitez: HVO Commander of the Operations Area in Central Bosnia, Colonel Tihomir BLAŠKIĆ and the war criminal, Commander of the 3rd Muslim Corps, Enver HADŽIHASANOVIĆ. The HVO is asking that the cease-fire agreement signed two days ago be respected, roads for humanitarian convoys opened, which have already been agreed. The HVO is asking that telephone lines for Busovača which the Zenica local authorities have disconnected be reconnected. The HVO is asking power be turned on. Other agreeable issues are being discussed. I am certain that our side will be co-operative, and our men have been given the order not to fire a single bullet. Furthermore, we will not return fire if our positions are shelled. Should there be infantry attacks, we will certainly defend ourselves.

However, I have to express my personal suspicions as regard Muslim forces. I am not certain that the Muslim forces will not attempt to play the same scenario - if not in Busovača, then in some other area - within the next ten or fifteen days. The reason is that, apparently, they have chosen a war option by refusing to negotiate in Geneva under the given conditions. They want to seize as much territory as possible to the detriment of Croat population because they realised they failed to seize territory from the Serb aggressor. They believe it is easier with the Croats, and that it is feasible. To their deep regret, I am once again warning the Muslim population:

"Do not play with fire. If you attack any other municipalities, not only that there will be no Bosnia and Herzegovina, but there will be no Muslims left .

Journalist: Mr KORDIĆ, thank you.

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