

Press Release on Ravno

On September 7 Deputy High Representative from OHR(S) Ambassador Richard Ellerkmann and Head of UNHCR Office in Mostar Mr. Lennart Kotsalainen met with the mayor of Ravno municipality Mr. Andrija Simunovic.

The topics of return and reconstruction in the municipality were discussed at length. The municipality has thus far been cooperative regarding minority returns to the area, however it has limited resources to deal with the needs of both returnees and the domicile population. Infrastructure and economic development for the municipality was discussed and it was concluded that Ravno should receive more attention by the international donor community. In order for return to be sustainable the municipality needs investment in its health care facility, roads and electricity. Ambassador Ellerkmann and Mr. Kotsalainen assured Mayor Simunovic that in the near future their respective organisations will draw the focus of the IC in Mostar towards Ravno.