

# **OHR RTRS News Summary, 15 December 1999**

## **News Headlines**

- Sloga representatives meet with Petritsch
- Radisic, Djokic and Dodik meet with Barry
- Dodik meets with European Commission representative Kretchmer
- September pensions paid in RS
- BiH House of Representatives session disrupted
- Mihajlovic accuses Silajdzic of obstructing work of BiH Council of Ministers
- Meeting of foreign consulate representatives commences in Sarajevo
- German President Rau visits German SFOR troops in Rajlovac
- RS Commission for Search for Missing Persons to continue work on Mt. Ozren in March 2000
- ICTY investigators conclude questioning of two RS Army officers in Banja Luka - Tanjug
- Bavarian Court sentences Djuradj Kusljic to life sentence
- UNIPTF spokesperson Roberts holds press conference on police academy
  
- European Bank to invest Euro 2.5 million in BiH enterprises - ONASA
- BiH Federation House of Representatives rejects HDZ request for dismissal of House Chairman Kreso
- Mostar Deputy Mayor Orucevic rejects Jelavic statement that there are no conditions for building mosque in western Mostar - BiH Federation media
- NHI requests Petritsch reorganize housing services in Sarajevo
- BOSS President Ajanovic accuses Tuzla Mayor of opening private prisons for Serbs during BiH war
- Reduction of SFOR troops in BiH will not influence their efficiency - NATO
- NATO to engage in providing safety for all Kosovo citizens - Robertson
- Kouchner and Kosovo Albanians sign agreement on transitional administrative council of Kosovo
- Agreement between Kouchner and Albanians reached without consulting Serbs - Mitrovica Serb National Council Executive Board President Ivanovic
- World news
- McDonalds restaurants to open in Banja Luka and Brcko next year - Bobar Company
- Sports
- Weather
- Chinese Ambassador to BiH visits Bijeljina authorities and economists
- Bidding starts for Zepter construction contract - Urbanism Institute
- Agreement on transitional Kosovo administrative council marks first day of new Kosovo - Kouchner
- Albanian Prime Minister welcomes establishment of Kosovo transitional administrative council

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### **Sloga representatives meet with Petritsch**

Sloga representatives met with High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch in Banja Luka to discuss the current situation in the RS, refugee return and work of joint BiH institutions. BiH Presidency Co-chairman Zivko Radisic stated that they agreed on key strategic issues and that the basic message is that consistent implementation of the Dayton Agreement is their common, and only, option. Radisic added that further affirmation of all institutions, including joint BiH institutions, are in the interest and responsibility of all, adding that social and economic recovery and development is a special priority. Petritsch said that economic issues would be the focus for next year. Petritsch also visited the RS Ministry Department for Refugees and DPs where he talked about the agreement with RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik on advancing this of office's work in order to provide better conditions for the

return of refugees.

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### **Radisic, Djokic and Dodik meet with Barry**

BiH Presidency Co-chairman Zivko Radisic and OSCE Head of Mission Robert Barry discussed preparations for the local elections in BiH and new Election Law. Barry pointed to the open list system of voting, where candidates' names would appear on the ballots. He added that the success of political parties would depend on their candidates. Barry believes that the new Election Law provides a balanced political system in BiH and fully adheres to the Dayton Agreement, which is something that gives a great deal of authority to the entities themselves. Radisic said that the RS is going to do everything it can to ensure organized and successful elections. Barry also met with RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic. Djokic pointed to the functioning of the RS constitutional and legal system. He also emphasized the stable functioning of the entity and joint BiH institutions, which is a prerequisite for BiH to join European integration. Barry also met with RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik, but gave no statements.

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