

OHR RTRS News Summary, 5 December 1999

News Headlines

- At least 75 die in accidents worldwide
- OSCE report on crimes in Kosovo
- Kosovo Serb National Council Executive Board asks Serbian Government to return Serb officials to Kosovo
- Four killed in Kosovo – KFOR spokesperson
- Explosion in Decani, no one injured
- UN Human Rights Envoy Dientsbier asks Yugoslav authorities to explain arrest of lawyer Boksi
- G-17 Independent Economists Coordinator Dinkic on inflation in Yugoslavia
- 14 EU oil tankers still at Presevo border crossing – Nis Mayor Zivkovic
- Glamoc military training field to be relocated – Monroe
- SFOR rebuilds 25 houses in Livno
- 194 Serb families have returned to Glamoc
- Frowick praises Dayton Agreement implementation in Bugojno
- Frowick meets with Bishop Nikolaj
- SDA should implement Petritsch and Barry dismissal decision – SDA Main Board
- Liberals BiH party leaves CD Coalition
- Edhem Camdzic new Banja Luka Mufti – BiH Islamic Community Assembly
- World news
- Regional schools throughout RS
- Higher education in Banja Luka
- Efforts to resolve refugee problems in Laktasi, RS
- Sports
- Weather
- 26 days to 2000
- Banja Luka hair stylists organize evening of fashion in Banja Luka
- 22 murdered in Kosovo in last seven days – KFOR spokesperson Lavoar
- Serbs prevent Kosovo Albanian from coming to his house in Ugljare

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OSCE report on crimes in Kosovo

According to AFP, on 6 December, the OSCE will present a report on crime in Kosovo. It states that crimes in Kosovo did not have a general character until the beginning of the NATO air campaign on Yugoslavia. The OSCE admits that there were no random murders of ethnic Albanians before the NATO strikes. Mass killings started on the night of 24-25 March, when the air strikes began. Until then, Serb military and paramilitary forces had been concentrating their might on KLA forces and bases. The OSCE did not repeat the assessment by former OSCE Verification Mission Head William Walker concerning the murder of 45 Albanians in Racak in January. According to Walker, it was a crime against humanity. That massacre caused the loathing of the international public and changed its attitude toward the authorities in Yugoslav and Belgrade. Walker condemned the massacre in Racak and called on the ICTY to investigate. The long list of victims includes young Albanians capable of bearing arms, women and children. In the meantime, the desire for revenge has transformed the Kosovo Serbs into the greatest victims of human rights violations.

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Glamoc military training field to be relocated – Monroe

SFOR spokesperson David Monroe stated that SFOR plans to relocate the Glamoc military training field 'Courage

Barbara' as much as it would be possible. At a press conference in Livno, Monroe stated that the slight relocation of the training field would ensure the return of pre-war inhabitants.

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