

OHR SRT News Summary, 17 January 1999

Headlines

- Conflicts in Kosovo village of Racak
- Serbian President, Milutinovic strongly condemned Walker
- Special session of the NATO Council tonight
- Local RS and Federation elections in November this year
- Demilitarisation is not possible until there are armed surroundings- Milutinovic, RS MoD
- Perjury and interference with investigation reasons enough for impeachment
- U.S. Congress prosecutors on Clinton case

Local elections in the RS and Federation BiH will be held in November 1999 in line with the Madrid declaration- OSCE Spokesperson Nicole Schultz said. She also said that obligations of the election organisers are to be gradually passed on to local authorities and OSCE will observe and control the elections.

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Biljana Plavsic said that Brane Miljus had been sent into the RS as the part of Seselj's programme aimed at generating chaos. She said that with the appointment of Brane Miljus for PM designate the RS has been weakened but it has a chance to get out of such a position if the will of the majority is respected in the RS NA. She confirmed that SPRS is sincere in its statements that they will not support Miljus. She strongly criticised Nikola Poplasen emphasising that she does not know if Poplasen is aware how many bad moves he had made.

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"Coalition for Single and Democratic BiH will reach its final decision on Brane Miljus after one more round of consultations and having a written government programme delivered to us together with its composition" - Bico said. "We still do not support Brane Miljus" -Bico said, adding that the final decision might be reached on the eve of the RS NA.

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The RS PM left for Germany to meet with RS citizens working there.

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All legal and political agreements in the Brcko arbitration are on the RS side" -Brcko Major said, reacting to some Bosniak leaders' statements that Brcko would be a demilitarised district.

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The RS Minister of Defence, Manojlo Milovanovic, told SRNA that SFOR would be needed until absolute trust among entities was established.

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Kosovo related issues:

- Conflicts renewed in Kosovo village of Racak
- Special session of the NATO Council on Kosovo escalation
- Serbian PM Deputies, Ratko Markovic and Vojislav Seselj and Milovan Bojic accused CIA for trying to provoke NATO intervention in the FRY through William Walker