

# OHR SRT News Summary, 25 Feb. 1998

## Headlines

- RS President Biljana Plavsic and Prime Minister Dodik talk with political-economic delegation of Serbia and Montenegro in BL today
- 7th session of the RS Government
- ICG supports the latest diplomatic moves of RS President Plavsic and Prime Minister Dodik
- Iraq and the world impatient while waiting for the decision of the Security Council

RS President Plavsic received a delegation of the Government of Montenegro headed by the republic's Prime Minister, Filip Vujanovic, in BL today. An announcement issued by the President's Cabinet states that they talked about economic co-operation in the light of economic and social reforms in Montenegro and RS.

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RS President Plavsic and Prime Minister Dodik talked with a political-economic delegation from Serbia headed by Dusan Mihajlovic about the improvement of all aspects of co-operation, especially in the economic field, according to an announcement issued by the President's Cabinet.

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RS Prime Minister Dodik met with the Prime Minister of Montenegro, Filip Vujanovic. After the meeting, Dodik told journalists that they had discussed aspects of the mutual co-operation between RS and Montenegro.

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RS Prime Minister Dodik talked with the official of the German government in charge of refugee issues. The problems of refugee return and some issues of RS economic recovery were the main issues. The German representative expressed the hope that co-operation between German and RS businessmen would intensify, which would also accelerate the return of refugees to RS.

Minister for Refugees and Displaced Persons, Miladin Dragicevic, also talked with the German official. An announcement issued by the Ministry states that they agreed on the realisation of housing reconstruction projects in the municipalities of Modrica and Prijedor.

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The 7th session of the RS Government is in progress, where the pre-drafts of the laws on banking in the RS, and amnesty for unauthorised possession of explosive devices and other lethal weapons are being discussed. The Government will also consider the Law on changes and amendments to the law on Ministries and certain personnel issues.

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RS Prime Minister Dodik and the Minister for Foreign Economic Relations, Savo Loncar, together with businessmen from RS, had separate meetings with an economic delegation from Austria. The Austrian Ambassador to BiH also attended the meetings. Since this was the second visit of the Austrian economic delegation, they continued their conversations about economic co-operation.

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A political-economic delegation from Serbia expressed full support to the leadership and whole RS Government in developing democratic relations, stated a Serbian Government spokesman, Slobodan Radulovic, at today's press conference held in BL.

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The ICG expressed its support for RS President Plavsic and Prime Minister Dodik at today's meeting in Moscow, according to an ICG Russian representative.

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Great Britain announced its first package of aid to the RS of over £2,000,000, according to a Reuters report.

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Simo Zaric will enter a plea tomorrow. He is charged with alleged participation in the expulsion of non-Serbs from the Samac area in 1992, says the statement issued by The Hague Tribunal.

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The RS representative in the arbitration process on Brcko, Vitomir Popovic, said that a decision to remove Brcko from the territorial framework of RS could have unforeseeable consequences. He said that IC representatives responsible for implementation of the DA stated that RS had entirely fulfilled all its obligations.

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Engineers and technicians working on the SRT broadcast and transmission service had carried out all the necessary preparations to enable them, when weather conditions allow, to fulfill the task given by the Government, that is the establishment of a single information system, according to an engineer, Bosko Budisa.

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Starting from March 3rd-5th, December pensions will be paid at the November level, stated Jovo Kosmajac, director of the RS Public fund for pension/invalid insurance in Bijeljina today.

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The first Banja Luka Trade Fair was opened in the federal part of Sarajevo and will last till February 28th 1998. The vice-president of the RS Government, Djuradj Banjac, the DHR, Jacques Klein, and federal partners were present at the opening. Businessmen from FBiH showed great interest in co-operation with producers from RS and arrived in large numbers.

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