

# **OHR RTRS News Summary, 29 March 2000**

## **News Headlines**

- Dodik accepts resignation of RS Justice Minister Milan Trbojevic, SNS requests Trbojevic to return his mandate to party and Cedo Vrzina appointed new RS Justice Minister
- RS Supreme Defense Council holds session in Banja Luka
- Stability Pact Donors' Conference begins in Brussels, delegations from RS, BiH Federation and Serbian opposition parties attend
- EU gives 20 million euros to Montenegro – Chris Patten
- Dodik meets with US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller
- Dodik visits Banja Luka University, discusses improving living standard of professors and students
- Djokic visits Srbac Municipality
- Bijeljina Municipality parcels out 46 lots to refugees and military invalids
- BiH Joint Military Commission holds session in Ortijes, near Mostar, discusses downsizing military forces in BiH
- ICTY Judicial Chamber acquits Milan Simic and his lawyer, Branislav Avramovic, for attempting to influence witnesses
- Croatia sends 50 of the most incriminating dossiers on the Oluja and Bljesak military operations to the ICTY – Croatian Justice Minister Stjepan Ivanisevic
- Spanish Ambassador to the Netherlands signs agreement with ICTY on use of Spanish prisons to house ICTY convicts
- IPTF Regional Commander Kevin Smith delivers Scotland Yard's report on Kopanja car-bombing to RS Interior Ministry – IPTF spokesperson Roberts
- Refugee association Sveti Djordje's members visit pre-war houses in Gorazde
- Bicakcic comments concerning problem of Association of Former Foreign Bank Account Holders
- UN Mostar condemns attack on Lijanovici Company in Siroki Brijeg
- BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic interview to Nezavisne Novine, says he is now ready to sign agreement to establish diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia
- Former Russian special envoy for Kosovo Chernomyrdin supports idea of Milosevic's involvement in resolving Kosovo crisis
- UN Security Council to send special fact-finding delegation to examine work of KFOR and UNMIK
- Kosovo Interim Administrative Council discusses establishment of Office of Kosovo Ombudsman
- KFOR Sector North French Commander calls on citizens of Kosovska Mitrovica to be tolerant
- ICRC and KFOR deny that concentration camps for Serbs exist in Kosovo
- Yugoslav Army would never attack legally elected Montenegrin Government – Yugoslav Prime Minister Bulatovic
- International Social Tribunal for Researching NATO Crimes against Yugoslavia ends session in Belgrade
- World news
- Six CD-ROMS on Serb culture presented
- Sports and weather
- ICTY investigators question witnesses and suspected Srebrenica war criminals – RS Defense Minister Milovanovic
- UNDP to give \$2 million to Brcko
- Kouchner confirms that local election in Kosovo will be held in the fall
- Association of German Officers and Soldiers protests to Defense Minister Scharping concerning danger to German KFOR troops due to presence of uranium shells in Kosovo
- Trial of Serbian opposition leaders to begin in Belgrade on Thursday

- Russian Foreign Minister Ivanov condemns western media war against Russia
- World news
- Croatian Defense Minister Jozo Rados says that all persons who participated in secret service's operation Chameleon (eavesdropping on IC and NGOs in Croatia) to be punished
- Culture
- Sports and weather
- SDS holds public debate in Novi Grad and Mrkonjic Grad, Kalinic says that Sloga Coalition is confronting eastern and western parts of RS both economically and politically
- Businessmen financing the SNSD pre-election campaign – Milorad Dodik
- SNSD holds public debate in Banja Luka settlement Obilicevo
- League of BiH Communists holds press conference, says it is Euro-Communist left-wing oriented – President Mico Carevic
- SPRS holds public debate in Derventa, Djokic, Radisic participate and explain SPRS withdrawal from Sloga Coalition
- SPRS holds press conference in Doboj, General Secretary Gligoric says that RS does not have clearly defined economic policy
- SNS holds public debate in Bijeljina, Plavsic says that local elections are very important
- RS Democratic Patriotic Party discusses privatization process, trade and refugee issues
- Independent September Party established to combat criminality in officialdom
- Party of Banja Luka Center holds press conference in Banja Luka, says that promises of certain parties are not real – President Vojislav Erceg
- SDP BiH holds public debate in Banja Luka settlement Kocicev Vijenac, discusses economic development and privatization process
- IMC Enforcement Panel issues official warnings to Radio Serb Sarajevo and Croat Radio Postaja Mostar, while NTV Studio 99 fined 500 KM