

## **OHR RTRS News Summary, 2 March 2000**

### **News Headlines**

- Petritsch participates in session of OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna, says Belgrade authorities trying to destabilize RS Government
- Proclamation of Brcko District to be held on 8 March – Farrand
- Petritsch extends mandate of RTRS Administrative Board – Stiglmayer
- OSCE informs all authorities in BiH that officials cannot participate in administrative boards of firms that are 25% state-owned – Domi
- BiH House of Representatives adopts law on changes and amendments to Law on BiH Council of Ministers – House Deputy Speaker Mirko Banjac
- New Speaker of BiH House of Peoples is Drago Ljubicic
- Radisic meets with US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller
- Dodik meets with new Dutch Ambassador to BiH
- Chinese Ambassador to BiH meets with Dodik, Djokic and RS Science Minister Zivojin Eric
- RS Government and BiH Federation Government agree on new taxes
- BiH Public Railroad Corporation Managerial Board holds session in Banja Luka
- Sarovic meets with Association of Refugees and Displaced Persons Ostanak
- RS Deputy Minister for War Veteran Issues and Invalids of Labor and War Milenko Djakovic meets with RS war veteran organization envoys
- Some Bosniaks also committed war crimes – Izetbegovic
- SDA will not support any RS Government without Bosniak envoys – Jahic
- Jelavic to request cancellation of BiH Federation without consensus and parity
- BiH Federation Government supports Bicakcic move to extend deadline for purchasing apartments by 60 days
- BiH Federation House of Peoples holds session in Sarajevo
- 2,000 refugees have returned to village of Prekaja, near Drvar – ONASA
- Tihomir Begic statement
- NATO watching situation in Kosovo and south Serbia – Clark
- SPS Executive Council member Nikola Sainovic accuses NATO and western countries of destabilizing situation in southern Serbia
- Serb National Council ready to participate in international administration in Kosovo – Albright
- KFOR places pontoon bridge in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Serbs block US KFOR forces in village of Gornja Husica, near Gnjilanje
- 150 Serbs attack Kosovo Albanian in village of Lesak – KFOR
- Russian KFOR soldier dies
- Yugoslav Government sends UN Security Council memorandum with examples of violations of UN resolution on Kosovo
- Petritsch criticizes IC for momentary situation in Kosovo
- UNHCR disturbed with situation in Presevo
- Mate Granic and Vesna Skare-Ozbolt leave HDZ and establish new party called Croatian Democratic Center
- World news
- Banja Luka Executive Council on project of making Banja Luka fair city
- RS Interior Ministry ready for elections – Novic
- SPRS holds press conference in Banja Luka and says if RS ministers do not return their mandates to SPRS, they will be expelled from party – party Vice-president Nedjo Djuric
- SNSD criticizes Djuric statements
- Kalinic denies claims that SDS members met with Dodik

- Democratic Patriotic Party holds press conference in Banja Luka and says cantonization is not good for BiH – DPS President Predrag Radic
- SDP BiH holds public discussion with Banja Luka citizens on development of Banja Luka and its economy
- Sports and weather
- Dodik announces construction of 10,000 flats for refugees
- SPRS Executive Council to discuss status of four members/ministers in RS Government on Friday
- Germany to give credit of 40 million DM to Montenegro
- Explosion in Lipljan, no injuries
- KFOR confirms that some illegal Kosovo Albanian forces exist in Bujanovac, Medveda and Presevo
- Russia requests session of UN Security Council to discuss current situation in Kosovo
- Albright comments on respect of minority rights in Kosovo
- Extremists threaten security situation in Kosovo – Kouchner
- Reinhardt worried by limited forces of US and other countries in Kosovo
- Kosovo Transitional Administrative Council forms secretariat
- World news
- Tuta can be extradited with adequate treatment to The Hague – Durch medical experts
- Tourism news

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### **Tihomir Begic statement**

Media Adviser to the Croat BiH Presidency Member Tihomir Begic sharply condemned the broadcast of the UK movie Warriors, a BBC production, by TV BiH. Begic sent a letter to IMC General Director Krister Thelin, requesting that TV BiH be punished for showing the film, which slanders the Croat people in BiH.

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