

# **OHR RTRS News Summary, 21 January 2000**

## **News Headlines**

- BiH Council of Ministers and UN Development Board sign agreement on employment in BiH
- Only military monitors can participate in UN missions – RS Defense Ministry
- Asanin and German Ambassador Peters discuss implementation of Law on Border Service
- Reconstruction of RS Employment Bureau
- Start of multiethnic police first step to Brcko District establishment – Farrand
- Farrand holds press conference
- SFOR troops training
- Austrian SFOR troops to start force reduction in February
- UN holds press conference on identification cards for RS police officers
- Jelavic on position of Croats in BiH
- Croats hold protest rally in Mostar against ICTY sentences
- Solana visits Kosovo
- Solana to meet with Kosovo Albanian representatives
- Kosovo Defense Corp established in Pristina
- Dutch KFOR soldier dies from heart attack
- Australian KFOR soldier dies in car accident near Doganovic
- Two Serbs injured in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Serb National Assembly President Marovic on current situation in Kosovo
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serbs will not protest anymore
- Kouchner and Reinhardt request consultations before any investigation
- Kosovo gypsies are victims – Central Gypsy Council in Berlin President
- Situation in Montenegro worrying – Schissel
- 180 tons of heating oil delivered to Pirot
- Montenegro will not extradite Veselin Vlahovic
- Arkan murder
- Events in former Yugoslav republics influence BiH – US Ambassador Miller
- IMC informs radio and TV stations that they must respect pre-election silence for Croatian presidential elections
- HDZ BiH calls for good voter turnout during Croatian presidential elections
- Platforms of Croatian presidential candidates
- World news
- Sloga Coalition holds session on support to Dodik at next RS National Assembly session
- SRS holds press conference on Permanent Election Law and Law on Border Service
- RS Syndicate activities
- Catholic humanitarian organization Caritas donates medical equipment to Banja Luka hospital
- Banja Luka main road to be closed during RS National Assembly sessions
- RT RS polls citizens on closing of Banja Luka main road
- GMT Herzegovina-Trebinje company to sue RS Customs Directory
- Sports and weather
- 20,000 people employed in black market in RS – RS Deputy Prime Minister Gligoric
- Solana meets separately with Kouchner, Reinhardt, Bishop Artemije, priest Sava, Thaci, Rugova and Chosi
- Pristina-Skoplje road un-blocked
- Bishop Artemije comments on talks with IC on local autonomy of Kosovo
- UNHCR envoy Vilcaren on Serb refugee returns to Kosovo
- Italian police arrest three humanitarian workers

- One Albanian beats up four US KFOR soldiers in Macedonia
- Seselj on Arkan murder
- Seven Prime Ministers, EU and NATO to discuss Stability Pact and current situation in Balkans

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### **Only military monitors can participate in UN missions - RS Defense Ministry**

The RS Defense Ministry believes that media from the RS and BiH Federation reported different conclusions from the 19th session of the BiH Standing Military Committee. Regarding the participation of BiH forces in UN missions, members of the Committee decided not to send military forces from the RS and BiH Federation, concluding that only military monitors could be sent. Discussion on the participation of BiH forces in UN missions will continue.

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### **Jelavic on position of Croats in BiH**

In an interview for Sarajevo daily Oslobodjenje, BiH Presidency Chairman Ante Jelavic warned of political processes that threaten the equality and constitutionality of Croats. Political leaders of BiH Croats claim that the most powerful trends of writing Croats out of the constitution are Bosniak attempts at unitarianism and centralization of the BiH Federation. The use of the Croat language and Croat national signs is forbidden in parts of the BiH Federation where Bosniaks are majority. If that extremely negative process is not stopped soon, the Croat political leadership and Croat nation in BiH will have a legal right to make a decision on the protection of their constitutional rights.

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