

# **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 12 December 1999**

## **News Headlines**

- Croatian authority representatives pay respects to Tudjman at commemoration gathering in Zagreb
- Croatian citizens pay final respects to Tudjman
- Tudjman funeral to be held Monday at 14.00
- BiH delegation consisting of Mihajlovic, Tomic and Ganic to attend Tudjman funeral on Monday
- Tomic, Prlic, Prce, Bicakcic and Luzanski express condolences to Zagreb over Tudjman's death
- China, Austria, Poland and other countries express condolences to Croatia over Tudjman's death
- Vollebaek to visit North Chechnya at early next week
- World news
- BiH Association of Election Officials, formed by OSCE, determine at conference in Teslic that preparations for elections progressing as scheduled
- Circle 99 holds regular session in Sarajevo
- Dodik to visit The Hague next week – ONASA
- International administrator for RT RS Dragan Gasic signs document according to which Slavisa Sabljic, named RT RS Acting General Director by RS Government on November 6, is suspended from duty
- 472 Croat houses, 149 Bosniak and another 21 reconstructed in Bugojno so far – Bugojno Municipality Vice-president Ljuban Vidovic
- Story on refugee return to Milijeno village, near Cajnice, refugees without water and power but say they had no other problems
- 30 refugee families from Drvar live in collective centre in Amajlije, near Bijeljina, in very poor conditions and express strong wish to return to pre-war homes
- Around 400 Bosniaks and 100 Croats return to their pre-war homes in Bosanski Samac and say they did not have any problems except poor living standards
- 2,000 former of coal mine workers ask to return to work
- Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry forbids use of firecrackers
- Actress Jane Birkin holds humanitarian concert in Sarajevo

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2,000 former coal mine workers ask to return to work

More than 2000 former Ljubija coal mine workers, mainly Bosniaks and Croats, asked authorities to enable their return to Ljubija and resume their jobs. Speaking on behalf of the coal-miners, BiH Trade Union President Sulejman Hrle stated that they want to finally return to their coal-mine, where they worked all their lives, in a dignified and legal manner. "They unanimously decided to address both a protest and request to High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch, RS authority bodies and the Ljubija coal mine management to abolish the employment termination document that says they are illegal" Hrle underlined. The coal miners expressed their determination to return to Ljubija, to live and to work there.

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