

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 31 January 1999

FRY President Milosevic and Kosovo Albanians Representatives canceled their participation in peace negotiations. Instead, the Yugoslav Army initiated new offensive in north of Kosovo. UK Premier Blair said that USA and the Great Britain are carrying out necessary preparations for use of force in Kosovo. OSCE Mission Head in Kosovo, Walker assessed that Milosevic would agree to negotiate with Albanians.

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Three-day seminar on democratic control of safety politics and armed forces was completed today in Sarajevo. Main conclusion of the seminar was that self-sufficient peace is the only way out for BiH and that this requires creation of unique defence doctrine.

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BiH TV brought a piece of interview that BiH Presidency member Izetbegovic gave to TPK TV. In his interview, Izetbegovic said that unjust decision would be if Brcko would remain in the RS, while all other options can be considered in one way or another. Izetbegovic also said that Bosniak side is monitoring behavior of the Serb side and 'rulers of Brcko', before the arbitration conference, and said that 'the assessment is negative.' IN the same interview, Izetbegovic said he is an optimist, regarding the public court debate on the issue of BiH nations constituency.

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Three Srebrenica citizens, who have been imprisoned for 34 months, are still waiting for the sentence, as their appellation has not been delivered yet from the Bijeljina Court to the RS Supreme Court. Hasic, Husic and Harbas emphasised again that they are not guilty as charged and that they should be released, as innocent citizens.

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HR Senior Deputy Hanns Schumacher said yesterday that, according to OHR assessments, about 120.000 people will return to BiH this year. Croat Association of expellees Domus Aurea from Komusina, Teslic municipality, initiated the project of return of 2.000 Croats to this area. Representatives of the Association appealed on BiH Federation and the RS authorities, as well as the International Community, to assist Komusina Croats in their attempts of return to their homes.

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Road traffic on the borderline crossing Bosanski Brod – Slavonski Brod will be ceased starting tomorrow 18:00 hours, in order to enable SFOR members to start de-installing pontoon bridge on the Sava River. The borderline traffic will be re-directed to Orasje and Bosanska Gradiska crossings.

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