

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 January 1999

24 Kosovo Albanians and one Serbian policeman were killed in increasing clashes in the western part of the province. Yugoslav borderline patrol killed four Albanians who tried to cross the border illegally yesterday and the day before yesterday. Contact Group member countries invited Belgrade representatives and Kosovo Albanians representatives to peace negotiations that would take place near Paris, France on February 6.

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"Democratic control of safety policy of armed forces" is the name of seminar, which started today in Sarajevo. BiH FA Minister Prlic said that this seminar should enable development of knowledge about democratic safety of army, to define doctrine in BiH and assure transparency of expenses of the RS army and both components of the BiH Federation Army.

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Yesterday's provocative posters from Livno and Mostar in which Carlos Westendorp and SFOR are accused of being impartial and building "the false peace" also appeared in Sarajevo settlement "Stup." Regular meeting of joint military committee was held today in Gornji Vakuf, with the presence of SFOR representative, local commanders of BiH Army and the HVO in the area of Jajce and Prozor. According to Colonel Jordan, the items on the agenda were regular issues, which aim to improve military co-operation in accordance with Annex 1 of the DPA. One of the main issues on the agenda was also the matter of provocative posters.

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Three-member international commission for supervision of privatisation held a meeting in Sarajevo in the past three days. The commission was appointed by High Representative Carlos Westendorp, and journalists were introduced to the commission at today's press conference held in OHR. The Commission is an independent body, which was established to assist the privatization process based on principals of transparency and democratization. The commission would function as an arbiter only if all other possibilities are exhausted. The precise date of privatization is still not determined, it is only certain that the process would begin upon issuance of certificates for privatization.

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German government envoy for refugees, Koschnik held a press conference and said, among other things, that Germany intends to return as many refugees this year as possible. Koschnik also said that about 35,000 refugees in Germany applied for permission to immigrate to "the third countries".

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"The return to Semberija" is a title of a project that will be carried out by offices for return to Bijeljina and Janja along with association of refuges and DP's and with assistance of German organisations and of the government representative. The project would be carried out in two ways - Bosniaks would return to their houses in Janja and Bijeljina while citizens of Serbs nationality would return to reconstructed houses in the federation.

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NGO's from eastern RS held a meeting in Visegrad, discussing the issues of return. NGO representatives emphasised full accordance on the issue of return to the RS and demanded full recognition in domestic public and the International Community.

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RS President Poplasen held a consultative meeting with representatives of parliamentary parties discussing the issue of proposal of the new RS designate. SDS Presidency Chairman Kalenic said that the SDA is ready to support Milorad Dodik under condition that he fulfils SDS standpoints of establishing the "all-Serb" government. SP RS President Zivko Radisic said that there was no readiness at today's meeting to achieve certain solution. CDU BiH representative, Bico said that this coalition would make statement on the designate when it is informed about his program.

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OHR expert's team, led by Franz Bruehner held a meeting with federation Co-president Ganic and supported

initiative of the process against corruption. Situation in courts was also analyzed and it was decided that the International Community has to offer its assistance.

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