

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 8 January 1999

The Federation Government held a session and adopted proposal of budget for this year. The Government also adopted decision on salaries of miners, which will release them of one part of taxes.

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Negotiations on Zepce, initiated by HR deputy Schumacher started today in SFOR base in Rajlovac. Negotiations are still status quo, for the OHR representatives insist on changing the borders of the Zepce municipality, which is also demand of the Croat side and a condition to fulfil request of the Bosniak side, which is to integrate Zepce into the Zenica/Doboj Canton and functioning of multiethnic authorities.

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The Central Commission for Identification and Marking of Borderlines made announcement regarding yesterday's meeting of several experts who were discussing the state borderline in the Neum area, and said this commission was not attending the yesterday's meeting.

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Bihac Cantonal Court submitted the request to the Cantonal MUP for issuing wanted circular for Fikret Abdic. The Cantonal Court says that there was an initiative for starting the procedure for Abdic's extradition, and that Croatia is obliged to extradite the criminals, according to regulations, which oblige BiH and Croatia, including the Roman Rules of the Road.

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Helsinki Human Rights Committee made report for 1998, which says that human rights in BiH are being permanently violated. In this sense, the Republic of Srpska is a civilisation black hole, and severe violations of human rights occur regularly in the areas under the HDZ and the SDA control. The report also concludes that there is still no legal framework for human rights in BiH.

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Albanian sources from Kosovo reported that roadblocks still exist, while Serbian police announced that roadblocks have been removed. In today's shooting near Suva Reka, three Serbian policemen were killed and three wounded, while three Albanians have been wounded, Serbian sources reported, as well as Albanian sources and OSCE.

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Tuzla/Podrinje Canton Association of Refugees Regional Board held a press conference, which started with protest because of cutting the water supply for 240 refugees from Podrinje in the Collective Centre in Slavinovici. It was demanded that water should be cut to those institutions that were supposed to assure paying of water bills.

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Party of Independent Social Democrats for the RS addressed a letter to RS President Poplasen, in which they demanded him to annul the mandate of RS Designate, Miljus. Miljus visited Sarajevo today and met with the New Croat Initiative President, Zubak. In his statement for BiH TV, Miljus said that Brcko will be the main priority of his government.

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Federation Co-president Ganic received delegation of "Brcko to Brcko Citizens Association." The Delegation protested because of tomorrow's celebration of the Day of the RS in Brcko, and said that this represents violation of the Dayton Agreement.

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SFOR made an announcement in which they demand that appointment of several generals of the HVO be postponed until the Federation Government conducts appropriate procedure, including approval of SFOR.

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