

## **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 22 Feb. 1998**

### **22 February 98, 19:30**

UN Secretary General, Annan held conversations with Iraq President, Hussein. UN spokesman Eckhart said that seemingly, the agreement is at hand, adding that Annan announced that the agreement could be achieved tonight or tomorrow.

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Yesterday's statements of Croatian President Tudjman that 'the communists are to blame because Bosnia was not a part of Croatia, or that Herceg Bosna was established for the protection of 'Croatship' in BiH where Moslems wanted to establish a state in accordance with Kur'an and Moslem laws' still causes reactions. BiH FA Minister Prlic stated in Zagreb that he is not clear with BiH President Izetbegovic's statements that BiH Ambassador to Zagreb, Trnka should severely protest against these Tudjman's statements. Prlic added that this letter is a matter of FA department and that it may be written in some other place than the FA Ministry, since he did not sign it.

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Croatian President Tudjman called the participant of the syndicate protest a bunch, of anarchists attempting to destabilize and undermine the current government. The reply of the authorities towards the protest caused a lot of tension in Zagreb.

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European Parliament delegation talked to the RS authorities representatives in Banja Luka. The main subject was economic aid of the European Union.

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BiH TV news comment French rushed to Balkans with huge steps, afraid, not to be late after Germans and Americans. This turning away, or return to the Serb side, was explained by Paris itself in the example without precedent when French president received Plavsic's visit with all honors, reserved for presidents of states. French explanation that this gesture was a demonstration of support to democratic changes in RS is at least not convincing.

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A meeting of the Independent Intellectuals Organization 'Circle 99' was held today, with the presence of the President of Federal Missing Persons Commission, Masovic. Masovic said that truth about missing persons is in function of real reconciliation.

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450 Houses were reconstructed in Maglaj municipality, providing accommodation for 2.000 returnees.

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Bosanska Gradiska refugees organized a meeting in Bosanski Petrovac and concluded that priorities are: to pronounce Bosanska Gradiska open city, to provide return to Donji Vakuf and Bosanski Petrovac, to provide investments of Bosniaks in small enterprises and to connect all organizations where 20.000 refugees Bosniaks and Croats are taking part.

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Return to Mrkonjic Grad is in progress. As said by the Chief of the Office for Status Matters of Displaced Mrkonjic Grad citizens, 10 Bosniak families returned last week to MG municipality. In the past few weeks, several incidents were registered in MG, including a murder of an elder Bosniak woman. The culprits were apprehended, and are awaiting the trial.

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