

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 Jan. 1998

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Serbian Border Police seized complete video and audio material of BiH TV news reporter, Duska Jurisic at the border with Macedonia, despite of documents and permissions issued by the Serbian Ministry of Information. Reporter Jurisic was on her assignment in Kosovo in the recent period. Jurisic said that the Serb policemen ordered her to leave the vehicle and searched her utterly. The policemen also interrogated Jurisic about her task in Kosovo, where is she from, who did she talk to etc. Policemen seized the documentation with no further explanation, saying that Jurisic may come in a few days for it, while the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs review the material. Jurisic also said that the situation in Kosovo is worsening day after day. The Parliamentary parties appealed to citizens to protest against the militaristic police by standing in still for one minute.

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The EC Parliament Assembly considered the activities of the High Commission for Refugees and the matter of the refugee return. UHNCR High Commissioner, Ogata said that the rich countries have more obligations in regulating the movements of the great refugee population. Ogata asked the EC countries to show more effective political will, also for material assistance for the BiH refugees. Ogata also said that in this year the UNHCR will focus on making Banja Luka and Sarajevo open cities. Estimating that the Federal authorities showed more co-operation than the RS, the essence is to ask for cooperation from the local authorities, cancelling administrative obstacles for return, and adoption of the specific law regulations regarding the housing area. BiH delegation member Filipovic said that minor returns should be based on reciprocity, and asked to measure the level of democracy in the RS with the number of Croat and Bosniaks returnees to this entity.

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Moslems worldwide celebrate their greatest holiday, Bajram. (BiH TV also covered the speech of the Reis-ul-ulema Eff. Ceric at the central celebration in the Gazi-Husrevbeg's Mosque in Sarajevo as well as Bajram celebration from various sides of the BiH)

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The International Crisis Group proposed to prolong the final decision for Brcko for five years, and that the International Administration should remain here for another 18 months, because of the explosive situation in this area.

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US President Clinton also addressed his congratulations to the people and the President of Iran and Moslems Worldwide.

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Turkish Military delegation visited Turkish soldiers within the SFOR troops in Zenica. The delegation also visited residents of the refugee camp Moscanica, near Zenica.

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The ICG Director deputy, Bennet said that ICG did not issue any report on Brcko, and that the news was published by the BiH PRESS. BiH TV apologises to the viewers.

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