

# **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 13 February 2000**

## **News Headlines**

- New landslides threaten Zenica
- Cyanide spills into Tisa River, ecologists assess that five-year period needed to clean the spill
- Conference on Perspectives of BiH-Yugoslavia Bilateral Relations ends in Banja Luka
- Some 2,000 Serb refugees demand dismissal of Banja Luka Housing Commission
- Delegations of Srebrenica and Ilijas authorities meet with Serbs living in Srebrenica, Zvornik and Bijeljina to discuss return, they say refugee needs must come before politics
- Bugojno Serbs living in Srebrenica relying on progress in two-way return and IC help as their ticket back to their pre-war homes
- Livno Canton Assembly to deliberate on work of Livno Cantonal Government
- Two KFOR members injured in Kosovska Mitrovica conflict
- World news
- Russian Deputy Foreign Minister to visit Sarajevo on Monday
- Stability Pact Working Table to be held in Sarajevo
- University of Sarajevo and OSCE Mission to BiH hold Seminar on BiH Constitutional and Institutional Aspects of BiH Security
- Sports
- Weather

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### **Conference on Perspectives of BiH-Yugoslavia Bilateral Relations ends in Banja Luka**

The BiH Democratic Alternative Forum and Novi Sad Center for Regionalism jointly organized an international conference on perspectives of BiH-Yugoslavia bilateral relations in Banja Luka. NGOs and political parties from both countries attended the conference and, after its completion, issued a joint statement. According to the statement, current relations are not the expression of the interests of the citizens from these two countries. The current isolation of Yugoslavia is only serving to strengthen the Belgrade regime to the detriment of its citizens and, therefore, needs to end in order to give the democratic alternative a chance. The full respect of the Dayton Agreement, human rights and cooperation with European institutions are the pre-conditions for stable long-term bilateral relations, said the statement. Representatives of the current Yugoslav authority did not attend the conference.

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### **Livno Canton Assembly to deliberate on work of Livno Cantonal Government**

The president of HDZ Glamoc Board and a Livno Canton Assembly delegate, Ile Krezo, initiated a non-confidence vote in the Livno Canton Government. Pleased that certain HDZ members are close to opposition viewpoints on this issue, SDA Livno President Tihomir Curak said, "we are constantly endeavoring to prove the illegitimacy and illegality of the Cantonal Government. It has been fashioned after a classic SDA-HDZ agreement that is outside the framework of a memorandum on constructing the government, which had been signed by all political parties. Canton Government President Mirko Mihaljevic said that, despite everything, he is glad that the Canton has received a lot of publicity lately, which shows that things are happening. "All recent statements are untrue, without any basis in law" he said, commenting on allegations of the government's illegality. "The government is absolutely legal and is working in accordance with the assembly's instructions. All those pointing the finger at the government are those same people that voted for it" said Mihaljevic. HB Canton Justice Minister Bojana Kristo stated that the "government is legitimate and legal." The NHI, however, denies that the opposition voted for this government and pointed toward divisions inside the HDZ. NHI Livno Canton President Zeljka Ticinovic said, "We have been trying to prove the illegitimacy and illegality of this government ever since the assembly started work, but the HDZ

machinery for voting is stronger. Luckily, it seems that events in Croatia are having a great effect over here, too.” The Municipal Assembly will discuss the government’s work and, if the government is not voted confidence, Mihaljevic says they are willing to step down and give somebody else a chance at running the government.”

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