

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 1 February 2000

News Headlines

- Chechen soldiers withdraw after reaching goals, Russians claim they have not withdrawn
- Kenyan airplane crashes in Ivory Coast, while Alaskan plane down near Los Angeles
- BiH House of Representatives holds session
- OHR, OSCE, BiH Parliament and parliamentary caucus presidents to discuss draft permanent election law on 3 February
- Petritsch supports BiH Constitution Court ruling – Milisic
- Two SDA candidates, Suad Heljezovic of Sanski Most and Seid Osmanovic of Breza, violated PEC Rules and Regulations on property use – Domi
- Blockade of Croat barracks will end after accuracy of given data determined – SFOR
- IPTF station in Pale attacked with hand grenade on Monday – Coffman
- Attack on IPTF station typical act of remaining anonymous hard-liners that continue with cowardly violence against unarmed and innocent – Klein
- BiH Federation House of Representatives discusses budget
- Izetbegovic and Hrle discuss rights of workers
- BiH Railway workers strike due to failure in establishing public corporation for railways, failure to form BiH Federation Railway Company, failure of Sarajevo Canton to give promised financing, and failure of IC to implement Annex 9 by three-month deadline
- World news
- Arsovic surprised that Begic held press conference
- Muhamed Beganovic elected new Governor of Una-Sana Canton
- Orucevic announces he will resolve all Mostar issues by end of his mandate in April
- Bomb thrown in Cafe Prince in Kalesija, several persons injured
- Irfan Dekovic surrenders and admits to bombing in Dea Cafe in Sarajevo
- Silajdzic discusses implementation of Dayton Agreement and Annex 7 with Miller and Hand in separate meetings
- MIC Center agrees with World Economic Forum, Competence Center and Global Leaders of Tomorrow on assessment of BiH balance and competence in accordance with new criteria
- BiH Independent Trade Union warns employers not to offer work contracts that are not in accordance with Labor Law
- US Government donates de-mining equipment
- Medical care improvement study presented in Zenica hospital
- Sports
- Weather
- Ordinary people in BiH think better than nationalist politicians – Petritsch tells Austrian daily Die Presse
- RS Government brings decision on Ilic dismissal
- BiH Federation Investment Bank holds press conference
- Displaced Kopaci Serbs request collective return to homes in BiH Federation
- 250 Konjevic Polje and Milici inhabitants return to homes
- 1.37 million KM damage caused by Neretva flood – BiH Federation Agriculture Minister
- Kordic top man of BiH Croats in Central Bosnia – Sir Martin Garrod tells the ICTY
- Entity armies can carry out maneuvers from now on as long as announcement made 21 days prior to movement – SFOR
- SGV letter to Petritsch
- International League of Humanists meets with representatives of four NGOs

- BiH Federation Minister of Culture, Sports and Education Fahrudin Rizvanbegovic holds meeting with cantonal ministers

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BiH House of Representatives holds session

The BiH House of Representatives held a session in Sarajevo. The SDP proposed law on state Holidays passed the first round of the parliamentary procedure, but another SDP draft proposal on the Law on the BiH Council of Ministers did not receive enough votes. Meanwhile, the Sloga Coalition's draft proposal on holidays was sent on further harmonization even if it did not receive enough votes from BiH Federation representatives to be sent into the procedure. The majority of delegates voted for the SDA proposal on holidays. House deputies agreed that, during the harmonization of the draft holiday law, the SDA, HDZ and caucus representatives would be allowed access in order to adopt the law and avoid a possible constitutional crisis at that next session of the House of Representatives. After their recess, the House deliberated on the two draft laws on state holidays.

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Arsovic surprised that Begic held press conference

Marko Arsovic resigned his post as Co-president and Justice in the BiH Constitutional Court and did not offer any explanation for the move. However, Arsovic did say, each court needs to communicate with the public through its rulings, and that he was very surprised that Court President Kasim Begic held a press conference.

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Muhamed Beganovic elected new Governor of Una-Sana Canton

The appointment of Muhamed Beganovic as the new Governor of Una-Sana Canton is still provoking speculation. Beganovic said that he is "glad that democracy finally won and, for the first time, there was a secret ballot with several candidates on the list." The DNZ said that they decided on the governor's post by taking advantage of the poor organization in the SDA, which is unavoidably sinking. The DNZ received many offers, assessing them as the willingness of parties to betray one another. The SDA Cantonal Board stated that it is an unprincipled coalition that had made the appointment, thus violating the CD Coalition agreement in this regard. The SDA added that it would not be responsible for events in the future. Beganovic said, "this could have been done sooner through cooperation. I am glad that democracy won out but not that we were unable to reach a decision within the coalition." Ousted Governor Mirsad Veladzic explained his presence at the meeting to the OSCE and OHR, saying he had responded to a proposal from the DNZ.

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