## **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 19 January 2000**

## **News Headlines**

- BiH Federation House of Representatives discusses Restitution Law, session to continue on Thursday
- Draft of Permanent Election Law not adopted, OSCE and OHR considering options Domi
- Banjac accuses Croat and Bosniak delegates of avoiding adoption of Election Law
- SDP regrets House of Representatives failure to adopt their proposed Election Law, but is pleased that IC proposal was not accepted
- SDS expects Petritsch and other IC officials to condemn Parliamentary delegates for avoiding adoption of Election Law - Cavic
- World news
- President of Croatian Election Committee announces official election results
- Robertson promises support to <u>ICTY</u> during meeting with Del Ponte
- World news
- Swedish Secretary of State discusses Stability Pact during visit to Sarajevo
- Procedure to replace 22 officials continues
- IPTF replaces Head of Siroki Brijeg police
- BiH has less than one year to show results towards membership in European Council Meliha Filipovic
- Western entrance into Sarajevo to be completed in May
- World news
- BiH Federation Privatization Agency says progress in privatization has stopped because companies and municipal agencies were late in fulfilling their commitments
- With help of OHR, Banja Luka is fulfilling obligations to New York Declaration in two-way return
- Mostar magazine Most believes spiritual links between entities are broken
- Sports
- Del Ponte calls on <u>NATO</u> to make better effort to arrest Radovan Karadzic, whom she wants to see before <u>ICTY</u> this year
- Serbian opposition requests resignation of Milosevic
- International organizations hold regular press conference in Mostar
- Lukavac company Holc plans opening of 60 new workplaces
- Una-Sana Cantonal Assembly brings decision on construction of Velika Kladusa-Sanski Most highway
- Work on highway at western approach to Sarajevo to be completed in May
- Tuzla Canton ensures aid for Bosniak returnees to Srednja Trnova
- SFOR performs military exercise near Arizona Market
- Combined session of LASTA, organization of disabled soldiers

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## Banjac accuses Croat and Bosniak delegates of avoiding adoption of Election Law

"Bosniak and Croat representatives purposely refused to adopt the draft of the Permanent Election Law" stated Speaker of the BiH Parliament Mirko Banjac. "Their attitude towards the RS was clearly visible. Why do OHR representatives not react to these obstructions? Could it be because of double standards?"

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Following the dismissal of 22 BiH officials by High Representative <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u>, the replacement procedure continues. According to OHR spokesperson Avis Benes, "new appointments in HN Canton have not be made simply because the OHR and <u>OSCE</u> have not had the time to consider the proposed replacements." Wednesday is the deadline for the dismissed officials to leave their offices and Benes expects their successors to be appointed by the end of the month.

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