OHR BiH TV News Summary, 14 February 2000

News Headlines

- Izetbegovic takes over duties of BiH Presidency chairmanship for the next eight months
- TV BiH announces Izetbegovic interview at 21:00
- BiH Presidency holds session and discusses Madrid Declaration implementation and other
- BiH Council of Ministers meeting on Monday canceled due to BiH Constitutional Court decision, which was published in BiH Official Gazette
- Petritsch opens Sarajevo Conference on Combating Corruption
- Frowick visits Mostar
- Rescue teams still searching for members of Mujezinovic family that perished in Mala Broda landslide, close to Zenica
- Landslide situation in Mala Broda, close to Zenica, stabilized
- European Union decides to ease sanctions against Yugoslavia
- World news
- Izetbegovic to open Third Working Table on Stability Pact scheduled for Tuesday in Sarajevo
- Sarajevo airport control tower reconstructed
- BiH Ombudsman selected to join Directorate of European Ombudsman
- LBO Foco criticizes recent SDA pre-election rally and states that SDA cannot claim that only their efforts crucial in fight for BiH
- Liberals BiH estimates that time for voter registration too short and will request Petritsch to change PEC decision regarding voter registration

- Democratic Party of Pensioners holds press conference in Tuzla
- BiH Federation House of Representatives schedules special session for Tuesday to discuss amnesty law – TV BiH investigates position of deputies in regard to this law prior to session
- Around 600,000 persons registered for RS privatization – RS Privatization Agency reports
- 37 of 32 companies submit applications for privatization process to Tuzla Canton Privatization Agency
- Report on Sarajevo Winter Festival
- Jelavic says that during his presidency chairmanship this body was truly an institution for stimulus – Jelavic
- Prlic meets with Italian Ambassador bearing proposal for joint military exercise
- BOSS calls on BiH Federation parliamentarians to adopt party President Mirnes Ajanovic amendment at Tuesday session
- Agreement on return of some 30,000 refugees and DPs between Prijedor and Sanski Most must be intensified
- Bosanska Krupa-Srebrenica return process awaiting start of two-way return and donations for substantial results to happen

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Petritsch opens Sarajevo Conference on Combating Corruption

High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch opened the Conference on Transparency and Combating Corruption being held in Sarajevo. He stated that fraud and corruption are serious obstacles to Dayton Peace Agreement implementation. Petritsch explained that the responsible and consistent effort of all social components would bring about a better future for BiH. BiH Presidency member Ante Jelavic stated that “we need trained, well-paid and independent state officials who will integrate into themselves several essential virtues such as

unselfishness, objectivity and responsibility.” Stability Pact representative Ian Eliasson stated that fighting corruption should commence at the local level. RS Interior Minister Sredoje Novic stressed that the fight against corruption must not be given political overtones.

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Frowick visits Mostar

Deputy US Presidential Envoy for Dayton Implementation Robert Frowick visited Mostar. He met with the representatives of the HN Canton, Mostar and opposition parties to discuss the position of Croats in BiH after recent political change in Croatia. “We are fascinated with the determination of Croat people to deviate from the rule that was established during the war. We see a new era coming for the people here” Frowick said, commenting on change in Croatia. He added that it is up to the BiH Croats to decide whether they want to remain in the current system or if they what a new beginning. He expressed disappointment over Monday’s discussions with Mostar officials, saying that certain issues have been discussed for three years now. Frowick stated that the issue of return, Bosniak to west Mostar and Croat to east Mostar, must be resolved.

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