

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 December 1999

## News Headlines

- German President Johannes Rau visits German troops in [SFOR](#)
- [UN](#) General Assembly gives full support to sovereignty of BiH and [Dayton Agreement](#)
- BiH House of Representatives concludes session without adopting any articles
- BiH Federation House of Representatives discusses Croat-Demo Christians' request for dismissal of parliamentary Speaker Enver Kreso
- BiH Presidency members present foreign policy goals to ambassadors to BiH
- BiH common foreign policy is consolidated – Prlic at meeting with BiH ambassadors and consuls
- German court convicts BiH Serb Djuradj Kustric to life imprisonment for war crimes
- Montenegrin judiciary starts investigation into Veselin 'Batko' Vlahovic suspected of war crimes committed in Sarajevo
- World news
- Petritsch meets with Sloga Coalition leadership for talks on [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation
- Barry meets with Djokic and Radisic for talks on preparations for elections in BiH
- Symposium on scientific work of Academic Muhamed Filipovic takes place at Sarajevo Philosophy Faculty
- Sports
- Weather
- Party for BiH insists on adoption of new law on judicial institutions
- SDP does not support [OSCE](#) decision to postpone local

elections in Srebrenica

- SDA, SDP and Association of Women in Tuzla react to BOSS posters accusing Tuzla Mayor Selim Beslagic of war crimes
- NHI asks High Representative to reorganize housing agencies in Sarajevo
- Five NGOs establish Coalition for Permanent Election Law, saying it is suitable for common BiH citizens
- IPTF to get more involved in work of local police stations in RS and BiH Federation
- Ismail ef. Smilovic introduced as first Muslim mufti in BiH Federation Army
- Una-Sana Canton to elect new Governor by 23 December
- Refugees have large interest in returning to Teslic Municipality
- Reduction of [SFOR](#) troops in BiH proceeds as planned – [NATO](#)
- OHR spokesperson in Mostar to assume duty of OHR Media Development Office Chief
- Aid needed to help young Nezir Zolota heal abnormality of right foot
- Mehmed Ibrahimovic enters his house in village Jusici after 6 years of living in cottages and caves
- Bihac gallery holds 13 exhibitions this year

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### **BiH House of Representatives concludes session without adopting any articles**

The BiH Parliament House of Representatives concluded its session in Sarajevo on Wednesday without resolving a single article on the agenda. After discussing the agenda for two hours, the delegates discussed the law on BiH State Border Services (SBS). The law on SBS was submitted by the BiH Presidency, although actually submitted by the OHR, with the suggestion that the law be adopted in its complete form without amendments. Nevertheless, some delegates from the RS

insisted on amendments to the law, so Parliamentary Speaker Mirko Banjac had to conclude the session and return the law to the Presidency for further discussion. The House of Representatives is expected to discuss the draft permanent election law when the session resumes. The delegates rejected an SDP BiH position that the draft BiH election law is accorded to the European Convention on Human Rights.

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### **BiH Federation House of Representatives discusses Croat-Demo Christians' request for dismissal of parliamentary Speaker Enver Kreso**

Although there were several important laws on the agenda of the BiH Federation Parliament House of Representatives 10th session on Wednesday, the main issue discussed was the request of BiH Croat Demo- Christians (HDK) for the dismissal of Speaker Enver Kreso. The reason for the HDK request was Kreso's statement that he did not send a letter of condolences for Franjo Tudjman's death "because of his own big grief, but because of the fact that the law on special relations between BiH and Croatia is in parliamentary procedure." Kreso rejected the allegations, saying that the HDK misinterpreted his words. Finally, the delegates rejected the HDK request, voting 63 against dismissal and 23 in favor. The House of Representatives will resume its session on Thursday.

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### **OHR spokesperson in Mostar to assume duty of OHR Media Development Office Chief**

Speaking at his last press conference as OHR Regional office Mostar spokesperson, Chris Riley announced that he will assume the duty of OHR Media Development Office Chief as of 1 January 2000. Riley is to replace Dan de Luce in this function. The [UNHCR](#) Mostar Office reported that it has concluded a project of refugee returns, during which 122 houses in HN Canton were

reconstructed. The European Commission financed this 2.2 million-DM project.

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