

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 February 2000

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- Sarajevo hosts second session of Southeast Europe Stability Pact Working Table on Security Issues
- BiH Federation Interior Ministry offers to organize regional center for police training in Sarajevo
- BiH must have comprehensive and stable security policy – Petritsch
- Stability Pact Donor Conference to take place in Brussels late in March
- Ganic informs Hombach of project for return of 100,000 refugee families
- BiH House of Representatives fails to adopt draft laws on BiH Council of Ministers, passports and elections
- BiH Federation House of Representatives discusses government economic policy measures for 2000
- Three bodies extracted from landslide site in Mala Broda, near Zenica
- BiH Public Broadcasting Service Establishing Board holds first press conference
- World news
- Silajdzic meets with [NATO](#) Secretary-General George Robertson for talks on problems in [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation
- Refugee return crucial for Dayton implementation – Izetbegovic at meeting with Robert Frowick
- Jelavic meets with Frowick for talks on progress in work of BiH Presidency
- Jelavic meets with Russian Ambassador Alexander Avdeyev
- Prlic meets with Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister for talks on prospect of Israeli companies investing in BiH
- HDZ BiH discontent with economic development trends in

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- Fikret Abdic cannot be tried in BiH – DNZ
- BOSS wants to develop concept of government as service of citizens
- Novak Kilibarda appointed Director of Montenegro Trade and Information Mission to Sarajevo
- [UN](#) Mission to BiH condemns attempted arsons of Bosniak homes in west Mostar
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- BiH should have offered more projects to Stability Pact Working Table session in Sarajevo – Vice-chairwomen of Working Table Bisera Turkovic
- BiH Federation Deputy Prime Minister Dragan Covic says he will resign if its proven that certain workers of Mostar Soko Company were fired due to nationality
- Landslides threaten Travnik
- Tuzla Canton Government to replace steering boards of four companies that have delayed privatization process
- Estimated one million citizens will apply for RS privatization by deadline – Deputy Director of RS Privatization Agency Radoslav Rodic
- Mesic formally resigns HNS membership
- Association of Mothers of Srebrenica and Podrinje hold press conference
- Mayors of Mostar and Trebinje meet for talks on security aspects of refugee return
- Livno Canton Government special session legal – Livno Canton Government reacts to SDA press release
- [World Bank](#) donates modern orthopedic lab to Bihac Hospital
- Establishment of BiH Public Broadcasting Service to be concluded by mid-May
- German companies donate technical equipment to RTV BiH
- Sarajevo film director Srdjan Vuletic awarded first prize for short film at Berlin Film Festival
- Promotion of book 'War in Croatia and BiH'

- Roundtable on Religion and Pluralism in 20th Century in Sarajevo

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BiH must have comprehensive and stable security policy – Petritsch

BiH cannot hope to develop and preserve a democratic environment without a comprehensive and stable security policy, High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) assessed during his speech to the Stability Pact Working Table on Security Issues in Sarajevo on Tuesday. Petritsch stressed that BiH security policy must be based on the concept of balance and mutual trust between the people of BiH.

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Ganic informs Hombach of project for return of 100,000 refugee families

BiH Federation President Ejup Ganic informed Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach of a project for the return of 100,000 refugee families to their pre-war homes in BiH. Experts and institutions of both BiH entities have been involved in the development of the project that would need \$1 billion for full implementation. Hombach stressed that it would not be impossible to collect \$1 billion if this plan could resolve the refugee problem in BiH.

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BiH House of Representatives fails to adopt draft laws on BiH Council of Ministers, passports and elections

The BiH House of Representatives failed to adopt the Law on the BiH Council of Ministers, as it was proposed by the BiH Presidency. After a long discussion, the draft Council of Ministers law was not even put on the house agenda due to the opposition of 10 house delegates from the RS. Further

discussion on this issue was postponed for the next session of the BiH House of Representatives. The house also failed to adopt the SDP-proposed draft BiH passport law. [OSCE](#) Head of Mission to BiH Robert Barry addressed house delegates, explaining that the draft election law was the main precondition for BiH membership in the Council of Europe. Commenting on objections to the method of electing the members of the BiH Presidency, as it is regulated in the [OSCE](#) draft election law, Barry stated that this issue could be either be resolved through amendments to the Constitution, or a ruling of the BiH Constitutional Court. Following Barry's presentation, delegates once again rejected the [OSCE](#) draft election law. Their objections mostly pertained to the fact that the draft was not in accordance with the European Conventions on Human Rights and the rules in the OSCE-proposed draft election law regarding the refugee registration process.

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HDZ BiH discontent with economic development trends in BiH Federation

HDZ BiH Vice-president Dragan Covic told a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday that the HDZ BiH is not satisfied with economic trends in BiH Federation. "Expected progress in the privatization process has not been reached and we have the same situation in new job generation and resolving social issue" he said. HDZ BiH Presidency member Neven Tomic stated that the Croat people in BiH, as well as the HDZ BiH, "are in a certain state of autism." He expressed hope that the "HDZ party, with its political image and program, will show it is the most objective interpreter of the wishes of its voters."

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