OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 March 1999

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- Wife of US Vice-president, Tipper Gore, visits BiH
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Serbs demonstrate in Macedonia against NATO and IC

TV BiH reporter Nerminka Emric visited Skopje, Macedonia where Serbs are demonstrating against NATO and the International Community. Emric reports that demonstrators carry placards saying "Kosovo is Serbian" "Madeleine Albright is a bitch" and "Adolph Clinton." Demonstrators requested the Macedonian

leadership not to allow NATO entrance into the country. Serb Democratic Party President in Macedonia Miletic Dragoljub declared that NATO must withdraw and allow the Yugoslav Army to resolve the situation in Kosovo. Because Kosovo is a part of Serbia they will never surrender.
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Poplasen still performing presidential duties

Former RS President Nikola Poplasen still performs his duties and, as stated prior to the newscast, is expected to announce the name of the new RS Prime Minister in Banja Luka. Prior to this announcement, the SRS stated that representatives of this party, together with other Parliamentary parties, estimate that Mladen Ivanic is the most acceptable candidate at this time.
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SRS newspaper appeals for fight against International Community

In Bijeljina on Monday, the SRS distributed a special edition of the SRS newspaper Greater Serbia, founded and published by Vojislav Seselj. In this edition, they printed a proclamation to the RS people in which they appeal for "resistance against the International Community with sticks, bricks and Molotov cocktails. If they do not leave Nikola Poplasen to perform his presidential duties in peace and if they to not refrain from grabbing Brcko, (RS citizens) will take up arms." In this proclamation, the SRS also urgently appeal for all Americans to leave their place of work, and if they do not obey, it is their own fault if sticks are turned against them.
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HN Canton Association of Bosniak refugees protest Ganic statements

The Association of HN Canton Bosniak Refugees addressed a letter to BiH Federation Vice-president Ejup Ganic in which

they express their dissatisfaction regarding his public accusations against the HN Canton Government. “The return of Bosniaks in the southern region of BiH deserves larger engagement by the BiH Federation leadership and not only sweet-talking promises” said letter. “We feel obliged to defend our men who have done everything to enable Bosniak return to Stolac, Mostar, Capljina, Neum and that have helped the refugees in the HN Canton, who, because of people like you, are left at the mercy of the HDZ BiH” the Association said.
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LS holds press conference

The BiH Liberal Party considers that the next session of the BiH Federation Parliament should agree on concrete measures for preventing the further destabilization of BiH and weakening of the Dayton Agreement. According to LS Vice-president Hamid Custovic, obstructions at BiH Federation and BiH level institutions have hit rock bottom, and that the nomination of Ivan Bender for director of the pension fund in Mostar proves this. Custovic stated that it is obvious the para-state of Herceg-Bosna still exists and finances the institutions that should be in the jurisdiction of BiH. According to Custovic, the IC will not allow the establishment of a third BiH entity, because this will mean changing the essence of the Dayton Agreement.
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Sarovic to take over duties of RS President

It was announced on Monday night in Banja Luka that Mirko Sarovic will take over the functions of RS President. Sarovic stated that the new nominee for RS Prime Minister is Mladen Ivanic, a professor from Banja Luka University. Sarovic stated that he will take over the presidential duties in accordance with the RS Constitution and in agreement with Nikola Poplasen. He stated that they have consulted with other

Parliamentary parties regarding the Ivanic nomination, adding that this future government needs to be acceptable for the surrounding and International Community. Petar Djokic stated that, following discussions within the SPRS, he is not in a position to take the mandate, adding that with this move he has saved the Sloga Coalition. Milorad Dodik informed journalists that he withdraws his resignation and that he will remain in the function of RS Prime Minister “because the RS cannot remain without the chance for a good solution on Brcko.”
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