

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 19 December 1999

News Headlines

- HDZ BiH Presidency not ready to accept unfounded decisions of OHR
- Petritsch and Barry must decisively respond to provocation by Jelavic, Prlic and others – CD Coalition
- Croatian Intelligence Service (HIS) denies [SFOR](#) allegations
- Snow causes 25 million DM in damages to power supply network in BiH Federation
- New snow expected in BiH early next week
- Sarajevo schools to reopen on Monday
- Weather situation stabilizes in HN Canton
- World news
- No injuries in Saturday evening explosion in Mostar suburb Donja Mahala
- BiH Trade Union Association wants 1 May to be state holiday
- No huge changes to be expected from upcoming elections in Croatia – Professor Ivo Komsic at session of Circle 99
- Refugees and DPs living in Livno Municipality submit 233 property return applications
- Over 3,000 housing units under construction in Bugojno
- Bijeljina authorities illegally give away Bosniak land to Serb refugees
- RS Ministry of Energy and Mining allows use of clay for Bosniak refugee property in village of Biscani outside Prijedor
- Only two firms employing 200 workers operational in Srebrenica
- 12 die in fire in Moscow student housing

- Over 20 die in traffic accident in Nigeria
- Reuters collated report on biggest catastrophes in world this year
- Sports
- Weather

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Petritsch and Barry must decisively respond to provocation by Jelavic, Prlic and others – CD Coalition

In reaction to the HDZ BiH session on Saturday, CD Coalition delegates on the Mostar City Council issued a press release, asking High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) and Head of the [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Robert Barry to respond decisively to HDZ BiH officials Jelavic, Prlic, Tomic, Brajkovic and others. CD Coalition delegates demand that all those who obstruct progress be held accountable. “The last HDZ BiH Presidency declaration proves that cooperation on the local level is not enough in Mostar. A more efficient approach by the International Community towards the HDZ BiH leadership is necessary” reads a CD Coalition press release.

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Bijeljina authorities illegally give away Bosniak land to Serb refugees

Despite the decisions by the former and current High Representatives to ban the misuse of refugee property, local Bijeljina authorities continue such practices. The Bijeljina Municipal Council made a decision at its last session to allot 3,000 construction sites and give them to Serb refugees living in Bijeljina, CD Coalition Caucus Chairman on the Bijeljina Municipal Council Faik Muhic stated. What is surprising is that such a decision has provoked no reaction from International Community representatives or the OHR. Muhic warned that misappropriations of property, mostly belonging to Bosniaks, continue in Bijeljina, although there are no funds

available for compensation. CD Coalition delegates believe only decisive action from the International Community can stop this practice in Bijeljina.

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