OHR BiH TV News Summary, 19 February 2000

News Headlines

- Premature admittance of BiH by European Council would be mistake – Petritsch
- Croat National Council (HNV) BiH suggests cantonization of all of BiH
- BiH Constitutional Court asks RS National Assembly to appoint new justice after resignation of RS justice
- Bicakcic meets with delegation of war veterans associations to discuss their status
- SDP BiH Main Board assesses preparations for elections as very successful
- Ganic's initiative to obtain \$1 billion for refugee return project is hypocrisy – BPS
- Deadline for purchasing state-owned apartments in BiH Federation should be extended – SPP
- Congressional People's Party protests to IC for failing to protect its candidate Fejzudin Hasanovic from being stabbed in Kalesija
- ICG wants to provoke another crisis in BiH SDS
- BiH department of Society for Endangered Peoples addresses protest to <u>SFOR</u> and IPTF over placement of Karadzic photos in official structures in Serb Sarajevo
- Sarajevo Canton Privatization Agency approves privatization projects of 20 firms
- BiH Trade Union Association presses charges at International Labor Organization against owners of Ljubija Mine for illegal release of 2,000 Bosniak and Croat workers in 1992
- Situation normalizes in Zenica after recent landslides
- Sarajevo firm Teloptic signs contract with RS Telecom on reconstruction of telecommunications in four RS cities

- World news
- BiH Inter-religious Council meets with politicians to discuss refugee return issues
- Farrand asks for changes to Brcko Housing Commission for abuse of position
- Five families from Cazin demand fair compensation for their land, which was used to build tourist complex Sedra
- BiH Federation Government to replace administrative boards of 43 firms
- Wood processing firms in Livno and Glamoc face bankruptcy
- False KM notes found in Sarajevo and Central Bosnia
- BiH PEN Club holds session
- Chronicles of Sarajevo Winter Festival
- VKBI holds roundtable on history of Bosnian Army
- Sports
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ICG wants to provoke another crisis in BiH - SDS

The SDS condemned a recent statement made by ICG Director James Lion, who supported the cantonization of all of BiH and referred to the RS as an artificial and temporary creation. "It seems that the task of the ICG in BiH is not implementation of the Dayton Agreement, but to provoke another crisis here" reads an SDS press release issued on Saturday.

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Farrand asks for changes to Brcko Housing Commission for abuse of position

The Brcko Multiethnic Housing Commission, one of the most important institutions for the Brcko District according to Brcko Supervisor Robert Farrand, performs its duties with assistance from three teams of investigators in the field. Ambassador Farrand recently asked that the members of one of the teams be replaced for abusing their position and overstepping their authorizations. Nevertheless, review of the case shows that more than 90% of their work was valid, while the rest is to be reprocessed. The Commission continues to perform its activities in evicting illegal tenants in Brcko, mostly those with dual occupancy and those who sold their houses and now occupy the house of a refugee.

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