## OHR BiH TV News Summary, 2 February 1999

The Kuwait Investments Agency "KIA" invested about \$9 million in reconstruction of Business Centre "UNIS" in Sarajevo. The reconstruction works will begin in May 1999. 2:00

The Peace Implementation Council Steering Board holds a session in Brussels. The main issue of the session is preparations for the next donors' conference for BiH. OHR asked about \$300 million from international investors for implementation of conclusions of the Madrid conference. Anonymous OHR official said that the \$300 million represent the "Madrid Conference bill" that has to be charged in order to implement conclusions of the conference. The same source also said that the next donors' conference might be held in May this year, on condition that the International Community is assured that there is progress in BiH, especially the RS, regarding human rights and minority returns.

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Serbian forces continued military activities in the region of Decani. Kosovo Liberation Army representative Demaci said that he recommended the KLA HQ not to go to Paris for negotiations, saying that "discussion with the Serbian side is impossible." 2:00

After yesterday's IPTF action in the Zenica Prison, the routine control discovered illegal weapons and ammunition, UN spokesperson Moore said.

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BiH Presidency member Izetbegovic met with OSCE Arming Control Envoy Jacolin discussing the joint appearance of BiH delegation at the upcoming negotiations in Vienna about regional arming control.

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Federation Co-president Ganic visited Livno and Bugojno, meeting with Bosniak representatives from Livno, Tomislavgrad, Kupres and Glamoc. Ganic said that situation is better every time he visits Livno, and added that this Canton has to be assisted and that discriminations have to be removed if any. The main issues of Ganic's meeting with Bugojno officials, lead by Bugojno Municipality Governor, Mlaco, were the refugee return, reconstruction of housing fund and economy revitalisation.

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Federation Co-president Ganic also visited Bihac, in order to hold meeting with Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in Bihac and to discuss the issues of corruption in Una/Sana Canton.

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OHR has nothing against Croats in BiH, and there is no any conspiracy against them, as Croatian media are trying to present it, OHR spokesman Ferguson said. As for posters, which call <u>SFOR</u> occupation forces, Ferguson reminded that the International Community is present in Bosnia upon request from BiH authorities.

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Conversations about preparations for general agreement on the status of Zepce municipality as initiated by OHR last week were intensified. OHR spokesperson Stiglmeyer said that it is not dramatic that Zepce Bosniak representatives were not present at the recent meeting, and added that OHR hopes Bosniaks would change their standpoints in this regard.

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