OHR BiH TV News Summary, 2 February 2000

News Headlines

- Jelavic to be held accountable if ICTY orders disregarded
- ICTY to rule on Blaskic case on 28 February
- BiH Federation House of Representatives adopts 2000 budget
- BiH Federation House of Peoples convenes on Wednesday
- Extreme left to enter Austrian Government
- New Croatian Government work supported by Albright
- Zlatko Tomcic elected President of House of Representatives
- Albright arrives in Zagreb to speed up Croatian membership in EU and NATO
- Arsovic resignation leaves vacancy in BiH Constitutional Court, Begic requests RS National Assembly elect new justice
- By outvoting SDA with DNZ delegates, Party for BiH elects Beganovic as Una-Sana Canton Governor, thus Party for BiH teamed up with Avdic – SDA
- SDA exclusively to blame for problems in Una-Sana Canton – Party for BiH
- Sloga condemns any attempt at revising Dayton Agreement
- SDP protests against pressures on work of BiH Constitutional Court – SDA
- Secretary General of Demo-Christians International informs NHI their membership has been accepted
- Railroad workers still on strike
- Bodies of smugglers Aleksandar Tintor and Zeljko Nininc, shot by border patrol, recovered from Zvornik Lake
- World news
- There is no legal system in BiH to deal with layoffs at

Soko and Aluminij companies – Silajdzic
- UNHCR helping Ugljevik returnees to partake in RS Privatization
- Kotorsko refugees begin preparations for return
- BiH Federation and cantonal ministries, except those from predominantly Croat areas, discuss possible model for unitary cultural policy
- Two of seven Bardacko Lake swans killed by poachers
- Sports
- Weather
- Restriction of movement and training of HVO troops to be conditionally lifted on 8 February – Adams
- Barry returns NHI candidate in Kresevo Stjepan Puljic to candidate list after it was asserted that he was victim of mistaken identity
- Deputy Foreign Minister Husein Zivalj meets with Sarajevo Canton officials to discuss problem of vehicles with diplomatic plates
- SFOR MND North organizes seminar for local entrepreneurs in Brcko
- International organizations in Mostar hold press conference
- 335 million DM is not enough for proper functioning of BiH Federation Army – General Rasim Delic comments on BiH Federation budget
- Tuzla Housing Commission evicts over 500 tenants with dual occupancy
- Bosniak returnees to Bjeljina facing problems in getting their telephone connections back despite OHR directions
- Activists of humanitarian organization 'Ruhame' take care of senior citizens in Tuzla
- German Foundation 'Rudolph Walter' gives shelter to abandoned children in 'Village of Peace' in Turija, outside Lukavac

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Two years after subpoenaing missing documents with no results, the ICTY has sent a binding order to BiH and BiH Federation administrations for documents in the Kordic and Cerkez trial. BiH Federation officials also requested that the documents go to The Hague. The Tribunal Hearing Council replaced verbal threats to BiH with written subpoenas forwarded to the BiH Federation Defense, Justice and Interior Ministers, Miroslav Prce, Barisa Colak and Mehmed Zilic respectively. The Tribunal has demanded that they identify which of the requested documents are in their possession. If the documents have been lost, destroyed or hidden, they have 28 days to write to the Tribunal. The ICTY ordered them to appear before the court some time mid March. TV BiH asked for comments from these officials, but only Zilic replied by phone, saying that he will comply with any ICTY order, as he has in the past. He also said that the ICTY only requested documentation that the Croat side possesses, of which he informed the Deputy Interior Minster. TV BiH learned that should any three ICTY orders be disregarded, the highest-ranking Croat official in BiH, Presidency Chairman Ante Jelavic, will be held accountable.

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SDA exclusively to blame for problems in Una-Sana Canton – Party for BiH

The Party for BiH accused the SDA of conceiving and creating many problems in Una-Sana Canton. There is not enough political will to organize the BiH Council of Ministers on a civic principle, but with IC help, this problem will be overcome.

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Sloga condemns any attempt at revising Dayton Agreement

Sloga Coalition President Zivko Radisic stated after a meeting

of the Coalition Presidency that “Sloga maintains its original concept of defending…the RS and the trust that voters put in it representatives.” The functioning of the RS presidential institution, Government and BiH Constitutional Court were also discussed at the session. The conclusion was made that, due to the current RS situation, there are no constitutional grounds for the functioning of the presidential institution but, that the government would continue to work in accordance to RS interests. Sloga condemned any attempt at revising the Dayton Agreement. Sloga also extended support to the resignation of BiH Constitutional Court Vice-president and Justice Marko Arsovic. “We have been informed that, in some cases, the Court ruled one thing and its President presented different decisions, endangering the equality of the RS and Serbs in the RS” a Sloga announcement reads.

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