OHR BiH TV News Summary, 2 January 2000

News Headlines

- Pre-election silence begins in Croatia
- Collated report on voting in BiH for Croatian parliamentary elections
- TV BiH crew unwelcome at Mostar polling station with explanation that special accreditation from Zagreb is needed to record voting process or receive important information
- TV BiH cameraman removed from polling station, representatives of Election Commission enforce Croatian election rules, by which releasing information to media representatives is forbidden
- International news
- French Defense Minister meets with Reinhardt and Kouchner
- Kouchner postpones preparations for Kosovo elections due to lack of funds
- Report on distribution of Merhamet aid for returnees to village of Hajvaz
- Recently arrested police officer Mile Knezevic from Bosanski Petrovac found not guilty
- Project valued at 4.5 million KM to bring drinking water for Tuzla citizens
- Look back at 20th Century – short video spot including millennium celebration in Sarajevo
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Recently arrested police officer Mile Knezevic from Bosanski Petrovac found not guilty

Regarding refugee return and the establishment of multiethnic police in BiH, Bosanski Petrovac can be considered the example. The first police officer that returned to work with multiethnic police one year ago was Mile Knezevic. Citizens and colleagues received Mile very well, but this idealistic return was interrupted for a short time. Mile was accused of killing a civilian in Ripac in 1994 and other war crimes. Upon issuance of an indictment, Mile was arrested and held in prison, but returned to work two days after being found not guilty. Deeply disappointed by the charges, and claiming that he is not guilty, Mile considers the main problem to be envy of his return to the multiethnic police. He emphasized that he previously had similar problems with colleagues that do not want to return. He stated that it is true that, on that day, a group of scouts hanged Dolic Mustafa in Ripac. He also stated that he is ready to testify against members of the group that committed this crime in Ripac, saying that he knows the background of the event.

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