

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 2 March 2000

News Headlines

- BiH Federation Government extends deadline for buying state-owned apartments by 60 days
- Petritsch and Barry attend session of [OSCE](#) Permanent Council in Vienna
- OHR bans recently dismissed officials from performing any public duty
- BiH will not open embassy in Greek part of Cyprus – Izetbegovic at meeting with Turkish Ambassador to BiH Ahmed Erozan
- BiH House of Peoples postpones discussion on BiH Council of Ministers law until it is adopted by House of Representatives
- BiH Federation House of Peoples discusses report on Government activities and budget in 1999
- BiH Federation Government warns firms not to hinder tenants planning to buy apartments in which they are living
- Frequent attacks on Bosniaks living in Janja
- The Hague Tribunal to announce verdict in Tihomir Blaskic case of Friday
- New Croatian Government hands over documents on military operations Bljesak and Oluja to The Hague Tribunal
- World news
- Mate Granic and Vesna Skare-Ozbolt leave HDZ and plan to form new political party
- Brcko District to be officially proclaimed on 8 March
- Petritsch extends mandate of RTRS Administrative Board
- Interior Ministries of RS and BiH Federation met in Sarajevo on Wednesday to coordinate future efforts
- Number of unemployed (400,000) in BiH Federation might

increase by 50% after privatization

- Sports
- Weather
- US State Department offers \$5 million for information that might lead to arrest of Milosevic, Karadzic or Mladic
- OHR welcomes BiH Federation Government decision to extend deadline for purchase of apartments
- Egyptian Ambassador to BiH conveys President Mubarak's greetings for BiH Independence Day to Izetbegovic
- Livno Canton is example of absence of rule of law – OHR
- Jago Lasic appointed Chairman of BiH Federation Chamber of Commerce
- Representatives Foca Municipality and Bosna-Podrinje Canton discuss transition of jurisdiction over Foca Municipality from French to German [SFOR](#)
- School in Han Bila reconstructed thanks to donation from Dutch Government
- German Ambassador Peters visits returnees to Modrica Municipality
- Tuzla Canton establishes Healthcare Fund
- Chronicles of 'Sarajevo Winter' Festival

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Petritsch and Barry attend session of [OSCE](#) Permanent Council in Vienna

High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) and Head of the [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Robert Barry attended a meeting of the [OSCE](#) Permanent Council in Vienna on Thursday. In his address, Petritsch emphasized the importance of the upcoming elections in BiH, which he expects will draw BiH closer to other European countries. "The development of a civil society, economy, the fight against corruption and refugee returns are the top priorities for BiH to progress as a state" Petritsch stressed. Petritsch welcomed the positive reflections of the election results in Croatia on the situation in BiH. Both

Barry and Petritsch expressed their regret over the fact that obstructions by politicians and parliamentary delegates in BiH prevented the adoption of a permanent election law, which could be an obstacle for BiH admittance into the European Council.

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Frequent attacks on Bosniaks living in Janja

Bosniak returnees in Janja are subject to frequent attacks. Several houses have been stoned and tensions escalated with the burning of Mustafa Mehmedic's house and bombing of the house of Sead Gluhonic on Wednesday night. Local citizens view the recent attack of three Bosniaks from the BiH Federation on a Serb man as a possible motive for the latest violence. Local police increased the number of patrols in the area and the IPTF office in Bijeljina promised to intensify its activities to prevent future incidents.

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Livno Canton is example of absence of rule of law – OHR

"Livno Canton is the best example of the absence of rule of law, because the judiciary, prosecutor's office and police are under strong influence from political structures" OHR Regional Office Mostar Chief Finn Lynghjem stated at a press conference on Thursday.

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