

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 20 December 1998

Three convicted Srebrenica citizens in the Bijeljina prison ceased hunger strike, after being asked to by Presidency Member Izetbegovic via his advisor Hajric. Hajric said their health condition is still very poor and appealed to the International Community to mediate in this case. Contacts with the HR and other international representatives will begin tomorrow. Members of the CDU Coalition in the RS National Assembly also addressed a letter to the High Representative in which they appeal on him to mediate so that the Srebrenica citizens could be released.

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US President Clinton and UK Premier Blair announced cessation of air strikes against Iraq. The two officials decided that military aims have been achieved and that Hussein's armories and radar-communication centres have suffered severe damage.

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RTV BiH made report on returns to villages in the Bjelasnica Mountain. It was said that the main problems in villages of Trnovo municipality – communications, education and employment as well as water and electricity supplies.

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The year of return was also the year of illusions about return, regardless of evident progress in Sanski Most area, especially when it comes to minority returns to the RS. More than 19.000 refugees returned to Sanski Most, along with about 100 Serb families, while Martinbrod reached its pre-war population status. Many returns were also recorded in the Prijedor municipality. About 30.000 Bosniaks announced their return to Banja Luka in the next year.

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