

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 22 December 1999

## News Headlines

- European Commission releases 25 million EURO of financial support to BiH
- Privatization in BiH headed in wrong direction – Silajdzic
- US NGO Mercy Corps signs protocol with BiH Ministry of Trade and Economic Relations on realization of \$2.8 loan for agriculture
- Economic growth in BiH after war was impressive – Head of [World Bank](#) Southeast Europe Division Rory O'Sullivan
- Annan supports stronger [UN](#) campaign against corruption and organized crime in BiH
- [ICTY](#) extends indictments against Radoslav Brdjanin and Momir Talic
- Del Ponte holds first press conference
- World news
- Cohen visits US soldiers at Eagle Base, near Tuzla
- Situation in BiH normalizes after trouble caused by snow
- Power supply situation in BiH Federation stabilizes
- Bahrudin Comor withdraws his bid to buy Bosnia Hotels and Restaurants due to uncertain situation with restitution of company's property
- Izetbegovic meets best manager in BiH Nihad Imamovic and most successful BiH businessman abroad Nijaz Hastor for talks on prospects for investments in BiH
- There was no agreement on number of polling stations in BiH for voting in Croatian elections – BiH Foreign Ministry
- If HDZ BiH interrupts contacts with OHR Mostar, it will interrupt contacts with all of OHR – Ferguson
- SDP BiH requests Peace Implementation Council Steering

Board session to reconsider situation in BiH Federation and RS

- Farrand calls on political parties in Brcko to offer their candidates for Provisional Assembly of Brcko District
- If CD Coalition again calls for bringing down Dodik's Government, SDS will accept it gladly – Kalinic
- DNZ announces participation in local elections in 98 BiH municipalities
- Independent Trade Union of Aluminum workers protests against International Labor Organization report
- RS Minister of Traffic and Communications welcomes activities on establishment of BiH Corporation for Roads
- BiH officials wish merry Christmas to citizens
- BiH Federation Ombudsmen find new law on freedom of information and slander too severe
- Sports
- Weather
- Sarajevo schools to resume work on Friday
- HDZ BiH in HN Canton breaks off contact with OHR Mostar on Tuesday
- Srebrenica Municipal Assembly discusses initiative on expropriation of property for memorial in Potocari
- Adoption of strategy for development of Brcko District priority – Brcko Povratak Refugee Association
- Frequent reports on refugees who have regained tenants' right only to sell or rent their former apartments in Una-Sana Canton
- Process of employing non-Croat policemen in Livno Canton 90% realized
- Sarajevo Chamber of Commerce presents negative trends in Sarajevo economy in 1999
- EC donates 5 million euros to support independent media in Yugoslavia and BiH
- HDZ BiH submits candidate lists for local elections in BiH to OSCE
- HDZ BiH candidates in parliamentary elections in Croatia

will work for [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation – HDZ BiH spokesman Zoran Tomic

- Report of International Labor Organization on Mostar Aluminij pressures successful companies in BiH – HDZ BiH
- Drvar Croat sentenced to 2 years in prison for intimidation of Serb returnees to Drvar – Roberts
- More than 2,000 Serbs return to village of Prekaje in Drvar Municipality
- Local residents in Glamoc Municipality can wait until spring to leave the homes of Serb refugees because they will not be returning from Yugoslavia or RS until then

## **News Summary**

### **Privatization in BiH headed in wrong direction – Silajdzic**

The US Government recently withdrew its financial assistance to the privatization process in BiH. BiH Council of Ministers Co-chairman Haris Silajdzic stated on Wednesday that responsibility for these lies on BiH institutions, but also on the International Community, which asked for the current concept of privatization in BiH. The slow pace of privatization is not the only matter in question, but also the fact that privatization is proceeding in the wrong direction, Silajdzic stated. Silajdzic concluded that the US Government made the wrong move by withdrawing its support, because the privatization concept must not be abandoned, but upgraded.

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### **There was no agreement on number of polling stations in BiH for voting in Croatian elections – BiH Foreign Ministry**

The BiH Foreign Ministry issued a press release on Wednesday, denying [OSCE](#) spokesperson Tanya Domi's statement that the International Community and Foreign Ministries of BiH and Croatia reached an agreement on the number of polling stations in BiH for the parliamentary elections in Croatia.

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### **SDP BiH requests Peace Implementation Council Steering Board session to reconsider situation in BiH Federation and RS**

The SDP BiH requested a session of the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board and Federation Forum to discuss the political situations in the BiH Federation and RS. BiH is heading towards functioning out of legal institutions, because the Council of Ministers, despite the Constitutional Court decision, operates illegally, SDP BiH Vice-president Sead Avdic stated at a press conference in Sarajevo on Wednesday. The SDP BiH expects forward motion and democratization in Croatia after the parliamentary elections and hopes that the SDP Croatia and HSLS will achieve good results.

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### **DNZ announces participation in local elections in 98 BiH municipalities**

The Democratic People's Community (DNZ) announced its participation in the local elections in BiH in 98 municipalities, but submitted candidate lists for only 10 municipalities. The reason for this, according to DNZ Vice-president Rifat Dolic, is constant intimidation of DNZ candidates. The DNZ will not participate in the Una-Sana Canton session on Thursday if the election of a new governor is not carried out by secret ballot.

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