# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 23 February 2000

#### **News Headlines**

- This is opportunity for change through elections, Barry says after opening pre-election campaign
- Demobilized RS soldiers hold protest in Banja Luka against evictions
- BiH delegation agrees to widening relations, power supply and transport with Turkish counterparts
- NATO deliberates on deployment of additional forces in Kosovska Mitrovica
- World news
- ICTY and new Croatian authority make initial contact
- ICTY discusses possibility of holding partial trials in BiH, Krstic trial to begin on 13 March – ICTY spokesperson Risley
- Returnees to Bratunac Municipality find several bodily remains of 1995 Srebrenica victims
- Party for BiH supports opening file on BiH division that Mesic announced, transparent policy will help in democratization
- Hopefully pre-election campaign will not turn into threats and terrorism to prove impossibility of coexistence in BiH — SDP
- Mostar must be united capital of Croat republic in BiH –
  Croat Demo-Christians
- Bihac Cantonal Court president says request of BiH Federation Ombudsmen to reinstate recently resigned Cazin court judges legally unfounded
- Alispahic criticizes BiH Union of Journalists of unprofessional conduct and not examining the facts before condemning him
- Slobodna Bosna information that Alispahic found guilty

in court case not valid — Sarajevo Canton Association of Court Justices

- BiH Public Railway Company denies claim by RS Railways Director and Steering Board member that it received 14 million euros for railway reconstruction
- Fees for long-term licenses not yet being charged IMC
- If politicians do not support police integration, than UN will implement it, high time for one-sided obstructions to end — Lehmann
- 15 of 58 dual occupancy cases resolved, Benes calls on Croat-majority municipalities to start resolving these cases in accordance with the law
- BiH film director Srdjan Vuletic receives best film award at Berlin Film Festival
- Sports
- Weather
- Albright to visit BiH at the beginning of March Rubin
- Izetbegovic addresses greeting to Sultan of Brunei
- Jelavic meets with Miller
- Silajdzic explains the need for <u>Dayton Agreement</u> revision in Mostar National Theater
- Serb Gorazde Deputy Mayor Zuric signs agreement on reconstruction of 26 Bosniak houses in Serb Gorazde
- BiH Association of Threaten People letter to western countries on human rights violation in Chechnya
- USAID municipal infrastructure reconstruction project in Brcko ends with reconstruction of Gornji Rahici primary school
- Bosanski Petrovac municipal officials and police officers vacate apartments owned by other people
- Sarajevo Municipal Centar Union of Civilian War Victims holds first session
- Report on winter festival Sarajevska Zima

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Hopefully pre-election campaign will not turn into threats and

#### terrorism to prove impossibility of co-existence in BiH - SDP

SDP Vice-president Bogic Bogicevic said that the party hopes that the pre-election campaign will not to turn into a campaign of threats and psychological intimidation of citizens to stop refugee returns. He added that terrorist attacks in this period would secure the homogenization of the BiH peoples to show that co-existence in BiH is impossible. BiH needs change and it is good thing that the elections are being held at a time when BiH common institutions are blocked.

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#### Fees for long-term licenses not yet being charged — IMC

The IMC has issued a correction to a report ONASA broadcast on Tuesday relating to the 200-KM fee that the IMC is charging BiH radio and TV broadcasters for licenses. The fee is intended to compensate administrative costs for processing long-term licensing materials. The fee for this license is not yet being charged.

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## Silajdzic explains the need for <u>Dayton Agreement</u> revision in Mostar National Theater

Party for BiH President Haris Silajdzic held a public forum in the Mostar National Theater on Wednesday. He discussed the need for <u>Dayton Agreement</u> revision. Silajdzic stated that, with the exception of the military aspects of the Dayton, none of its other annexes had been implemented thus far. He added that the Party for BiH considers the priority to be the constituents of BiH peoples throughout the entire territory of the country, as well as the mass return of refugees. Regarding upcoming municipal elections, Silajdzic said that elections are premature and that the <u>OSCE</u> is aware of the fact no changes will occur in the RS and one part of BiH Federation, the one with Croat majority.