

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 24 February 2000

## News Headlines

- BiH Presidency to report on implementation of New York Declaration to Security Council by 1 March
- HDZ attempting to promote themselves as protectors of Croat people
- BiH cantonization as seen by various political subjects
- Petritsch and Mesic discuss refugee returns, economic cooperation, position of Croats in BiH and media at Zagreb meeting
- [ICTY](#) discusses holding hearings in BiH in year or two
- Milosevic indictment to be expanded by The Hague Tribunal
- Situation in Kosovska Mitrovica under KFOR control – Robertson
- [NATO](#) warns Milosevic is preparing new campaign in Kosovo
- [EU](#) worried over violence in Kosovo, extends full support to KFOR
- World news
- BiH Federation industries and Energoinvest successfully complete negotiations with Turkey
- [World Bank](#) waiting for greater credit return rates to consider further funding
- [OSCE](#) web page user friendly, facilitates access to election data
- HDZ BiH will not go back on promoting democratic dialogue
- Erotel closure intended to hold Croats in information blockade during pre-election period – Begic
- BiH has no perspectives if nationalists remain in power – SDP Banja Luka City Board Vice-president Drago Stanimirovic

- There will be no significant changes through elections, since BiH opposition is not united – Republican Party
- There is no possibility of division within SPRS – Milinkovic
- International telecommunications agency from Geneva donates mobile monitoring unit to BiH telecommunications regulatory agency
- Brcko refugees throughout world want return of qualified personnel to economic development
- Bijeljina Court faced with many demands to annul property exchanges, but Court believes plaintiff is obligated to prove case
- International graduation program to be implemented in Sarajevo schools
- Sports
- Weather
- Albright to visit BiH on 8 and 9 March
- SP S Main Board member Gojko Milinkovic accuses Sloga Coalition of bugging party sessions
- Split of Sloga Coalition might cause social disturbances in RS – former RS Deputy Prime Minister Tihomir Gligoric
- Prlic and Ganic meet with outgoing Finnish Ambassador Timo Koponen
- Reconstruction of 60 houses in Brcko suburb Rijeke to start within 10 days
- Haselock disappointed with Begic's statement on Erotel closure
- RS representatives fail to attend meeting on two-way refugee returns in Tesanj
- Health Ministers of BiH Federation and Croatia meet in Zagreb
- Military Attachés of six European countries visit Franciscan monastery in Fojnica
- Workers of Bihac factory Sipad Bina intend to buy it in privatization
- Croat returnees to Gredice, near Brcko, complain of frequent robberies

- OHR recently organized mini-donor conference for reconstruction of infrastructure in Bosanska Gradiska
- BiH Federation Army 5th Corps conducts warfare simulation with MPRI assistance
- BiH Federation and RS Ministries of Education meet in Brcko to discuss revision of school curricula
- Report on Sarajevo Winter Festival

## **News Summary**

### **BiH Presidency to report on implementation of New York Declaration to Security Council by 1 March**

The BiH Presidency adopted a report on implementation of the New York Declaration at its Wednesday session, agreeing that it needs an article on the BiH Council of Ministers. The report that Presidency must forward to the [UN](#) Security Council by 1 March will also include a statement from the BiH Refugee and DP Commission and options for a common passport. A report was also adopted on BiH participation in the Southeast European Stability Pact and a coordination body for the Pact will be formed of entity representatives.

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### **Haselock disappointed with Begic's statement on Erotel closure**

Deputy High Representative for Media Issues Simon Haselock stated that he was disappointed with the statement by Media Advisor to the Croat Member of the BiH Presidency Tihomir Begic that Mostar's TV Erotel was intentionally closed right before the start of the election campaign. Begic is overlooking the fact that the International Community negotiated for six months in an attempt to find a compromise, but the Erotel management constantly avoided that. Haselock reminded that there are 12 other electronic media stations using the Croat language in parts of the BiH Federation with a Croat majority.

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