

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 27 December 1999

## News Headlines

- Catastrophic wind in France kills more than 30 people
- World news
- Bad weather damages BiH Federation electrical power grid
- RS National Assembly adds SRS proposal for new RS Government to agenda
- Industrial policy development one of priorities in 2000 – Salkic
- BiH Federation Interior Ministry requests IC help in investigation on Jozo Leutar assassination
- Laws on healthcare implementation will continue to be priority in 2000 – Gavrankapetanovic
- Poisoned soldiers recuperating in Mostar and Sarajevo
- Bodies exhumed in Miljevine and Kratina being identified in Visoko
- Dizdarevic asks Izetbegovic for help in implementation of human rights in Una-Sana Canton
- Power cut-off to Zivinice DP center
- SDP Vice-president Avdic criticizes Bicakcic-established power structure of BiH Federation energy empire that only chooses management cadre in accordance to SDA guidelines
- Liberal-Civic Coalition hopes Elections 2000 will rearrange power sharing and distribution in BiH
- NHI calls on eligible BiH citizens to vote in Croatian elections for parties that promote BiH-Croatian cooperation
- BOSS demands that Federation Cantonal Assemblies to replace education, culture and sports officials responsible for poor situation in BiH Federation education system

- BiH Federation Pension Fund can only be consolidated through use of at least 30% of Privatization Fund – Democratic Pensioners Party (DSP)
- Brcko Povratak Refugee Association demands local officials and relevant political factors contribute to unhindered work of housing committee
- Four biggest NGOs in BiH say they expect favorable ruling of BiH Constitutional court, otherwise there cannot be talk of realizing [UN](#) Human Rights Declaration and European Human Rights Convention
- BiH Chamber of Commerce says BiH entering 2000 with problems in market reform, says it will propose measures to Federation Prime Minister and BiH Council of Ministers – Smajlovic
- Following mass sales of privatization certificates, BiH Independent Trade Union suggests that Federation authorities find way for certificate holders to use certificates to pay utilities and other services
- State of emergency declared in Milici Municipality due to possible flooding and power outage
- Central Bosnian Cantonal police investigate circumstances surrounding death of Ana Ljubes
- World news
- Former Tudjman advisor Slaven Letica to run as independent presidential candidate in upcoming Croatian elections
- Archbishop of Vrhbosna Puljic holds Christmas reception
- SDA Capljina condemns expulsion of Bosniaks returnees from Nakovanj collective center, asks IC to protect DP through practical measures not in words only
- Bosniak returnees to Zvornik need help of local authorities to improve their living conditions
- While the world is preparing for the Millennium, garbage is accumulating in Sarajevo after the snow fall
- Culture
- Sports
- Weather

- Farrand opens public tender to find heads for the nine departments of the Brcko District Government
- Zenica-based Prim Company syndicate decides to freeze strike until 7 January
- Disbursement of August pensions starts in Sarajevo Canton
- Sixth anniversary of Tuzla Philosophy Faculty denoted
- Swiss Ambassador to BiH opens Seid Hasanefendic Exhibition in Sarajevo
- Marketi Company workers in very difficult material situation
- Annan sends Millennium message
- Report on ecological catastrophe in France and Belgium

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### **RS National Assembly adds SRS proposal for new RS Government to agenda**

The RS National Assembly has included the election of a new RS Government on its agenda. Chairman of the SRS National Assembly Caucus Milan Lazic explained the SRS initiative, saying that the "current government is carrying out the mistaken policy of supporting all the moves the IC makes." RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik placed the deciding vote for this proposal. In the meantime, the RS National Assembly charged competent ministers with investigating problems related to refugee returns that, according to National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic, occurred in Kopaci, Gorazde. According to a TV BiH correspondent, many disputes are occurring between Dodik and the members of his government and the SDS during the ongoing National Assembly session in Banja Luka.

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### **BiH Federation Interior Ministry requests IC help in investigation on Jozo Leutar assassination**

Crime has dropped in 1999 but the public has still not been

given any information on the unresolved assassination of Deputy BiH Federation Interior Minister Jozo Leutar, said the TV BiH presenter. "We plan to ask the IC for assistance in gathering data from abroad" said Mehmed Zilic, the BiH Federation Interior Minister. Additions to the security system require urgent amendment of the BiH Federation Law on Interior Affairs, Law on Antiterrorism and the establishment of joint investigative bodies. There is a need to form a coordination group for entity police in the BiH Council of Ministers that would also be linked to the BiH common border service. The introduction of this new system would finally end parallel information systems in the BiH Federation, said Zilic.

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