OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 March 2000

News Headlines

- Stability Pact Regional Funding Conference underway in Brussels, Bosnia due to receive 40% of midterm investments on offer
- Zenica-Doboj Canton Independent Union organizes civil protest due to back-salaries
- Eight BiH Serbs voluntarily giving testimony to <u>ICTY</u> investigators in Banja Luka — Simic
- Dutch officer testifies that General Radislav Krstic had executive command in July 1995 operation in Potocari, adding that he must have been aware of events that occurred there
- ICTY demands that Zilic and Colak send documents needed in Cerkez-Kordic trial
- RS Justice Minister Milan Trbojevic resigns, Dodik appoints Cedo Vrzina in his place
- World news
- BiH Joint Military Committee meets in Mostar to discuss cooperation
- BiH Federation Constitutional Court discusses constitutionality of primary school curricula and use of terms 'Zupan' and 'Zupanija' (BiH Croat terms for 'Governor' and 'Canton')
- Kretschmer and German Development Bank agree to increase revolving fund to BiH by DM 20 million
- BiH Privatization Agency surprised by IC reactions to privatization of Sarajevo's hotel Holiday Inn
- Scotland Yard forwards its analysis of Kopanja's car bombing to RS Interior Ministry — Roberts
- UN Mostar condemns recent attack on Lijanovici Company
- •Three minors from Vesela Jasika village, Bugojno

Municipality, desecrate graves — Central Bosnian Canton police

- Livno Canton and Municipal Red Cross officials reject IC allegations that goods found in Glamoc-based Glama warehouse were illegal
- President of BiH Federation Association of Pensioners Sefket Kunusic demands Bicakcic resignation due to nonimplementation of 1999 pension system measures
- BiH accredits foreign military attaches visiting BiH
 Federation training center
- Returnees to Kopaci, Gorazde, commence with spring planting
- Bosanska Gradiska refugees living just a few meters from their pre-war homes that are now occupied by Serb refugees, who are demanding money to vacate these homes
- TV BiH reaches agreement with Bihac Summer Festival organizers
- Sports
- Weather
- Majority of funding earmarked for BiH to go towards return — Prlic reports from Brussels
- Archives must be organized in order to find documents requested by the <u>ICTY</u>, <u>ICTY</u> did not make any threats – Defense Minister Prce's authorized representative Colak Ante
- OHR's Hoffman supports the work of BiH Federation Ombudsman, especially on the implementation of property laws in Tarcin, Zepce, Capljina, Bugojno and Stolac
- The question is no longer if, but when property will be returned to its rightful owners — Benes
- BiH police from both entities assisting in solving crimes committed against Medjasi Children's Embassy children – Dusko Tomic
- Posavina Canton Flag and Coat-of-Arms Commission decides on symbols, awaiting approval of Canton Assembly

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ICTY demands that Zilic and Colak send documents needed in Cerkez-Kordic trial

The ICTY is holding hearings in The Hague concerning Croatian and BiH Federation non-compliance in sending documents to this court. It demanded that the BiH Federation ministers of justice and interior, Barisa Colak and Mehmed Zilic respectively, urgently deliver documents needed in the Cerkez and Kordic trial to The Hague. BiH Federation Defense Minister Miroslav Prce was detained by previous engagements and could not attend the hearing and, therefore, the ICTY demanded his authorized representative to make sure that the appropriate documents were sent or face punitive measures. Zilic denied having access to the requested information, saying it was in Herceg-Bosna archives. However, after a string of denials, Prce finally admitted to the existence of certain documents, which were most probably in the Grude (Municipality's) archives.

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OHR spokesperson Avis Benes said the question of the implementation of property laws in the Mostar-Southwest Municipality is very critical. She called on the Municipal Assembly to appoint the proposed candidate, Zarko Markic, as Head of Mostar-Southwest Municipality. "It is no longer a question whether property will be returned to its owners, rather when" said Benes.

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