

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 6 February 2000

## News Headlines

- Afghanistan 727 hijacked
- World news
- [NATO](#) arrests war criminals only when their paths cross – Del Ponte
- Croat citizens to elect new president on Monday
- Sloga Coalition facing crucial test – SPRS
- Circle 99 discusses European integration and BiH economic development
- Council of Europe representative office to BiH receives new head of mission
- Students call meeting for Wednesday to protest disregard of 1998 agreement between BiH Federation and cantonal administrations on student food and housing subsidies
- BiH Association of Refugees and DPs places the most blame for dissatisfying results on BiH authorities during meeting with American Institute for Peace official Stubner
- Desire of BiH Serb displaced persons to remain in Janja village complicates return of indigenous Bosniak residents, new housing could resolve difficulties
- Interesting how easily donors channel funds to international cultural festivals while funding for reconstruction heavily scrutinized – TV BiH editorial commentary
- Sports
- Weather
- Bicakcic to visit Montenegro on Monday
- Association of BiH Intellectuals holds roundtable on history of Sephard Jews in BiH

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- Live interview with Mesic and Budisa on TV BiH
- Barry very explicit, April local elections to be held
- Silajdzic assesses holding of April elections in current situation one more mistake
- SDP continues regular preparations for elections – Lagumdzija meets local SDP branch members to discuss upcoming elections
- Tomic denies he and Prlic will leave HDZ to form own party, adding they will concentrate on democratization of party

- GDS press conference
- HNV holds to its concept of BiH cantonization
- Djokic says SPRS main board will support Tihomir Gligoric and Dragutin Ilic, who were recently dismissed by Dodik
- DNZ believes election of new Una-Sana governor represents beginning of the end of national party rule and signal that opposition ready to take over and lead BiH citizens out of darkness
- BPS assesses draft national holidays law, submitted to Parliament by Tokic and Divkovic, as unacceptable
- BiH Democratic Party press conference
- 2000 is key year for privatization process – Bicakcic during meeting with Graham Hand
- Confederation of Independent Trade Unions demands RS authorities extend deadline for privatization registration for workers/refugees
- Vujanovic says Montenegro will extradite war criminals Veselin 'Batko' Vlahovic and Nebojsa Ranisavljevic if The Hague requests it
- Sarajevo Canton delegation pays respects to all victims of Markale market massacre, denotes massacre's seventh anniversary
- Banja Luka Bishop Franjo Komarica guest of Council of Bosniak Intellectuals (VKBI), speaks of sincere reconciliation
- World news report
- Certain Tuzla Canton companies did not prepare documentation necessary for privatization process
- Interview with Bicakcic on current political issues
- Culture
- Architect Amir Pasic runs Mostar revitalization and Old Town and Old Bridge reconstruction
- IMC informs all media in BiH that election silence period for Croatian presidential elections begins on 5 February at midnight
- Report on juvenile delinquency in Sarajevo area

- Weather

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### **Live interview with Mesic and Budisa on TV BiH**

The TV BiH news anchorman interviewed Croatian presidential candidates Stjepan Mesic and Drazen Budisa. They were asked to explain their recent statement that BiH Croats will not be able to vote in Croatian elections in the future. Mesic stated that BiH Croats are BiH citizens, not Croatian refugees. Budisa expressed hope that an agreement on dual citizenship will be reached by the year 2003, assuming that the agreement will deny BiH Croats the right to vote (in Croatian elections). Budisa believes that Croats from BiH should maintain dual citizenship. The TV BiH anchorman asked what they would do to convince the Croatian Parliament to include Bosniaks and Slovenes in the Croatian Constitution as national minorities. Mesic stated that it would be difficult for him to do that, although he would initiate the issue. Budisa stated that the six opposition parties that are now the authorities in Croatia included Bosniaks and Slovenes in the draft election law and would return them to the Croatian Constitution. Both candidates said they believed that they would win the presidential elections in Croatia.

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