## OHR BiH TV News Summary, 6 January 2000

## **News Headlines**

- HN Canton Public Attorney orders criminal investigation into water surges that recently flooded Mostar
- Group of Mostar independent experts says documentation of flooding analysis is not on public record
- 71 delegates to enter Parliament from joint SDP-HSLS lists according to preliminary reports, nine presidential candidates have applied – HRT
- World news
- Annan appoints Italian Law Professor as new **<u>ICTY</u>** justice
- Kosovo Transitional Council to consist of 14 departments
- World news
- Bicakcic speaks with Interior Ministry delegation from one German province regarding refugee returns
- Garib and Interior Minister from German province arrange conditions for return of 50,000 refugees
- Results of Croatian elections send clear message that secession dreams are over – Alun Roberts
- <u>UN</u> and <u>OSCE</u> will publicize reports of police officials considered to be in breach of neutral symbols policy in HN, Posavina and Livno Canton
- I believe changes in Croatian policy will allow Bosniak representation in Parliament – Jahic
- Victory of Croatian opposition requires change of authority in Sarajevo – Republican Party
- IMC permit rule effective as of 1 January 2000
- <u>UNHCR</u> announces beginning of third stage of minority returns to RS – Barbara Smith
- Pensions delayed due to balancing of accounts Zeco
- Sarajevo Interior Ministry arrests two BiH Federation inspectors under suspicion of abuse of power

- Tuzla Cantonal Assembly holds session
- High Priest of BiH Orthodox Church Nikolaj sends Christmas greetings
- Bethlehem hosts celebrations of Orthodox Christmas
- Puljic, Ceric, Izetbegovic, Silajdzic, Kurtovic, Kreso, Ganic, Luzanski, Bicakcic send Christmas greetings to Nikolaj and Orthodox believers
- SDA, Party for BiH, SDP, GDS, BOSS, NHI, Alternative Council of Ministers, SPP, DNZ, SGV, HNV, Napredak, Association of BiH War Invalids and BiH Trade Union send Orthodox Christmas greetings
- Central Bajram celebrations planned for Saturday
- Turkish President Demirel sends Bajram greetings to Ceric
- Finci sends Bajram greetings to Ceric
- Ceric, Izetbegovic, Silajdzic, Kurtovic, Kreso, Ganic, Luzanski, Bicakcic, Covic send Bajram greetings to Muslims
- SDA, Party for BiH, SDP, BOSS, GDS, BOSS, HSS, NHI, Alternative Council of Ministers, SPP, DNZ, HNV, SNV, Napredak, Association of BiH war Invalids and BiH Trade Union send Bajram greetings
- Demobilized soldiers forced to sell privatization certificates cheap, ask for help in small privatization
- Former Kljuc production giant SIP now stuck between two entities, locked up with its employees out of work and earnings
- Sports
- Weather
- Refugees have lost faith in government and International Community – Chairman of Regional Board for Refugee Return to Southeast Bosnia Vahid Kanlic
- 1,786 pre-war citizens returned to Bugojno in 1999
- Contract for reconstruction of Orthodox church signed in Mostar
- Croat Cultural Society 'Napredak' celebrates 100th anniversary in Mostar

 Refugees from Sultanovic, Zvornik Municipality plan to celebrate Bajram in their village

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## I believe changes in Croatian policy will allow Bosniak representation in Parliament – Jahic

"The CD Coalition club of delegates in the BiH Federation House of Representatives sent a proposal of the BiH Council of Ministers Law to Parliamentary procedure" said SDA spokesperson Adnan Jahic. By this proposal, in accordance with the opinion of BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic, the Council of Ministers would be expanded to eight ministers, with the establishment of Finance and European Integration Ministries. Jahic believes that positive changes in the Croatian policy on BiH would constitutionally legitimize and allow for Bosniak representation in the Croatian Parliament, as all other minorities have.

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## Victory of Croatian opposition requires change of authority in Sarajevo – Republican Party

The Republican Party believes that a change of rule in Sarajevo is required to create friendly and correct relations with Croatia following the opposition victory in the Croatian elections. They warn that parity in the work of the BiH Presidency and Parliament is the only solution for BiH and its peoples.

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