

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 7 December 1999

## News Headlines

- Farrand and Petritsch unveil Brcko District Statute
- Demirel and Turkish delegation visit Turkish [SFOR](#) Brigade in Zenica
- BiH and Turkish Parliamentary delegations hold meeting
- Turkish delegation of businessmen meet with BiH counterparts
- Establishment of BiH Common Border Service binding – Johnson
- [ICTY](#) investigators turn over more than 1,000 exhumed bodies to State Commission for Missing Persons
- Srebrenica Municipality Council holds session
- World news
- Tudjman's health condition deteriorating
- US will accept fair results of Croatia elections – Frowick
- Petritsch brings decision nominating 21 members of RTV BiH Federation Steering Board
- Zenica Veterans Association comments on debt of privatization certificates
- Seminar on Social Welfare Protection and Labor Market starts in Sarajevo
- BiH Federation Reconstruction Coordination Board considers realization of \$20 million Kuwaiti loan
- Sarajevo Canton economists to present production opportunities in Herceg Novi
- BiH Chamber of Commerce Petrol Transport Department appeals to Government to reconsider decision not to increase petroleum product prices along with distributors
- Davidovic to remain as SRNA General Director – RS

## Government

- IMC decision on Erotel remains in effect – Lorraine
- BiH artists and cultural workers holds summit in Sarajevo
- Izetbegovic book 'My Escape to Freedom' promoted in Sarajevo
- Renovated Library Art Gallery opens in Sarajevo
- SDA Fund awards scholarships to 427 secondary school students and 234 primary students
- Islamic holiday Ramadan starts on Wednesday
- Relax Tours donates Hajj trip to Srebrenica refugee Husein Mustafic
- Rabid wolves appear in Una-Sana Canton
- Announcement for TV BiH program 'BH Issues'
- Introduction of Brcko District Statute has historic importance for Brcko – Brcko administration officials Mirsad Djapo, Mijo Anic, Munib Jusufovic
- International Community representatives present program for returns to Tuzla and Podrinje
- Delegation of Bijeljina Gypsies hold talks with city administration about return
- Seminar on BiH social policy takes place in Vogosca
- BiH Association of Fallen Soldiers Families reject certificates as replacement for their pensions
- HDZ BiH condemns Izetbegovic statements regarding parity in BiH institutions
- Sulejman Garib will be expelled from LS BiH if he does not step down from duty of BiH Federation Minister for Refugees and Social Care
- Political parties in BiH Federation object to new law on elections because it views BiH as country with 2 entities and 3 peoples – SNSD official Krstan Simic
- BiH Journalists Association asks Radio FERN and IMC to explain firing of three FERN journalists (no further details)
- Roundtable on history of Mostar Gymnasium
- Sports

- Weather

## **News Summary**

### **Farrand and Petritsch unveil Brcko District Statute**

The Brcko District Statute was unveiled on Tuesday and will take effect on 28 February 2000. High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) and International Brcko Supervisor Robert Farrand together promoted the Statute. After a session of the Joint Commission for Implementation of Final Arbitration Decision, Farrand and Petritsch explained the meaning of the Statute. Farrand said that this was a very important day for the Brcko District, which will be established very soon. Petritsch stated that the IC has given its full support to efforts in the implementation of Final Arbitration Decision on Brcko.

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### **Establishment of BiH Common Border Service binding – Johnson**

Principal Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson stated that the BiH Border Service that was agreed in New York is binding, regardless of opposition to it, contrary viewpoints and rejections. Furthermore, so that there would not be any confusion regarding Sarajevo, Johnson rejected any chance of organizing Sarajevo using the Brcko model. According to Johnson, RS National Assembly conclusions related to BiH Common Border Service and New York Declaration were needless. He explained this, saying that entity parliaments do not need to confirm or negate issues that relate to BiH as a state. Commenting on a request of BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and Communications Marko Asanin to proclaim Sarajevo a district, Johnson stated that the OHR disagrees with this and that Sarajevo was not going to become a district after Brcko.

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[ICTY](#) investigators turn over more than 1,000 exhumed bodies to

## **Commission for Missing Persons**

More than 2,000 exhumed bodies of Srebrenica inhabitants are stored at the Pathology Institute of the Tuzla Clinical Centre, the majority not having been positively identified. There is a similar situation with approximately 1,000 bodies from the Visoko town cemetery that [ICTY](#) investigators handed over to the State Commission for Missing Persons. The number of exhumed Srebrenica victims has reached approximately 3,500, which is half the number of missing quoted in the official [UN](#) report on.

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## **Petritsch brings decision nominating 21 members of RTV BiH Federation Steering Board**

High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) brought a decision appointing the 21 members of RTV BiH Federation Steering Board on Monday because the BiH Federation Parliament had failed to do so. The following are Steering Board members and the canton they represent: Azrija Piralic, Una-Sana Canton; Miro Sirovina, Posavina Canton; Fatima Alispahic, Tuzla Canton; Zlata Pojskic, Nedjad Fejzic and Dubravko Lovrenovic from the Ze-Do Canton; Slavko Klisura, Podrinje Canton; Mustafa Hubijar and Branka Praljak from the Central Bosnian Canton; Bozo Misura, Faruk Cupina, Jago Musa and Mirjana Teftedarevica from the HN Canton; Slavko Kukic, Western Herzegovina Canton; Kemal Hrustanovic, Dunja Blazevic, Zlatko Dizdarevic, Boris Tihi, Enes Durakovic, Marko Orsolc from the Sarajevo Canton; and finally, Josip Trboglav from the Livno Canton. The High Representative has also decided to nominate the Chairman of PBS Founding Board, Tadej Labernik, as the international supervisor of RTV BiH Federation Steering Board. Labernik is charged with ensuring respect of international principles of public broadcasting and the implementation of key legal decisions. The decision also requires public electronic companies in the BiH Federation to respect all provisions of

this law. Petritsch has determined 29 January to be the deadline for BiH Elektroprivreda Power Company to conclude arrangements on collecting TV subscriptions.

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### **IMC decision on Erotel remains in effect – Lorraine**

Head of IMC Public Affairs Department Dieter Lorraine stated that the 15 November decision to suspend the broadcasting of TV Erotel remains in effect. He stated that the IMC would consider a TV Erotel appeal on 9 December.

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