OHR BiH TV News Summary, 7 February 2000

News Headlines

- Hijacked Afghani airplane grounded at London airport
- Name of new Croatian president to be known after midnight
- Polling stations for Croatian presidential elections open in 14 BiH cities
- BiH Federation Government delegation visits Montenegro
- International Industrial Partnership Program for education of BiH managers presented in Sarajevo
- Serb refugees in Brcko protest against announced eviction of 110 families
- Farrand promises that no family will be thrown into streets in Brcko
- Bijeljina Bosniaks ask OHR to stop illegal usurpation of Bosniak property
- International Commission for Missing Persons and US Senator Bob Dole help establishment of first forensic DNA laboratory in BiH
- Tuzla needs new facilities for holding exhumed bodies from Srebrenica
- OHR hosts Symposium on Curricula in BiH
- Serbs in Kosovska Mitrovica demand return of Yugoslav Army to Kosovo
- World news
- Noticeable progress in BiH over last three years – outgoing Council of Europe representative in BiH Peter Viscola
- Silajdzic meets with BiH Association of War Veterans delegation
- Dodik refuses to withdraw dismissal of Tihomir Gligoric
- Tuzla Canton Government to finance studies of war

invalids and children of fallen soldiers
- Sejfudin Tokic files criminal charges against 22 officials replaced by OHR
- LBO asks for postponement of local elections in BiH
- Dutch Government donates equipment for food analysis
- Workers of Zeljezara Zenica and BH Steel Company establish Independent Trade Union of Zenica Metal Workers
- RS National Assembly to resume 9th session on Tuesday
- Sarajevo Winter Festival opens
- Sports
- Weather
- Yugoslav Defense Minster Pavle Bulatovic assassinated in Belgrade
- Unofficial results of Croatian presidential elections expected around midnight
- Bicakcic and Vujanovic discuss improvements of economic cooperation between BiH and Montenegro
- OHR demands HN Canton administration support work of BiH Finance Police
- It is realistic to expect adoption of Law on Council of Ministers at next parliamentary session – Banjac
- Bijeljina Municipality to allocate property to Serb families
- Mass returns of Croats and Bosniaks to Teslic Municipality still not happening due to lack of reconstruction, DPs demand OHR intervention
- New class at Bijeljina Police academy

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Bijeljina Bosniaks ask OHR to stop illegal usurpation of Bosniak property

If the International Community does not prevent implementation of the Bijeljina Municipal Council decision to hand over the land of Bosniak refugees to Serb refugees living in Bijeljina, thousands of Bijeljina Bosniaks will be denied the right to

their property. CD Coalition delegates on the Bijeljina Municipal Council asked for help from High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch. CD Coalition delegates want the High Representative to intervene and dismiss local officials involved in this misconduct. According to the disputable decision, 560 plots of Bosniak land would be sequestered in the Bijeljina suburb of Koviljaca alone. "This decision is directly aimed against implementation of peace agreements and refugee returns and we ask that the High Representative stop it, at least until a law on restitution is adopted" Bijeljina Municipal Council Chairman Selim Durakovic stated.

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OHR hosts Symposium on Curricula in BiH

The OHR is hosting a two-day Symposium on Curriculum in Sarajevo on Monday and Tuesday. Local and international experts in this field gathered to discuss problems in and possible revisions of school plans and curriculums in BiH education systems. The main objective of the symposium is to find an agreement on revisions of curriculums, but in such a manner that would preserve the identity of all children in BiH, regardless of where they live, the High Representative's Advisor for Education Claude Kieffer stated. The highlight of the first day of the symposium was presentation of a UNESCO report on education and curriculum in BiH. The expert team from the Heidelberg University that prepared the report found unacceptable aspects in the curriculums of all three peoples. Bosniaks insist on their position as victim of the recent war. Croats obviously ignore the other peoples in BiH and emphasize their love towards the Republic of Croatia. The insolent attitude in the RS is based on a belonging to "the Serb fatherland" leaning on Serbia and refusing to be part of BiH.

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Sejfudin Tokic files criminal charges against 22 officials

replaced by OHR

Based on findings presented by the OHR, the BiH Alternative Council of Ministers Deputy Chairman Sejfudin Tokic pressed criminal charges against the 22 BiH officials dismissed last year for abuse of power and authority, malpractice or violations of the equality of citizens and the prevention of returns.

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