

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 9 December 1999

## News Headlines

- Moscow-Washington relations tense over Chechnya
- BiH Federation Government holds session on price jurisdiction
- Nobody content with draft BiH Permanent Election Law – Barry
- Wilcox sees single army as goal for BiH entity armies
- Schwartz-Schilling discusses property laws and return claims with Sarovic in Banja Luka, assessing situation as shameful
- Arrest of indicted war criminals is first step to accelerating returns – French Ambassador tells Izetbegovic
- Verdict in Goran Jelusic case to be handed down by The Hague on Tuesday
- Prlic tells Barry and Petritsch that polling stations for Croatian parliamentary elections will be designated in Croat diplomatic mission and offices in BiH
- Nicholl to close deal with Royal Mint to produce KM coins
- Silajdzic surprised by Klein's alleged statement
- 28 February to be Brcko District Day – refugee return associations
- Croat insistence on parity representation an efficient instrument to boycott state functions – Jahic
- BiH House of Representative delegates Ibrahim Spahic and Rasim Kadic initiate amendments to BiH Constitution
- Consent of RS Ministry for Spatial Planning and Ecology must give go ahead for reconstruction of Ferhadija mosque – Nebojsa Radmanovic
- SRS rejects final version of Brcko District Statute

calling it contrary to [Dayton Agreement](#) – Ognjen Tadic

- BiH Republicans welcome Brcko District Statute and say Petritsch should support establishment of BiH Supreme Court, which ruling parties oppose – Kljuic
- NHI sends Sarajevo District Initiative to competent institutions, seeing Sarajevo's current status as main obstacle to realisation of Dayton BiH
- Equal participation of Croats in BiH PBS must be provided – Croat media report
- BiH Federation Privatization Agency to issue year-end report for 1999
- Bosnia International Forum discusses cultural co-operation
- Podgorica Airport reopens following resolution of conflict between Yugoslav Army and Montenegrin police
- World news
- Sarajevo student injured in explosion
- First day of Ramadan fast
- Hanukkah celebrations held in Sarajevo
- PC Kids and Compaq Company assist refugee returns
- Brcko returnee Fatima Pobric welcomes returns to Brcko District
- Schwarz-Schilling signs agreement on improving implementation of property laws with Banja Luka officials
- Canadian [SFOR](#) in Una-Sana Canton to be replaced by Czech contingent
- [UN](#) Development Program informs Brcko officials of program for local action in worth \$1.8 million
- RS Army will not participate in [UN](#) international forces at this moment according to RS National Assembly decision – Sarovic
- 700 Bosniaks returned to Glamoc Municipality since [Dayton Agreement](#) signed
- Livno Canton Government to request BiH Federation Parliament postpone adoption of proposed budget
- Partial identification of bodies exhumed in Jelac to

start in Visoko town cemetery on Friday

- Umicevic addresses letter to OHR and [OSCE](#) regarding his dismissal
- Corridor 5C linking Ploce-Budapest important for Tuzla Canton and Stability Pact – Tarik Arapcic at international 5C conference in Osijek
- BiH Society of Threatened People calls for respect of human rights, denoting International Human Rights Day
- Sports
- Weather

## **News Summary**

### **Nobody content with draft BiH Permanent Election Law – Barry**

Head of [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Robert Barry presented the current situation in BiH to the [OSCE](#) Permanent Council in Vienna. He first commented on the draft BiH Permanent Election Law saying, “no one is content with it.” This Law should be adopted by February 2000 and, High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) will bring this law if it is not adopted. Most objections were registered against the method of electing BiH Presidency members. The BiH Constitution is clear on this point. “Any changes require an amendment but, with the current political constellation, are impossible to make” said Barry. The economy remains the greatest stumbling block, making almost no progress and being in danger of collapse. Barry stated that BiH Standing Committee for Military Matters (SCMM) decided to decrease military spending in 2000 by 15%.

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### **Silajdzic surprised by Klein’s alleged statement**

Co-chairman in BiH Council of Ministers Haris Silajdzic reacted to Wednesday’s statement by [UN](#) Special Envoy to BiH Jacques Klein, saying that RS police participation in [UN](#) missions was a way of internationally affirming the RS. “If Klein has indeed said so, I am very surprised, because he has

directly interfered in the exclusive jurisdiction of BiH regarding meetings with entity officials that oppose the [UN](#) Charter and BiH Constitution” said Silajdzic.

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### **Croat insistence on parity representation an efficient instrument to boycott state functions – Jahic**

The SDA believes that, based on the BiH Constitution, there is a need to determine parity representation and consensus in decision-making processes and where it can be used and not be used. SDA spokesperson Adnan Jahic said that the “insufficient efficiency of the BiH Council of Ministers is, to a large degree, a consequence of parity and consensus in decision-making, which is the BiH Council of Ministers lack of accord with the BiH Constitution. The Croat side is always insisting on parity and is, therefore, turning it into an efficient instrument to boycott the state. He said that the HDZ BiH has accused the SDA of having designs to privatize the entire state and dominate other the people in BiH. Jahic said that the SDA is pleased with [SFOR](#)’s assessment that Srebrenica is now a safe town for the return of Bosniaks.

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