

OHR RTRS News Summary, 10 February 2000

News Headlines

- Brcko District Government and Assembly to be established on 28 February – Brcko Supervisor Robert Farrand
- Farrand meets with Dodik and RS Deputy Refugee Minister Petar Djodan
- OHR press conference in Sarajevo
- [OSCE](#) confirms 22,355 candidates running in BiH local elections – [OSCE](#) spokesperson Tanya Domi
- [UN](#) spokesman Coffman informs journalist of IPTF operation in Livno police station
- SPRS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SDS on 9th session of RS National Assembly
- SRS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- Incumbent RS Government is government of High Representative – SRS caucus leader Milan Lazic
- Serb Coalition for RS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SDP BiH satisfied with outcome of RS Government crisis
- Haris Silajdzic announces withdrawal from BiH Council of Ministers and possibly from politics – Sarajevo daily Oslobodjenje
- Swiss model best for BiH education – final conclusion of Symposium on Reform of BiH Education organized jointly by UNESCO and OHR
- OHR will not tolerate current BiH education system BiH any more – Mateo Hoffman
- BiH, Macedonia, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Albania sign trade agreement
- Five Bosniak families return to Kutena village in Kupres Municipality
- 1,786 Croats and Serbs have returned to Bugojno –

Bugojno Mayor

- BiH Federation and BiH Independent Trade Union hold negotiations
- Conference on Perspectives in Bilateral Cooperation between Yugoslavia and BiH to be held in Banja Luka on Friday
- Yugoslav Defense Minister Bulatovic funeral held in Gornji Rovci village near Kolasin
- Bulatovic murder act of state terrorism perpetrated by US and western countries – Vojislav Seselj
- Zoran Uskokovic planned Arkan assassination – Belgrade daily Vecernje Novosti
- Rocket attack on bus near Veliki Alas village, Kosovo, on Wednesday – KFOR
- IC forces find mass grave near Urosevac, Kosovo
- [NATO](#) supports multiethnic Kosovo – [NATO](#) Secretary-General George Robertson
- French KFOR troops reject accusations of US newspapers of their passiveness during 3 February incident in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council on decision of Kosovo Transitional Administrative Council
- [UNHCR](#) spokesperson in Pristina Peter Kesler on Kosovska Mitrovica incident
- Kosovo DP registration not started yet – [UNHCR](#)
- Cyanide found in Tisa River is coming from Hungary – Yugoslav Agriculture Ministry
- Position of Serbs in Croatia unclear – SNS President Milan Djukic
- World news
- Yugoslav prohibits export of food
- RS economic news
- Sports and weather
- Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking held in Sarajevo
- Reporter Director Perica Vucinic interrogated by Banja Luka Court – BETA

- 58 members of Kosovo Protection Corps swear oath in UNMIK in Prizren, Kosovo
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OHR press conference in Sarajevo

The OHR held press conference in Sarajevo. OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer stated that High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) requested the correction of a mistake published in the RS Official Gazette concerning the decision dismissing RT RS General Director Andjelko Kozomara. Stiglmayer said that the decision on his dismissal did not have a legal basis. Only the RT RS Executive Board has the right to dismiss and nominate the RT RS General Director, added Stiglmayer. "Andjelko Kozomara is the RT RS General Director, not the acting general director" Stiglmayer said. Meanwhile, the OHR supported a decision of the RS National Assembly adopting the law on the establishment of the institution of Ombudsman in the RS. The ombudsman will examine the respect of human rights as well as irregularities in the functioning of RS administration. The law's adoption brings the RS and BiH one step closer to Europe, she said. Stiglmayer said that the High Representative welcomes the BiH Presidency decision on the reconstruction of the BiH Council of Ministers.

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Reporter Director Perica Vucinic interrogated by Banja Luka Court – BETA

Director of the Reporter magazine Perica Vucinic was interrogated in the Banja Luka First Instance Court on charges that had been raised by the Sremska Mitrovica Regional Court in Serbia, BETA reports. The Regional Court charged with him the suspicion of violating the reputation of Yugoslavia. Also, the Sremska Mitrovica Public Prosecutor has raised charges

against Reporter journalist Zeljko Cvijanovic. The pair was charged in connection with the contents of the first page of the Reporter magazine edition of 6 October 1999. In the said edition, the first page had a photo of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with three ears, one eye, wearing the Kokarde insignia (Serb double-headed eagle) and Sajkaca (Serb military cap). Also, Vucinic and Cvijanovic had jointly published an article entitled "Bookkeeper of Fear and Dictatorships" which was in reference to Milosevic. In this article, Milosevic was presented as a dictator. Vucinic, in his defense, states that he took this photo from the Associated Press Daily Service and had not edited it. Vucinic said that he did not feel guilty. The police will interrogate Zeljko Cvijanovic on 15 February.

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