

OHR RTRS News Summary, 11 January 2000

News Headlines

- Talic and Brdjanin plead not guilty to [ICTY](#) charges of genocide
- Salaries for RS education workers
- RS pensioners to receive pensions by 17 January – RS Financial Minister Novak Kondic
- [SFOR](#) Commander Adams hopes there will be no more conflict in BiH
- OHR believes BiH House of Representatives will adopt Law on BiH Border Service – Stiglmayer
- Testing of candidates from BiH for [UN](#) missions start on Monday – [UN](#) spokesperson Coffman
- Bridge over Usora River to open on 17 January – European Commission spokesperson
- Serbian opposition parties agree on joint strategy for premature elections
- SPS and JUL do not comment on opposition agreement in Serbia
- European Commission welcomes agreement of Serbian opposition parties
- Greek and Italian Prime Ministers welcome agreement of Serbian opposition
- German media on agreement of Serbian opposition parties
- Envoys of Kosovo Serbs meet with European Commission and G-7 envoys in Italian Embassy in Belgrade
- Kosovo thermoelectric plant explosion, Kosovo does not have enough electricity – UNMiK
- KFOR releases Serb Filipovic, who was arrested near Urosevac
- Czech police in Kosovo
- Pristina airport opens to civilian and humanitarian

flights

- SNS holds press conference in Banja Luka
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- SNSD Executive Board member Slavko Mitrovic condemns RT RS for not broadcasting information on registration of RS citizens for RS privatization
- RT RS General Director Andjelko Kozomara rejects Mitrovic statement, saying station broadcasts information on RS privatization program on RS privatization and informs RS citizens of registration process – Kozomara
- [SFOR](#) did not find any Mujahedin base in Maglaj area – [SFOR](#) spokesperson
- Director of Southeast European Initiative criticizes postponement of Donors' Conference for Southeast Europe
- Bicakcic rejects Lyon claims that SDA hard-liners hinder privatization in BiH Federation
- Barry and Hoffman warn Luzanski that HDZ will not participate in local elections in municipalities where HDZ does not respect decision of High Representative on dismissal of officials
- Croatian Security Service arrests three Slovenian soldiers near Croatian-Slovenian border
- Political situation in Croatia
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- Union of RS Syndicates strategy for 2000
- Asanin meets with BiH Inter-religious Council in Sarajevo
- Sports and weather
- RS Oil Industry Steering Board work strategy for 2000
- Yugoslav Ambassador to [UN](#) Vladislav Jovanovic criticizes [UN](#) report on situation in Kosovo
- Two Nis buses stoned in village Luzani, Kosovo
- Greek Government agrees with Kouchner on delivery of electric energy to Kosovo
- French Defense Minister Alain Rischar meets with del

Ponte and says [NATO](#) countries participating in [SFOR](#) are planning arrest of Radovan Karadzic

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Political situation in Croatia

HDZ presidential candidate Mate Granic is visiting cities along the Adriatic Coast. News agency Tanjug reported that Granic confirmed for voters that an important part of his program is entry of Croatia into the [EU](#) and [NATO](#). Granic wishes that Croatia would stop clinging to Dayton countries, with which Croatia should have good commercial relations, not customs unions. IDS, HSS, LS and HNS candidate Stipe Mesic promised voters cheaper state administration and economic and honest authority. Mesic condemned the HDZ for robbing the state and stated that members of the HDZ will be supplied a fair trial. Drazen Budisa also began his election campaign, during which he will visit approximately 100 cities. According to the results of election polls and according to those who know the political situation in Croatia, Mesic, Granic and Budisa have the most potential for becoming Croatian President. Mesic, Granic and Budisa support cooperation with the [ICTY](#) and the return of Serbs. However, according to the writings of Zagreb daily Jutarnji List, envoys of the Association of Serbs Exiled from Croatia Borislav Mikelic, Mihajlo Vucinic and Mile Dakic consider promises of undisturbed return of Serbs to be insincere. Mikelic, Vucinic and Dakic believe that the promises are a political marketing scheme. Conflicts within the HDZ intensify. Split's Slobodna Dalmacija writes that the HDZ could be disintegrating because of conflicts between the two HDZ Vice-presidents, Vladimir Seks and Ivic Pasalic. Zagreb magazine National reports that a great number of documents and secret recorded conversations are ready for transport and destruction. A majority of media directors and editors-in-chief in Croatia have placed their positions at the disposal of parliament, but HRT Editor-in-

Chief Obrad Kosovac says he will do no such thing for any Prime Minister, because no Prime Minister elected him to his position.

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