OHR RTRS News Summary, 12 November 1999

News Headlines

- RS National Assembly requests more intensive cooperation with BiH Federation and neighboring countries
- Conference on 4th anniversary of Dayton Agreement convenes in Dayton, Ohio
- BiH Presidency responsible for BiH not joining European Council – Petritsch and European Council delegation
- Kozomara remains RTV RS General Director – Haselock
- RS Government decision legally unfounded – RTV RS Steering Board
- Jelsingrad and Unis become strategic enterprises
- Three persons killed in Kosovo on 11 November – KFOR
- Two bodies discovered near Urosevac – KFOR
- Reinhardt rejects possibility of Yugoslav forces returning to Kosovo
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serbs accuse KLA and IC of attempting to make Kosovo independent country
- Independence of Kosovo not excluded – UN Security Council Chairman for November
- Currently no ethnic cleansing of Serbs in Kosovo – Robertson
- Russian position on cooperation with NATO unchanged – Russian General Ivashov
- WFP plane missing in Kosovo
- Two RS policemen arrested for attempting to bring counterfeit Dinars into Yugoslavia
- Montenegrin Assembly adopts Amnesty Law
- Serbs in Glamoc will not sign agreement on building of military complex there – Glamoc Mayor Jovicic
- Anonymous anti-Bosniak posters appear in Central Bosnia Canton

- Anti-Bosniak posters appear in Livno Canton
- HN Canton Government President dismissed
- One Serb killed in Tenja, Croatia
- World News
- SRS requests dismissal of RS National Assembly leadership
- Border crossing between Srpski and Slavonski Brod opens
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- OHR and UNHCR request Serb Gorazde authorities continue reconstruction projects to enable return
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Kozomara remains RTV RS General Director – Haselock

Deputy High Representative for Media Simon Haselock stated at a press conference in Banja Luka that the OHR does not agree with the RS Government conclusion on suspending evictions during the winter period. He pointed out that the law clearly states that no one would be evicted unless provided accommodation so that it does not matter whether the evictions are carried out in the winter or any other period. He added that Andjelko Kozomara remains RTV RS General Director and that there are no other opinions on this within the IC, which is confirmed by the US Embassy announcement. He commented on RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik's statement, published in today's Banja Luka press, that he RS Government could dismiss the RTV RS General Director, by saying that Dodik was badly informed by his Information Minister and that he should be careful of being correctly informed in the future. Asked whether the IC keeps the RS Government "on the scene" Haselock said that the IC cannot do this, but that it is the responsibility of the RS National Assembly.

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RS Government decision legally unfounded – RT RS Steering Board

The RTV RS Steering Board issued an announcement stating that the RS Government decision on dismissing the RTV RS General Director is not legally grounded and that it opposes valid regulations regarding RTV RS. They point out that all appointments and dismissals are the exclusive authority of the Board. They expressed full confidence in Andjelko Kozomara and are ready to consider all complaints from citizens and RS institutions about the work of RTV RS.

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SRS to request dismissal of RS National Assembly leadership

SRS General Secretary Ognjen Tadic stated at a press conference that the SRS would require the dismissal of the RS National Assembly leadership because it abuses its position and is not in accordance with election results. Tadic reproached RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic because, during the discussion on the oil refinery affair in Srpski Brod, Djokic said that he did not want it published. In Tadic's opinion, this affair calls for the resignation of RS Oil Industry Steering Board and RS Government. Mirjana Dakic said that SRS is surprised by the fact that SDS did not support the resignation of the RS Oil Industry Steering Board but it does not know if the SDS thinks there would be a split in the SRS-SDS Coalition. Head of the SRS Caucus Milan Lazic stated that the draft law on elections should not regulate the election of republic and municipal organs in the RS and BiH Federation but only the election of joint institutions in BiH.

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