

OHR RTRS News Summary, 13 December 1999

News Headlines

- RS leaders hold consultative session on Brcko demilitarization, border service, draft Permanent Election Law and work of RS representatives in BiH institutions
- Radisic discusses reduction of military capacity and entity armies with SFOR Commander General Adams
- Adams visits Banja Luka Military Academy
- Tudjman buried in Zagreb
- Izetbegovic sends condolences to Tudjman family and Croat nation
- Jelavic regrets Izetbegovic and Radisic did not attend Tudjman funeral
- Jelavic meets with Croat leaders Pavletic and Matesa
- Former Yugoslav politician Stane Dolanc dies in Ljubljana
- World news
- Dodik discusses on China-RS economic relations with BiH Ambassador to China Mudrenovic
- Mudrenovic meets with RS Economic Chamber delegation
- RS Ministers Gligoric and Dragicevic visit Prijedor
- Gligoric and Dragicevic meet with Prijedor officials, Prijedor Veterans Society and Association of families of Fallen Soldiers and War Invalids to discuss housing problems
- Serb Orasje and Orasje officials agree on reconstruction of houses in Jenjic
- In Banja Luka, ICTY investigators question two RS Army officers on events in Srebrenica
- Boys attack Catholic priests in Derventa
- Jajce Citizens Forum sends protest letter to

international organizations in BiH regarding Croat officials in Jajce

- 11 Serbs bring complaints to BiH Federation to Human House of Rights
- In Livno, those who hold housing rights bearers cannot sign agreement on purchase if they did not pay all credits
- Liberal Bosniak Organization condemns RTV BiH
- One body discovered in Bresje, Kosovo
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council gives names of 10 kidnapped Serbs
- China and Albanian have different views on Kosovo
- International Community to resume jurisdiction in Kosovo and establish joint KFOR-UN patrols
- Kouchner and Reinhardt hold press conference on jurisdiction and violence
- UN Special Envoy Dientsbier criticizes UN for situation in Kosovo
- Kosovo Serb political representatives can no longer use term 'cantonization'
- German Foreign Ministry gives 19 million DM to UN MIK
- Yugoslavia and Russia sign agreement on trade, economic and technical cooperation
- Serb opposition parties hold consultative session on meeting with EU and US officials
- European Commission spokesperson confirms upcoming Serb opposition meeting with EU and US officials
- EU to continue fuel delivery to Serb cities – European Commission
- Vojin Ostojic leaves SRS
- RS Defense Ministry denies TANJUG report on questioning of two RS Army officers by ICTY investigators
- German President to visit BiH
- Seven murders and 117 arrests in Kosovo in last week
- Debate on human rights in Kosovo
- Fischer and Roma representatives discuss position of Roma in Kosovo society

- Kosovo Serbs can bring complaints of violence to UN MIK
- Sports and weather

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RS leaders hold consultative session on Brcko demilitarization, border service, PEL and work of RS representatives in BiH institutions

On Monday in Banja Luka, RS officials held a consultative session on demilitarization in Brcko, border service, permanent election law and work of RS representatives in the both houses of the BiH Assembly. BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic and RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic called the session. The officials decided that RS representatives in BiH institutions would respect the decision from the fifth extraordinary session of the RS National Assembly. Radisic said that "we must protect the BiH and RS Constitutions, honor of these institutions, especially the Assembly, and the just fight for RS and BiH interests." Sarovic stated that they would find solutions through compromise that would not violate the Assembly resolution. Radisic stated that the permanent election law had just gone into parliamentary procedure. Radisic expects an open dialogue on the law on border services. Sarovic stated that the RS delegation should be united and should respect conclusions of the RS National Assembly.

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Youths attack Catholic priests in Derventa

On Sunday, a group of boys attacked Catholic priests in Derventa during their visit to the destroyed St. Juraj church. According to ONASA, priest Ivan Maric was injured. Cardinal Puljic officiated mass in the destroyed church.

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Liberal Bosniak Organization condemns RTV BiH

The Liberal Bosniak Organization (LBO) protests the editorial policy of RTV BiH. LBO believes that the SDA has full control over RTV BiH. The LBO sent a letter to High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch claiming that RTV BiH had not provided any opposition party in BiH the opportunity for presentation. If RTV BiH's editorial policy remains the same, media presentation of any opposition party would be hindered.

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Vojin Ostojic leaves SRS

On Monday, SRS representative in the RS National Assembly Vojin Ostojic announced that he would leave SRS, saying that in the future, he would be an independent representative in the Assembly. He explained his dissension with the SRS position to boycott the next local elections. Ostojic informed Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic, SRS Executive Board and High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch of his decision.

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