

OHR RTRS News Summary, 15 February 2000

News Headlines

- Stability Pact Working Table on Security Issues in Sarajevo
- Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach meets with members of BiH Presidency
- Hombach meets with Mihajlovic and Tomic
- Mihajlovic meets with UK Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand and Hungarian Ambassador to BiH Kalman Kocsis
- Radisic meets with Farrand to discuss implementation of Brcko Arbitration Decision
- BiH House of Representatives discuss BiH permanent election law and reject BiH Presidency initiative on urgent adoption of amendments to Law on BiH Council of Ministers
- Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister meets with BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic
- New bridge over Vijaka River
- [OSCE](#), OHR and [UNHCR](#) organize meeting between municipal representatives from eastern and western Herzegovina
- BiH Public Broadcasting Service holds press conference
- UNMBIH condemns torching of Bosniak house in Ilici near Mostar – [UN](#) spokesman Douglas Coffman
- BiH Federation House of Representatives holds 11th session
- Privatization of apartments in Livno Canton
- Landslide in Suhi Do, Tuzla
- Security measures intensified in Kosovska Mitrovica – IC spokesman
- Interim Kosovo Administration Council condemns violence in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Kouchner meets with envoys of Kosovo Serb National

Council Bishop Artemije and Momcilo Trajkovic

- Conflict in Kosovska Mitrovica did not imperil Kosovo peace process
- 100,000 Kosovo Serbs, 30,000 Gypsies (Roma) and 35,000 Moslems remain in Kosovo – [OSCE](#) and [UNHCR](#)
- Former Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff Dragoljub Ojdanic new Yugoslav Defense Minister
- Opposition parties in Serbia comment on lifting of flight sanctions to and from Yugoslavia
- World news
- Croatian Prime Minister Ivica Racan submits Croatia's application for [NATO](#) Partnership for Peace program
- HNS Presidency dismisses Mesic, who requests dismissal as HNS Executive Vice-president
- World news
- SPRS Main Board session on Saturday, not Wednesday as scheduled – SPRS Vice-president Nedjo Djuric
- SNS holds press conference
- 760,000 registered for RS privatization
- Strike in Banja Luka factory Bosna
- Banja Luka Hospital Clinic for Surgery in problems
- Weather
- BiH House of Representative discusses BiH Permanent Election Law
- [OSCE](#) and [SFOR](#) hold press conference in Banja Luka
- [OSCE](#) spokesman Pierce McCorley discusses property laws and IMC ban on paid political advertising in upcoming BiH local election
- French Army Chief of Staff comments on situation in Kosovska Mitrovica
- French Interior Minister did not send enough French police officers to IC force in Kosovo – Kouchner
- Russian officials on dialogue with [NATO](#)
- EC decides to give home heating fuel aid to towns of Novi Sad, Subotica, Sombor, Kraljevo and Kragujevac
- World news
- Belgrade and Banja Luka fairs sign protocol on

- cooperation
- Sports and weather

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BiH Public Broadcasting Service holds press conference

The BiH Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Establishing Board held a press conference in Sarajevo. BiH PBS representatives gave information regarding this public service and the reconstruction of the public information system in BiH. BiH PBS Establishing Board President Tadej Labernik said that the job of stopping the work of TV BiH and forming two new televisions should be completed by mid-May. During that period, the RTV BiH Federation should start broadcasting its program, added Labernik. "The Corporation should start to work until the end of this year" said Labernik in reference to the PBS BiH Corporation. In the beginning, the PBS will not have its own relay transmitter network but will use entity transmitters. Labernik said that the Establishing Board expects all participants in the process to give their maximum support. The Establishing Board considers the new system of public electronic media in BiH to be one of the most important steps in furthering the democratization of BiH. This new system of public electronic media will be organized the way independent services are organized, in accordance with the best European media standards. The mandate of the incumbent General Director of TV BiH stops when the representative (international agent) starts the transfer of property. An interim management will then take over the duties and obligations of the TV BiH General Director. In that period, the interim management will manage the business and programming activities of TV BiH. The property of TV BiH will be shared, in accordance with current positive regulations, among all subjects who compose the present system of public broadcasting. The construction of a new information system in BiH will be continued in accordance with the model of independent services that is currently in function for all BiH

citizens, Labernik concluded.

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