OHR RTRS News Summary, 15 January 2000

News Headlines

- Council of Europe to meet with BiH Parliamentary Assembly on 17 January
- Public draw to determine order of political parties for BiH municipal elections on 18 January
- BiH Law on Treasury is centralization of public spending
- BiH Council of Ministers to discuss Law on BiH Treasury at next session
- US soldier arrested for murder of woman near Urosevac, Kosovo
- Two male bodies discovered near Djakovica, Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanians beat Serb in Gnjilane, Kosovo
- Orthodox church in Cernice damaged
- UNMIK justice part of its fiasco – SPS Kosovo President Igic
- UNMIK and KFOR statements concerning peace stabilization in Kosovo not based on reality – SPO
- New Democracy party condemns Kouchner statement
- Democratic Party of Serbia criticizes OSCE announcement that it will organize elections in Kosovo, which it does not have the right to do
- Commemoration for killed Kosovo Albanians held in Racak
- UN will analyze UNMIK mission in June 2000 when mission mandate expires
- Arkan wounded in Belgrade gun battle
- Djukanovic does not reject possibility of Milosevic extradition if he steps onto Montenegrin soil
- World news
- Arkan dies en route to hospital
- EU wants peaceful and non-violent change and democratic elections in Serbia

- US to give political support to Croatia if Government fulfills US conditions
- Report on popularity of Croatian presidential candidates
- HDZ BiH on ICTY sentences to BiH Croats
- ICTY sentences bring BiH step closer to justice – Hajric, Izetbegovic political affairs adviser
- ICTY should release certain suspects during their trials – Lawyer Simic
- Kosovo Muslims and SDA discuss position of Muslims in Kosovo and SDA Kosovo
- Bicakcic and World Bank representative Peterson discuss education
- Croat Demo-Christians President Milic sends letter to Jelavic
- Seventy-seven Serbs and 27 Bosniaks return to Kupres Municipality
- BiH Federation Government donates building materials to Bosniak returnees in Janja and Glumina villages
- Journalist Miroslav Radojicic dies
- Sports and weather
- Serbian and international media report on Arkan's death
- Belgrade regime cannot protect its citizens – Djindjic
- Batic on Arkan assassination
- Kosovo Muslims hold protest meeting in Prizren
- Yugoslav Committee for Cooperation with UN member Vukicevic meets with UNICEF to discuss position of non-Albanians in Kosovo
- Greek government says its companies threatened in Kosovo
- Kosovo population census
- Culture

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Arkan wounded in Belgrade gun battle

On Saturday at 17:05, in front of the Belgrade Intercontinental Hotel, Zeljko Raznjatovic Arkan was wounded. No official information has been issued. Witnesses say that

one bodyguard was killed. TV stations around the world are broadcasting news of the attempt, but the information and details are contradictory. CNN claims that one woman was killed. Reuters reports that many persons were wounded. The area close to the hotel has been sealed off.

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HDZ BiH on ICTY sentences to BiH Croats

The HDZ BiH considers that the prison terms the ICTY pronounced on five BiH Croats were too long. According to the party, one must remember, during those days in Central Bosnia, the "Croat nation was surrounded by the enemy and was defending its own biological existence."

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Croat Demo-Christians President Milic sends letter to Jelavic

President of the Croat Demo-Christians in the BiH Federation Petar Milic sent a letter to HDZ BiH President Ante Jelavic. In the letter, Milic called for the holding of a Croat congress to discuss strategic directions for the establishment of a Croat republic in the BiH Federation. According to Milic, the Croats should use the congress to agree to such issues as the establishment of an assembly, government and independent judiciary. Milic insisted that the establishment of Croat institutions would not mean the immediate secession of the Croats from the BiH Federation.

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