

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 16 December 1999

## News Headlines

- Snow storms in RS
- Problems with electric distribution in several RS municipalities
- Snow storms in BiH Federation and problems with electric distribution
- Storms reported in Montenegro
- Snow storms reported around the globe
- Former WWII camp inmates can send compensation claims to RS Red Cross
- RS Government delegation postpones visit to [ICTY](#) because of storms
- 100 Serb families want to return to Cerik, Brcko-Ravna Municipality
- Brcko- Ravna Mayor Mijo Anic supports return of Serb families to Cerik
- Djokic gives Miners' Day address
- Syndicate of Miners and Iron Industry Workers hold press conference in Banja Luka
- [UN](#) invites RS and BiH Federation Assemblies to pass amendment for constitutionality of all BiH nations in entity constitutions – [UN](#) spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- [UNHCR](#) holds press conference in Sarajevo
- Izetbegovic meets with President of Kosovo Party of Democratic Progress Hashim Tachi in Sarajevo
- Silajdzic meets with Tachi in Sarajevo
- SDA criticizes Jelavic statements made at Tudjman funeral in Zagreb
- BiH Federation Parliament does not hold session
- Military Mufti for BiH Federation Army appointed in Sarajevo

- Economic news in BiH Federation
- 69 Bosniaks and Serbs submit claims for return of publicly-owned flats in Glamoc
- 240 new human rights complaints in Livno Canton sent to Ombudsmen
- Meeting between envoys of opposition parties from Serbia, [EU](#) and US to be held in Brussels on Friday
- Kouchner report in Brussels about current situation in Kosovo
- US KFOR soldiers killed by mine near Kosovska Kamenica – KFOR spokesperson Lavoir
- Male body discovered in Pristina on Wednesday – Lavoir
- KFOR arrests Serb civilian near Pristina – Lavoir
- Eight Serbs and eight Canadian soldiers injured in Kosovska Mitrovica – Lavoir
- US to aid Committee for Human Rights in releasing Kosovo Albanians held in Serbian prisons
- Kosovo Albanian political leaders Tachi, Rugova and Cosja discuss Temporary Kosovo Administrative Council
- SPS does not accept Temporary Kosovo Administrative Council – SPS spokesperson Ivica Dacic
- President of Serb National Assembly of Kosovo Zivojin Mitrovic does not accept Temporary Kosovo Administrative Council
- World news
- SPRS holds press conference in Banja Luka
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- RS Interior Ministry confiscates 22.6 kilograms marijuana near Trebinje
- Sports and weather
- OHR appeals for BiH House of Representative to adopt plan of Law on BiH Border Service (RTRS host Mirjana Tomic makes mistake because she states High Representative Carlos Westendorp issued press release)
- Monument for WWII victims in village Turjak
- Three Kosovo Albanians give ultimatum to 12 Gypsies to leave their houses – Gnjilanje Church National Board

- All communities should unite in Temporary Kosovo Administrative Council
- President of Kosovo Serb National Council Executive Council Trajkovic is against forming Temporary Kosovo Administrative Council
- Belgrade delegation visits Kosovska Mitrovica prison
- One murder and nine robberies in last week in area of Kosovska Mitrovica – [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo
- Serb Patriarch Pavle meets with Head of World Food Program Office in Belgrade
- [UNHCR](#) Belgrade Office holds press conference
- New phone central opened in Doboj
- RS air company to re-establish air link between Banja Luka and Belgrade on Saturday
- Agricultural news from RS
- Culture
- Sports and weather

## **News Summary**

### **SPRS holds press conference in Banja Luka**

The SPRS held press a conference in Banja Luka where Main Board member Gojko Milinkovic stated that authorized bodies of the RS would issue an order on the temporary withdrawal of RS Army forces from Brcko. "The order on RS Army's temporary withdrawal is in the context of the rejection of the Brcko Arbitration decision, because we do not consider that Brcko will remain a district forever" added Milinkovic. Milinkovic commented on the decrease in donors' aid to the RS and BiH. "The RS and BiH did not use the opportunity to receive \$5 billion from donors for damages in the RS and BiH due to the bombing of Yugoslavia" Milinkovic said. He stated that some provisions of the Brcko Statute are not in accordance with the [Dayton Agreement](#) and the SPRS will suggest that the RS and BiH to examine the constitutionally of the Statute at the BiH Constitutive Court. The SPRS considers that the BiH Election Law is in essence acceptable and entity parliaments should

adopt this law. BiH will establish diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia after democratic changes are made in Yugoslavia, Milinkovic concluded.

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