OHR RTRS News Summary, 18 December 1999

News Headlines

- Dense fog in Banja Luka region
- No electricity or water in Srbinje/Foca
- Ugljevik Power Station not functional
- No classes for students in Serb Sarajevo until 22
 December
- No electricity or phones in Majevica and Semberija regions of RS
- Neretva River water level dropping ONASA
- State of emergency declared in Sarajevo ONASA
- Difficult weather conditions in Zenica-Doboj Canton
- Bad weather in Yugoslavia
- 200 die in floods in Venezuela
- Reconstructed Kozarska Dubica-Mostanica road opens
- RS carrier Air Srpska reopens Banja Luka-Belgrade route
- Report on establishment of joint BiH transport corporation
- Karadzic makes contact with <a>ICTY Oslobodjenje
- One dead and nine injured in attack on Serb-owned café in Orahovac – KFOR
- Kosovo Serbs will not participate in Kosovo Transitional
 Administration Serb National Council
- Kosovo Polje Assembly asks Serb National Council not to cooperate with Kosovo Transitional Administration
- UN temporarily suspends vehicle registration in Kosovo
- Serb and Albanian journalists from Kosovska Mitrovica agree to hold joint press conferences
- ullet Democratic change in Yugoslavia supported by US and $\underline{{\sf EU}}$ BETA
- Serb opposition meets with US and <u>EU</u> delegations in Berlin

- Meeting in Berlin partly successful SPO
- Support and promises received in Berlin Djindjic
- Meeting in Berlin satisfies expectations New Democracy
- No need for early elections Seselj
- Independent Montenegro is precondition for long-lasting peace in Balkans — Montenegrin Social Democratic Party
- World news
- •RT RS one of 33 stations to receive Golden Ducat Award presented by Bobar Company
- At least one candidate per RS candidate list should be refugee — RS Ostanak Refugee Association
- RS Government completes draft on pension insurance
- New school for Bosniaks opens in RS village of Rizvanovici, near Prijedor
- Children receive packages on Nikola Day, patron saint of families
- Sports
- Weather
- Orahovac Serbs protest to Kouchner over death of Serb
- So-called White Eagles Organization takes responsibility for explosion in northern Kosovska Mitrovica
- Yugoslavia to initiate suspension of visas between
 Balkan countries Yugoslav Foreign Minister Jovanovic

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Karadzic makes contact with ICTY - Oslobodjenje

According to Sarajevo-based Oslobodjenje, former RS President Radovan Karadzic recently made contact with <u>ICTY</u> investigators. According to Oslobodjenje, contact was made at Karadzic's initiative regarding the <u>ICTY</u> investigation of war crimes in Srebrenica. Karadzic gave the <u>ICTY</u> documents that prove Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and the RS Supreme Army HQ had direct control over the Srebrenica operation. According to the article in Oslobodjenje, "Karadzic knows only of the operation's consequences."