

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 18 February 2000

## News Headlines

- Dodik announces new dismissals of RS ministers – BETA
- [OSCE](#) denies postponement of general elections scheduled for October
- Brcko will not be declared district on 28 February as planned – Farrand
- Mesic assumes duties of Croatian President
- Izetbegovic invites Mesic to Sarajevo
- Racan and BiH delegation discuss return of refugees to Croatia
- RS Defense Minister Milovanovic denies [SFOR](#) confiscated weapons in Bratunac barracks last week
- Agency of local democracy opens in Prijedor
- High time BiH entity and state authorities accomplish obligations regarding laws on financial control – OHR and Swedish National Audit Office
- Mrkonjic Grad, Sipovo, Ribnik and Jezero part of telecommunications program in RS
- RS short-term and artificial creation – ICG Head Lion
- SNSD Head of Caucus Simic not surprised with ICG attitudes on RS
- Document on de-mining standards in BiH presented in Sarajevo
- Croat citizens in Drvar should leave Serb-owned houses there – [UN](#) IPTF spokesperson Roberts
- Erotel Steering Board resigns
- Bicakcic and Covic present opposing positions on International Organization of Labor report on resolution of problems of Bosniak workers in Mostar
- BiH Federation Reconstruction Coordination Board presents report on past work

- Austrian representative of Office for Integration and Central Bosnia Education Minister discuss unification of two schools in Gornji Vakuf
- Private businessman Karasalikovic and Ukrainian air company sign contract on joint air company in Tuzla
- Witnesses to murder of 11-year-old girl in Vitina testify on 13 February in Pristina
- Reinhardt expected to announce new security measures in Kosovo
- Seven Albanian families left northern Kosovska Mitrovica in past 24 hours – UN
- Second class of Kosovo police academy finishes course
- Pristina without phone lines for past 48 hours
- Kouchner and Reinhardt meet with Serb and Albanian representatives in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Security measures will be intensified in Kosovo – Kouchner
- Serbian opposition parties condemn Milosevic speech and his estimation of current situation during fourth SPS congress
- Foolishness of Belgrade will not make [NATO](#) leave Kosovo – Robertson
- World news
- Tourism in RS
- Black market can be eliminated only through legal means – RS Syndicate Union
- RS Union of Independent Economists holds press conference in Banja Luka
- Sports
- Weather
- Roundtable on role of municipalities in privatization held in Banja Luka
- High quantity of cyanide in Danube kills fish
- Kosovska Mitrovica most dangerous place in Europe – Holbrooke

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## **Erotel Steering Board resigns**

The TV Erotel Steering Board resigned after the IMC suspended their work on 17 February. In an announcement signed by Board President Mladen Bevanda, it is stated that their resignation is a moral act, because the IMC disabled the creation of informative and other programs for Croats in BiH through its action.

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