

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 20 January 2000

## News Headlines

- BiH Presidency members discuss conclusions of Stability Pact, permits voting for Croatian presidential elections in BiH
- BiH Standing Committee for Military Matters holds session in Sarajevo, agrees to formation of joint BiH Army unit for [UN](#) peacekeeping missions
- Radisic meets with Petritsch in Sarajevo
- Radisic meets with US Ambassador to BiH Miller and Head of European Commission to BiH Kretschmer
- Nine candidates for local election in BiH cannot participate because they are using flats that belong to refugees and DPs – [OSCE](#) Provisional Election Commission
- IC organizations express disappointment at Sarajevo press conference due to failure of BiH Parliament House of Representatives to adopt Law on BiH Border Service
- SPRS holds press conference in Banja Luka and says that draft BiH permanent election law should be adopted as soon as possible – SPRS Main Board member Momir Malic
- SRS letter to Djokic
- RS National Assembly member Dubravko Prstojevic on importance of adoption of draft BiH permanent election law
- CD Coalition Caucus in BiH Parliament House of Representatives to draft version of the draft BiH permanent election law
- Petritsch says that BiH politicians irresponsible – interview with Slobodna Bosna
- [SFOR](#), [OSCE](#) and George Marshall Institute organize seminar in Sarajevo on computer simulations
- Farrand issues order establishing Brcko District police

- Budget for BiH common institutions
- BiH Federation House of Representatives removes draft law on rights of former political prisoners from agenda
- IPTF dismisses five officials in BiH Federation police – [UN](#) spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- HDZ BiH Municipal Boards start to implement decision of OHR and [OSCE](#) on dismissal of 22 officials in BiH
- Six firms privatized in Livno Canton
- BiH Federation Law On Defamation to be returned for redrafting
- RS external debt must be under control of RS National Assembly – Democratic Patriotic Party President Predrag Radic
- Arkan funeral in Belgrade
- Belgrade police arrests two Arkan assassins – Belgrade Radio B2-92
- Yugoslav Information Minister Matic denies that he gave interview on Arkan assassination to New York Times
- Belgrade police do not issue press release on Arkan assassination
- Yugoslav authority requests special session of [UN](#) Security Council to discuss Kosovo situation
- Two Serbs injured in northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica
- KFOR arrests former KLA officer Ilijas Kadoli who attacked UNMIK official
- [UN](#) gave DM seven million for reconstruction in Kosovska Mitrovica – UNMIK Kosovska Mitrovica Administrator
- Presidents of six Croatian opposition parties sign coalition agreement in Zagreb
- World news
- Sports and weather
- Houses of two Muslim returnees in Stolac set on fire
- Two Serbs injured in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Solana to visit Kosovo
- 43 members of Kosovo Protection Corps to swear oath on 21 January
- [UNHCR](#) envoy dies in Pristina

- French Ambassador to BiH opens French library in Bijeljina

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### **SRS letter to Djokic**

The SRS held a press conference in Banja Luka. The SRS Caucus in the RS National Assembly sent a letter to the Speaker of the RS National Assembly, Petar Djokic. The SRS Caucus suggests that the RS National Assembly rejects a decision of High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) imposing the Law on the BiH Border Service, SRS General Secretary Ognjen Tadic told the press conference. The imposition of this Law violates the interests of the RS and denies the opinion of RS representatives in the BiH Parliament House of Representatives. Tadic states that the SRS would not accept the imposition of the draft BiH permanent election law. The representatives of the people in BiH should give their contribution to the adoption of the draft BiH permanent election law, which will protect the democratic rights of all citizens and parties, Tadic said.

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### **Presidents of six Croatian opposition parties sign coalition agreement in Zagreb**

The presidents of six opposition Croatian parties signed a coalition agreement in Zagreb forming the new Croatian Government and leadership of the Croatian Parliament House of Representatives. In accordance with the agreement, the Government will be composed of a prime minister, two deputy prime ministers and 19 ministers. Official duties in the new government and its ministries will be distributed in accordance with election results. The SDP Croatia will get 50%, the HSLS 25% and the four other parties 25% of the posts in the new government.

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