OHR RTRS News Summary, 22 February 2000

News Headlines

- Djokic says that only RS National Assembly can evaluate his work
- SPRS holds press conference, Radisic expresses will to continue support for RS Government and RS National Assembly
- SPRS Main Board decision on withdrawal from Sloga Coalition unacceptable – SPRS Banja Luka City Board
- SPRS Bijeljina Municipal Board holds press conference
- SNSD Main Board member Slavko Mitrovic comments on SPRS withdrawal from Sloga Coalition – press conference in Banja Luka
- SNS Vice-president Stanko Stanic comments on SPRS withdrawal from Sloga Coalition – SNS press conference in Banja Luka.
- Petritsch supports SPRS ministers who decided to continue working in RS Government – OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer
- Barry meets with Dodik, Radisic and Mihajlovic in Banja Luka
- Kosovska Mitrovica situation calming down – BETA
- KFOR official in Kosovska Mitrovica comments on situation in that town on Monday
- Kosovo Interim Administrative Council adopts Declaration on Freedom of Movement in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Yugoslavia strongly protests to UN Security Council on current situation in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Bishop Artemije requests UN to stop supporting extremists in Kosovo
- Yugoslav Information Minister Goran Matic rejects accusations of western officials that Yugoslavia

provoking situation in Kosovo
- KFOR violated UN Kosovo resolution in Kosovska Mitrovica on Monday – SPS Kosovo Board President Zivorad Igic
- Situation in Kosovska Mitrovica complicated – Solana
- Russia concerned over situation in Kosovo
- China on situation in Kosovo
- Izetbegovic meets with US Ambassador to BiH Miller to discuss work of BiH Council of Ministers
- Deputy UN Special Envoy Julian Hardson meets with BiH Border Service Director Slavisa Vukovic and Marko Asanin on Monday – UN spokesman Douglas Coffman
- RS Ministry of Veterans, Victims and Labor comments on benefits for invalids and families of fallen soldiers
- RS Ministry of Veterans, Victims and Labor, RS Association of War Veterans and RS Office for Privatization discuss RS privatization process
- SFOR returns weapons to RS Army warehouse in Bratunac
- BiH Federation House of Representatives holds session in Sarajevo
- Miners strike in Bila
- IC organizations have given KM 86.42 million for reconstruction to Central Bosnian Canton
- Ten banks in BiH Federation to receive permission to carry out internal payment transactions
- HN Canton Interior Minister Dragan Mandic explains that integration of Bosniak and Croat criminal investigation divisions unacceptable – UN Mostar spokesperson
- Education workers in Serbia on strike
- Yugoslav national carrier JAT restarts flights to Swiss cities
- Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach announces something similar to Marshall Plan for southeastern Europe
- World news
- UNESCO and OHR organize Symposium on School Curricula in BiH
- Sports and weather

- Belgian soldiers end their mission in SFOR
- Convoy of Kosovo Serbs attacked near Gnjilanje, Kosovo
- Situation in Kosovska Mitrovica better – KFOR Northern Sector
- French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine condemns Serb and Albanian extremists for escalation of violence in Kosovska Mitrovica
- World news
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Barry meets with Dodik, Radisic and Mihajlovic in Banja Luka

OSCE Head of Mission to BiH Robert Barry met with RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik, BiH Presidency member Zivko Radisic and Co-Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers Svetozar Mihajlovic in Banja Luka. Barry said that the cooperation between member parties in the Sloga Coalition has not been discontinued. Barry condemns the Belgrade authority of attempting to destabilize the situation in the RS. Local elections in BiH will be held on 8 April so that the BiH permanent election law should be adopted before those elections. Barry thanked RS representatives for their work in the BiH Parliamentary Assembly during the discussion on the draft BiH Permanent Election Law. Barry participated in a consultative meeting of BiH political parties, explaining that during the pre-election campaign period, starting this Wednesday, electronic media have to provide equal access to all registered political parties, coalitions and independent candidates. According to the rules and regulations of the OSCE Provisional Election Commission, paid political advertising on all radio and TV stations in BiH is prohibited. Media houses that do not have informative programs are not obliged to follow this rule. Political spots cannot be longer than 60 s, while total advertising time on stations cannot exceed 14 hours. Electronic media are obligated to send to a schedule of political programming to the IMC at least seven days prior to

broadcasting. Media violating these rules could lose their right to broadcast. The IMC will carry out the monitoring of electronic and print media in BiH during the elections, he said. Barry said that candidates running in local elections are not allowed to use property belonging to someone else.

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