

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 22 March 2000

## News Headlines

- BiH House of Representatives adopts budget for 2000
- Electricity cheaper after 1 April – RS Government Vice-president Banjac
- Ethnic composition of BiH police improves – Anan
- RS Interior Minister Novic and Defense Minister Milovanovic meet with Klein on security issues
- Klein meets with PDP President Ivanic
- RS Defense Minister Milovanovic meets with eight military attaches
- “Religious Communities and Democracy at Beginning of 21st Century” conference starts in Banja Luka
- RS Constitutional Court session in Banja Luka
- USAID finances reconstruction of Sevarlije village in Doboje Municipality
- Bomb thrown at Bosniak returnee house in Prnjavor, police investigate
- BH Federation House of Peoples adopts amendments to Privatization Law
- BH Federation budget 2 million KM less because of car smuggling
- BH Federation Government gives initial capital for BiH Federation TV
- Explosion on railway bridge near Kosovska Mitrovica
- [NATO](#) not responsible for situation in Kosovo – SACEUR Clark
- Dienstbier blames KLA for violence in Kosovo
- Russian Foreign Ministry accuses Kouchner of violating [UN](#) Resolution on Kosovo
- Germany extradites 50 Kosovo Albanians with charges pending against them

- Agreement on Yugoslav refugees signed in Germany
- European Parliament concerned over situation in Serbian independent media
- Serbian opposition to hold rally on 14 April
- Extradition of Tuta to The Hague is no surprise – Croatia Prime Minister Racan
- UK supports Croatian decision to extradite Tuta
- Tuta to appear in court on 25 March
- Regional Investment Forum ends session in Sarajevo
- [OSCE](#) presents voting procedure
- Sports and Weather
- Two hundred Prnjavor villagers block Celinac-Prnjavor road in protest against sale of oil containing water
- UNMBiH accuses Croat authorities in Neretva Canton of blocking refugee returns and creation of multiethnic police
- Kouchner meets with Serb and Albanian representatives from Kosovska Mitrovica
- During Dynamic Response 2000, there will be no activities in near Serbia – KFOR
- General Reinhardt visits Macedonia
- Ogata condemns Albanians for violence against Serbs
- Italian Prime Minister D'Alema concerned with situation in Kosovo
- Solana regrets slow improvement of Kosovo situation
- Pentagon is not hiding use of uranium missiles – Pentagon
- Milosevic is going to be overthrown by his own people – [NATO](#) General Secretary Robertson
- [EU](#) sanctions against Serbia officially lifted
- Best innovator in 1999 was proclaimed in Banja Luka
- Sports and weather
- SDP fights for unified BiH and will pay particular attention to economic issues – SDP
- Through economic reforms, we might keep young people in country – DPS
- If SDS and SRS win, we will not enter Europe – SNS

- We must build apartments for refugees – SNSD
- RS is in danger and state institutions must be confirmed through elections – SPRS
- We are against cantonization and parties must cooperate – PDP
- Local election results will not influence general elections – SDS
- Legal institutions in RS and BiH are blocked and this may lead to protectorate – Banja Luka Party of Center
- Crime, refugees and veterans are our main concern – Independent September Party
- IMC statement on NTV Dobož

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### **BH Federation Government gives initial capital for BiH Federation TV**

The BiH Federation Government will secure 100,000 KM in foundation capital for BiH Federation RTV. At a meeting between BiH Federation officials, the OHR, BiH Federation RTV and the BiH Public Broadcast Service, it was concluded that contracts with the BH Federation electric company and Herceg-Bosna electric company would resolve the process of subscription payment. BH Federation citizens have been paying for their TV subscription through electricity bills for several months. Organizational and staff issues were also discussed.

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### **IMC statement on NTV Dobož**

During the RTRS pre-election block on 19 March, the SNS stated that while SNS representatives participated in the TV Duel show on NTV Dobož, an intrusion by an armed person was fabricated in order to frighten SNS representatives. On this occasion, the IMC sent a letter to the RTRS, stating that after viewing the material, no proof was found that would

support the SNS claim. The IMC confirmed that someone entered the studio during the show, but that there was nothing in his behavior that would frighten SNS representatives. There is no proof that he was armed. The IMC requests a correction of this statement and the SNS was informed of this request. Therefore, RTRS, in accordance with the IMC request, is correcting the earlier report on this event.

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