

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 26 January 2000

## News Headlines

- Sarovic assumes presidential duties in accordance to RS Constitution
- RS National Assembly session election of new RS Government
- [OSCE](#) gives revised draft of BiH Permanent Election Law to BiH Parliament
- Radisic meets with Russian Ambassador to BiH Fillip Sidorski and US Ambassador to [UN](#) Adviser Jonathan Levinzki to discuss BiH Border Service, Permanent Election Law and Law on Council of Ministers
- Klein requests fast entry of BiH to European Council
- RS Board of War Invalids on evictions and housing problem
- Asanin meets with [UN](#) Commission for Human Rights Special Envoy Jirgie Dientsbier
- Petritsch meets with Bianca Jagger to discuss return and arrest of suspected war criminals
- 32 Croat families return to Donji Rujan and Celebici in Livno Municipality
- Serb refugees from Cerik request IC envoys stop construction of Bosniak refugee settlement
- IC will not tolerate attacks on returnees – [UN](#) envoy Stefo Lehmann
- [SFOR](#) action Harvest '99 in Central Bosnia Canton
- Una-Sana Canton inspectors confiscate 18.5 tons of chicken from Belgium
- IC donates 1,617,980 KM for reconstruction in Pelagicevo Municipality
- KFOR arrests two Kosovo Albanians in village of Glasnik, Podujevo

- KFOR arrests seven in Gnjilanje
- Yugoslav authorities support political resolution of Kosovo crisis – Yugoslav Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council requests UNMiK and KFOR end violence against Serbs in northern Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanians want to assume local duties in Gnjilanje – [UN](#) Civil Administration in Gnjilanje
- Kosovo Protection Corps Commander Agim Ceku salutes soldiers of Kosovo Protection Corps on their first task, cleaning of snow
- Belgrade police release names of two new participants in assassination of Arkan in Belgrade
- Montenegrin Government decision on DM as official Montenegrin currency not in accordance with Constitution – Yugoslav Constitutional Court
- Del Ponte wants to visit Belgrade and speak with Serbs victims of war crimes
- [ICTY](#) brings final judgment against Dusan Tadic, 20 years in prison
- Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini meets with Albright to discuss sanctions against Yugoslavia
- World news
- [OSCE](#) and European Council on voting in BiH for Croatian presidential elections
- Aleksandar Karadjordjevic on private visit to RS, meets with Dodik
- Banja Luka police investigation on robbery at Banja Luka Post Office
- Culture
- Sports and weather
- Petritsch meets with 24 envoys of refugee associations in BiH
- German Government to send 210 more police officers to Kosovo
- Kosovo Transitional Administrative Council to have 30 members – Kouchner

- Yugoslav Envoy for Cooperation with UNICEF Savovic criticizes [UN](#) inability to prevent violence against children in Kosovo
- Kosovo Serb National Assembly envoy Veljko Odalovic condemns Kouchner for violations of [UN](#) resolution on Kosovo
- 35 tax inspectors take oath at UNMiK in Pristina
- RS Government to organize meeting of Serbian opposition, Serb Orthodox Church and Serb representatives from abroad in Banja Luka on Thursday
- Vladimir Santic and Drago Josipovic appeal [ICTY](#) sentences
- World

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### **Sarovic assumes presidential duties in accordance with RS Constitution**

RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic informed representatives of the RS National Assembly that he has assumed all constitutional authorities of the RS President in accordance with Article 80 of the RS Constitution. Sarovic accepted all authorities to represent the RS, nominate a Prime Minister, appoint judges to the Constitutional Court, proclaim laws, grant amnesty, award decorations established by law, perform work in the areas of defense and security of the RS and deal with other countries and IC organizations. Sarovic invited the representatives to declare themselves on his decision. He also stated that he respects the current RS Government, but that it is not the government of this RS National Assembly, but of former RS President Biljana Plavsic. RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic confirmed that Sarovic has taken on the presidential authorities. Djokic thanked him for his readiness to resolve the ongoing political crisis in the RS. "The RS National Assembly will continue working on 8 February" stated Djokic.

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## **OSCE and European Council on voting in BiH for Croatian presidential elections**

OSCE and European Council monitors for the Croatian presidential election have pointed out irregularities at polling stations in BiH. The foreign monitors in BiH stated that some voters voted multiple times. They also pointed out irregularities in maintaining secret ballots and negligence during the identification of voters. High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) stated that the new Croatian leadership must examine financing the Croat contingent of the BiH Federation Army. "Demilitarization in the region must strengthen in accordance with the Stability Pact" said Petritsch for Zagreb news magazine Globus. Petritsch considers the Croatian parliamentary elections to be an historical event. Petritsch also said that relations between BiH and Croatia should be sincere and that Croatia can help BiH on its road to the European Community.

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