

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 26 November 1999

## News Headlines

- Oil refinery Srpski Brod to start manufacturing on 27 November
- Farrand to announce final Brcko District Statute on 7 December
- [SFOR](#) Commander gives directive for Brcko demilitarization
- International organizations hold session on Brcko demilitarization, PEC decision and border service
- RS Supreme Court annuls RS Government dismissal of Ilic
- Djokic schedules RS National Assembly extraordinary session on New York Declaration for 2 December
- Roundtable on transfer of entity and state authorities
- OHR organizes roundtable on education in BiH
- BiH Civil Minister Asanin meets with Telecommunication Regulator Agency
- Landslide on Pale-Sarajevo road must be cleared as soon as possible – Asanin
- OHR requests [SFOR](#) support in Erotel case
- BiH Federation Army Commander General Delic comments on forming BiH Federation Army and Equip and Train program
- Bugojno authorities reject OHR directive on giving 'Napredak' building to Croats
- 1,153 Croats, 119 Serbs and 156 Bosniaks have returned to Bugojno between 1 January and 31 October
- Primary school for Serb returnees did not open in Prekaja
- Control of occupation of houses in Sarajevo
- Draskovic satisfied with visit to Moscow
- Finnish Ambassador to Yugoslavia, European Union and European Commission Envoys hold press conference on [EU](#)

heating oil to Nis and Pirot

- Two dead in Kosovo
- Two KFOR soldiers injured
- European Union does not agree on financing reconstruction of Kosovo
- Zubin Potok Serb National Council Executive Board on new municipal authorities
- Serbs from Kosovska Mitrovica to hold protest meetings every day
- [UNHCR](#) forms team for assistance to Serb refugees from Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanians from Kosovska Mitrovica south want to celebrate Albanian Flag Day
- World news
- Banja Luka City Assembly holds session on privatization, traffic, heating and budget
- Sanski Most delegation visits Prijedor
- Sanski Most and Prijedor delegations adopt protocol on cooperation
- 390 Serbs have returned to Sanski Most
- 240 Bosniaks have returned to Omarska
- 50 Bosniaks have returned to Alisici
- RT RS Festival 'Banja Luka '99'
- Sports and weather
- RS Petrol Industry Executive Board holds session on oil refinery in Srpski Brod
- US Ambassador Miller addresses letter to Petritsch on statements of politicians who do not support New York Declaration and Border Service
- Next election costs to be one third of 1997 election costs – Barry
- Haselock confirms OHR request to [SFOR](#)
- Yugoslav Dinar not used in RS – RS Government
- IC to continue assistance to reforming education in BiH – OHR Education Advisor Kiffer
- Two schools reconstructed in Modrica
- Srebrenica hospital closed

- Austrian Foreign Minister Schissel condemns attacks on Kosovo Serbs
- Schissel meets with Rugova and Thaci
- Gnjilane Church Board on crime and violence in Gnjilane

## **News Summary**

### **International organizations hold session on Brcko demilitarization, PEC decision and border service**

International organizations held a press conference in Banja Luka on Friday, at which [SFOR](#) spokesperson Jacques Poitras stated that [SFOR](#) Commander Adams decided to dissolve two RS Army units and five BiH Federation Army units in Brcko. Adams would rather dismiss the units in Brcko than deploy them out of Brcko. After the dissolution, their weapons will be destroyed. [OSCE](#) spokesperson Alexander Nitzche stated that the PEC banned those who do not respect decisions of the CRPC from running in the local elections. [UN](#) spokesperson Douglas Coffman stated that 30 police officers from the RS and BiH Federation will be trained in Austria for duty in the Border Service.

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### **RS Supreme Court annuls RS Government dismissal of Ilic**

The RS Supreme Court annulled the decision of the RS Government to dismiss SRNA Director Branislav Ilic and appoint Dragan Davidovic as acting director. According to BETA, the decision was adopted on 20 July in Pale and forwarded to Ilic on 22 November. The RS Supreme Court found that the SRNA Executive Board has the authority to propose appointments and dismissals of the general director to the RS Government. The SRNA Executive Board held three sessions, but the work of the general director was not criticized. The Executive Board supports the work of SRNA and decided that there was no reason to change its leadership. The Executive Board suggested annulment of the RS Government decision. The RS Government

cannot bring a complaint against an RS Supreme Court decision. On 24 November, Ilic informed RS Deputy Prime Minister Ostoja Kremenovic of the Court's decision and suggested that he set a date and place for the assumption of duty. RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic condemned SRNA for not publishing the entire press release of former RS Interior Minister Milovan Stankovic.

In the press release, Momcilo Krajisnik was indirectly accused of the murder of Serb Sarajevo Police Chief Srdjan Knezevic. Ilic claims that, since his dismissal and the change of SRNA facilities, approximately 50 SRNA employees have been fired or put on stand-by. According to Ilic, the decision of the RS Supreme Court is one more step towards real democratization of the media in the RS.

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