

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 27 March 2000

## News Headlines

- World News
- Dodik makes decisions on apartments for refugees and DPs in Podgreb settlement, Pale
- Allowances for military invalids paid out – RS Ministry for Veterans, Invalids and Labor
- Bjeljina Municipality Assembly allots land for home construction to families of war victims
- Radisic and Djokic visit coal mine and power plant in Ugljevik
- Germany to give one million DM for deposit-insurance program in BiH
- RS will receive its share of donation from Stability Pact for Southeast Europe – RS Finance Minister Kondic
- BiH Foreign Minister Prlic press conference on upcoming Stability Pact Conference in Brussels
- RS Army wants to join Partnership for Peace, but not as part of unified BiH Army – RS Deputy Defense Minister Jelacic
- RS, BiH Federation and Mostar Pension Funds reach agreement on cooperation
- Three enterprises privatized in Banja Luka
- 1,358,083 RS citizens registered for privatization process
- Brcko District Assembly speaker and deputy speaker meet with political parties representatives at Brcko District Assembly's first session
- OHR and [UNHCR](#) welcome BiH Federation Government decision to prolong deadline for submission of claims for apartment buyouts
- BH Federation Government delegation visits Slovenian to

discuss bilateral relations

- Charges dropped against Ibrahim Djedovic and he is released from custody
- Strike at Polihem enterprise in Tuzla
- Former Tuzla Canton Prime Minister Hasim Vukalo convicted of abuse of official position
- Bosniak returnee's house stoned in Prnjavor
- Main maneuver of Dynamic Response 2000 military exercise starts
- French KFOR confiscate weapons in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Incidents reported in Kosovo Polje
- There is danger of war in Yugoslavia – Montenegro President Djukanovic in interview for Dnevni Avaz
- There was investigation of Tudjman – [ICTY](#) Main Prosecutor Deputy Graham Blewitt
- World News
- Report on SNS and SNSD's new pre-election campaign by phone
- New recruits arrive in RS Army barracks
- World Theatre Day celebrated in Banja Luka
- World News
- Sport and Weather
- Contact Group to meet in Paris to discuss peace process in Kosovo
- IC has not made substantial investment in Kosovo – UNMIK
- Ogata meets with Macedonian officials in Skopje
- 12 Kosovo Albanians sentenced in Nis, Serbia
- Cleaning of bombed bridges from Danube depends on Belgrade regime attitude – Stability Pact Coordinator Hombach
- Aquatic pests in Bosna River, near Dobož – Ecological Association "Oaza"
- We are fighting for peaceful and stabile BiH – SPRS public discussion in Ugljevik
- Key issue is accommodation of refugees and DPs – SPRS public discussion in Janja
- SNSD holds public discussions in Lukavica and Pale on

economic issues and Dayton implementation

- PDP holds public discussion in Teslic on economic issues and emphasized special relations with Yugoslavia
- PDP condemns Mesic's statement on BiH cantonization and Bakir Izetbegovic's statement that this BiH is unsustainable
- Everyone against Dayton is against RS – SDS public discussion Banja Luka
- Bosniak officials do not want law that would include consensus and parity – SDS official Banjac
- Refugee returns to RS should be proportional to returns to BH Federation and RTRS is not following election campaign of Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina as it follows SNSD – Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina
- Difficult position of pensioners forces us to enter elections – Pensioners' Party
- Telecom Srpske issues notice on higher bills for February due to mistake

## **News Summary**

### **Report on SNS and SNSD's new pre-election campaign by phone**

As 8 April approaches, the pressure of political parties on citizens is increasing. The SNS and SNSD have introduced a new method of propaganda: political advertising by telephone. Citizens have reacted differently to this way of campaigning. Journalists wonder whether this violates a citizen's right to privacy. SNS and SNSD officials claim that these telephone calls do not disturb citizens, even if it sometimes happens that the telephone rings on Saturday or Sunday when citizens are resting. This method of political marketing functions through a computer system that automatically dials numbers and presents a message. SNS official Barasin says this method is cheaper and more efficient than any other is. SNSD official Cadjo emphasizes the ecological advantages. They both said their parties paid four telephone lines, each at the price of

1,500.80 KM. They added that they are not abusing the Telecom Srpska monopoly, even if the Telecom Srpska Director is a SNS member. Each party can use this system. Other can, just as we did, pay the price per impulses used and that no special privileges are required. Journalists wonder whether political parties have right to violate and intrude on an individual's personnel privacy.

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