

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 28 December 1999

## News Headlines

- RS National Assembly adopts 2000 budget and Budget Law
- Djokic on RS National Assembly and RS Government efforts
- RS on road to full affirmation – Dodik
- Milovanovic sends greetings for Christmas, New Year and RS Day
- SNS sends greetings for upcoming holiday season
- RS Constitutional Court holds session
- BiH Serb Generals Galic and Zoran Vukovic to appear before [ICTY](#) on 29 December
- International organizations hold press conference
- SNS holds news briefing on situation in Telekom Company and preparations for BiH municipal elections
- SNSD holds news briefing to discuss economic problems and party plans
- Brcko Multiethnic City Board requests suspension of all evictions over upcoming holiday season
- Serb Savo Matic arrested in Orahovac
- KFOR spokesperson Lacoste denies reports of Kosovo Albanian media that alleged war criminals are employed at Kosovska Mitrovica Hospital
- Serb injured in Domorovci
- KFOR releases four Kosovo Albanians earlier arrested
- Serb house robbed and burned in southern Kosovska Mitrovica
- Reinhardt calls for end to violence in Kosovo
- KFOR and UNMiK meet many goals – Reinhardt
- Chinese official on possible veto of international forces remaining in Kosovo
- Kosovo Serb National Council leaders Bishop Artemije and Trajkovic visit Orahovac

- Ban on export of wood products from BiH introduced on 28 December
- Izetbegovic adviser Trnka on harmonization of Law on BiH Council of Ministers with ruling of BiH Constitutional Court
- Luzanski and Ganic rotate posts as BiH Federation President and Vice-president
- Identification of exhumed bodies starts in Visoko
- BiH Association of Refugees and DPs not satisfied with return process
- Property sector organized in BiH Federation
- Bad weather in France, 52 dead
- World news
- Violinist Stefan Milenkovic holds humanitarian concert
- Sports and weather
- RS National Assembly to continue eighth session late January
- Djokic congratulates New Year, Christmas and Islamic holiday Bajram to RS National Assembly members and RS citizens
- [OSCE](#) holds press conference on manipulation in voter registration process outside BiH
- [SFOR](#) Tuzla gets warning of eventual terrorist attack on property and members of international forces over upcoming holidays in BiH
- [SFOR](#) closes bridge in Karanovac due to high water level
- Serb-owned auto service destroyed in Kmetovci
- Portuguese Prime Minister speaks with Kosovo Serb leaders on position of Kosovo Serbs
- Portuguese Prime Minister meets with Rugova
- Portuguese Government ready to assist in Kosovo reconstruction
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### **Djokic on RS National Assembly and RS Government efforts**

At the end of the last session of the RS National Assembly in 1999, Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic thanked all those who contributed to the stabilization of the RS political situation. "The sessions of the RS National Assembly have contributed to the affirmation of the RS" he said. "The Assembly was one of the factors that directly contributed to peace stabilization." According to Djokic, the Assembly made a colossal contribution to implementation of the [Dayton Agreement](#). "The RS Government had a direct role in all of these processes" Djokic said.

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### **RS on road to full affirmation – Dodik**

In a greeting to the RS citizens for the upcoming New Year and Christmas holidays, RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik said that the RS is on the road to full affirmation. Dodik said that the "basis for progress is in us." Dodik pointed out that the RS should continue the process of integration with international processes, especially in the economic and trade sectors. "Our common mission is to go forward in leaps and bounds. There is no divide between the RS Government and the RS people" said Dodik.

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### **International organizations hold press conference**

International organizations held a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday. [OSCE](#) spokesperson Sanela Tunovic-Becirovic said that the Sarajevo staff of the Department for Out of Country Voting uncovered many fraudulent registration application forms of voters now living in the US. Tunovic-Becirovic added that the EASC uncovered that the SDA, through manipulation, had realized its interest in the registration of out-of-country voters. The spokesperson added that the EASC decided to strike a maximum of 15 candidates from the SDA candidate list. "The EASC would determine the exact number of

candidates that would be stricken from the list” she added. Information concerning fraudulent voter registration applications came from the BiH Consulate in New York. In the meantime, an [SFOR](#) official analyzed implementation of the military aspects of the [Dayton Agreement](#). The official pointed out the importance of reducing military potentials in BiH, cooperation between the entity armies and the arrest of six persons indicted for war crimes.

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