

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 28 February 2000

## News Headlines

- 1,064,218 persons registered until 26 February for RS privatization – RS Privatization Agency Deputy Director Rodic
- Dodik meets with delegation of RS Privatization Agency
- SPRS issues press release
- [ICTY](#) starts trial of four Serbs indicted for crimes near Prijedor, RS
- BiH decides to close its embassy in Amman by end of March due to interior policy – BiH charge d'affaires in Jordan Efendic
- Sarajevo Canton President Mujezinovic dissatisfied with process of legalizing illegally-built houses in the canton – ONASA
- Fire in Sibenik metal factory will not effect production in Mostar Aluminij – Aluminij Director Brajkovic
- Kosovska Mitrovica-Zvecani bus hits landmine, no injuries reported
- Albanian, killed in clash with Serbian police, was not member of Kosovo Protection Corps – [UN](#) spokesperson
- [UN](#) concerned over attacks on Serbs in Kosovo
- Moscow not considering sending more troops to Kosovo – Ivanov
- 2,000 [NATO](#) troops to carry out military exercise between 19 March and 10 April in Kosovo – [NATO](#)
- 510 [UN](#) police officers patrolling Kosovska Mitrovica region – [UN](#) spokesman
- [NATO](#) should consider possibility of dividing Kosovo – German Christian Democratic Union
- [EU](#) widens list of Yugoslav officials banned from entering [EU](#) countries

- Union of Serbian Independent Journalists protests against implementation of Law on Information by Milosevic regime
- World News
- Material status of RS pensioners not improved – Assembly of Banja Luka Pensioners
- Status of tobacco producers in RS
- RS Association of Poultry Breeders presents problems in RS agriculture
- Kalinic requests that Barry sanctions Dodik for his appeal to voters not to vote for the SDS
- SRS calls for boycott of election
- SNSD requests that RS Government undertake measures to ensure regular and democratic elections in RS
- Elections only solution to resolve RS crisis – RS Party of Democratic Progress
- Sloga and SDS opposition bloc in neurotic panic to keep supporters before elections – RS Workers' Party
- BiH needs structuring of political space due to existence of large number of political parties – LBO President Filipovic
- Sports
- Weather
- Radisic to speak with SPRS delegates on their participation in the RS National Assembly – BETA
- RS Academy of Arts and Sciences holds session
- Catholic Church cannot remain silent before injustice and corruption – Cardinal Puljic
- 40,000 Serbs want to return to Sarajevo although they were offered accommodation in RS towns – Komarica
- Police arrests three persons in Mostar for possession of 8 kilos of marijuana – ONASA
- Yugoslav Committee for [UN](#) Cooperation protests to KFOR in regard to explosive device planted on Zvecani-Kosovska Mitrovica road
- Report on actress Mira Stupica in Banja Luka Theater

## **News Summary**

### **SPRS issues press release**

The SPRS issued a press release following contradictory information issued concerning their Main Board session on 26 February. According to the release, the SPRS Main Board, in accordance with the party statute and proposals by the SPRS Executive Board and the Main Board Vice-president, carried out the process of checking support for the SPRS Main Board. During a secret ballot, SPRS members confirmed their support of party vice-presidents and the members of the Executive Board. Supporters are: Krsto Jandric, Petar Djokic, Slobodan Mrdic, Gojko Vokic, Gojko Milinkovic, Rada Pavlovic, Sasa Cudic, Tanja Tadic-Ignjatic, Dusko Bajic, Zeljko Mirjanic, Milan Milunovic and Krsto Ignjatovic. No decisions on exclusions from the party were brought at this session, the release concluded.

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### **Elections only solution to resolve RS crisis – RS Party of Democratic Progress**

The RS Party of Democratic Progress (PDP) believes that the only solution to the RS crisis is elections. Party President Mladen Ivanic told a press conference that the greatest victims of the break in the Sloga Coalition are RS citizens. The PDP opposes any kind of revision to the [Dayton Agreement](#) because it would mean the return to the pre-war situation. Commenting on an announcement by the CD Coalition Caucus Leader Safet Bico that it would enter the RS Government, Ivanic assessed that such an initiative could contribute to explaining political events in the RS. In his opinion, this is “completely legitimate, but the PDP cannot accept the entry of any party or coalition, whose aim it is to politically eliminate the RS, into the RS Government.” Ivanic concluded that democratization in the RS is unsatisfactory because

certain individuals have become more important than institutions.

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