

OHR RTRS News Summary, 29 December 1999

News Headlines

- Dodik meets with Deputy High Representative for Economic Issues Monory
- RS Army General Galic pleads not guilty before [ICTY](#)
- Zoran Vukovic rejects [ICTY](#) accusations that he banished Muslims from Srbinje
- BiH House of Representatives does not adopt Law on BiH Border Service
- High level of water in Drina River causes traffic jam at Pavlovica Most border crossing
- RS Government Vice-president Gligoric and [ICRC](#) Head Peter Stocker discuss issue of missing persons
- BiH Federation Government information on ban on export of wood concerns only BiH Federation – RS Ministry of Industry and Technology
- RS Government Vice-president Kremenovic meets with RS Union of Towns and Municipalities
- Izetbegovic does not believe third entity will be formed in BiH
- BiH Council of Ministers continues functioning until new law is passed – Silajdzic
- SDS and Radical Party of RS hold press conferences on latest RS National Assembly session
- HDZ member Milan Kovac satisfied with pre-election campaign for Croatian elections
- Property Law most frequently violated law in Drvar – Livno Canton Ombudsman
- Travnik authorities unable to respect all legal deadlines in return of property due to great number of applications submitted – ONASA
- Situation in BiH Federation banking system very

- complicated – ONASA
- Stolac Mayor Isakovic asks Petritsch to protect basic children's rights there regarding troubles in schooling
 - One Kosovo refugee killed and one injured in fight in London
 - Violence against Serbs and gypsies in Kosovo unacceptable – Annan
 - One Serb missing in Orahovac
 - Post office opens in northern Kosovska Mitrovica
 - World news
 - RS Health Insurance Fund adopts policy for 2000
 - RS Customs Office discusses work in 1999 and plans for 2000
 - Contract on cooperation in air traffic between RS and Switzerland presented in Banja Luka
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 - Ballet Carmen performed in Banja Luka Theater

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Izetbegovic does not believe third entity will be formed in BiH

In an interview for Banja Luka's Nezavisne Novine, BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic stated that he does not believe a third entity will be formed in BiH. He did not exclude the possibility of cantonization throughout BiH. "I believe that the [Dayton Agreement](#) will be revised in time, meaning Annex 4 and the BiH Constitution" said Izetbegovic. He concluded that the BiH Constitution would change when all accept BiH as their own state.

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HDZ member Milan Kovac satisfied with pre-election campaign

for Croatian elections

HDZ official Milan Kovac stated at a press conference in Sarajevo that he is satisfied with pre-election campaigning in the BiH Federation for the Croatian Parliament, but dissatisfied with the manner in which voting was organized. He emphasized that voting would not be organized in all BiH Federation municipalities.

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Association of Serb Refugees from Croatia holds press conference

The Association of Serb Refugees from Croatia held a press conference in Banja Luka, where they stated that Serb refugees voting in the Croatian presidential and parliamentary elections would mean legitimizing the electoral and constitutional authorities of Croatia, which discriminate against the 600,000 Serb refugees and the 180,000 remaining in Croatia. Association President Petar Dzodan said that, according to the Croatian Election Law, Serbs from Croatia have been brought down to the status of national minority. Serbs would be given the right to elect only one representative to a Croatian Parliament of 140 representatives. They would not be able to realize their right to vote, because they are deprived of citizenship, stated Dzodan. The Association will not acknowledge the elections in Croatia.

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