

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 29 February 2000

## News Headlines

- Dodik and Bicakcic agreed to Public Telecom Corporation and Agency for Standards in Education
- Dodik meets with US Ambassador Miller to discuss political situation
- BiH House of Representatives declares that the Law on Amendments to BiH Council of Ministers Law is adopted
- Out-of-country voter ballots to be sent on 1 March – OSCE
- OHR spokesman Ferguson comments on apartment buyouts
- Izetbegovic asks Turkish President Demirel for understanding in regard to establishment of diplomatic relations between BiH and Greek Cyprus
- After establishment of BiH-Cyprus diplomatic relations, Turkish-BiH relations might become cold – Turkish Ambassador to BiH Erozan
- Commentaries on establishment of diplomatic relations between BiH-Cyprus and BiH-Turkey
- RT RS sues RS Government for outstanding debt
- Kvočka, accused of war crimes in Prijedor, makes statement to The Hague on the charge
- World News
- Oil companies comment on RS Government measures in this sector
- Strike in Bratunac Remont Plant ends
- BiH Central Bank statement on BiH clearing system
- BiH Ambassador to Croatia Hasan Muratovic comments on bilateral relations and refugee returns
- RS Army barrack in Brcko demilitarized
- Brcko syndicate seeks unification with other syndicates in Brcko district area

- RS Association of Journalists and RS Independent Associations of Journalists establish Print Media Council
- Curfew in Kosovska Mitrovica shortened
- One Serb injured near Gnjilane
- [NATO](#) asks for KFOR to be reinforced – Agence France Presse
- KFOR Commander Reinhardt comment on KFOR role in Kosovo
- Albanian court justices and prosecutors swear oath in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Albanians from southern Serbia arriving in Kosovo – [UNHCR](#)
- Bus carrying Serbian primary students stoned in Kosovo
- Ivan Kovacevic, SPO spokesman, arrested in Belgrade
- World News
- HDZ Vice-president Vesna Skare-Ozbolt resigns from duties
- SNS denies validity of Safet Bico statement on CD coalition entry into RS Government
- SNSD rejects SDS complaint to OSCE
- SPRS official says there is cutting of SPRS personnel going on in the RS
- Sports
- Dodik and Bicakcic agreed to tax and air route Sarajevo-Banja Luka, and discussed refugee issue as well
- BiH House of Representatives declares that Law on BiH Council of Ministers is adopted in accordance with OHR legal opinion
- Pero Skopjak is new speaker of BiH Parliament House of Representatives
- Ballot for out-of-country voters will be sent on 1 March – OSCE
- [SFOR](#) collect weapons in Gradiska
- Joint Military Commission session on Brcko demilitarization
- Clark in conflict with US Senate over US KFOR mission
- Kosovo Interim Administrative Council discusses Kosovska

## Mitrovica issue

- Serb Mayor of Kosovska Mitrovica protests against construction of bridge in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Head of Kosovo Serbs calls on Kosovo Serbs to boycott Kosovo population census
- [UN](#) Belgrade-based employee wounded in Kosovo
- World news
- Sports and Weather

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### RT RS sues RS Government for outstanding debt

RT RS issued a statement that it has raised charges against the RS Government in a Banja Luka court for non-fulfillment of financial and legal obligations towards this enterprise. In August 1998, Prime Minister Milorad Dodik signed an agreement with RT RS on government obligations to fund this media if funding through viewer subscriptions proves insufficient. The same clause exists in Law on RT RS that has been in effect since September 1999. After several months, the RS Government stopped regular and full payments of its obligations to RT RS, which subsequently brought RT RS into a very difficult position. Furthermore, the RS Government has not even met last year's budgetary obligations to RT RS. On several occasions, RT RS and IC representatives involved in this problem received promises that the RS Government would fulfill its obligations. That has not happened yet.

In order to protect its fundamental functioning as a public broadcasting service and fulfill its obligations toward citizens, RT RS is forced to undertake this measure, the RT RS statement said.

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