OHR RTRS News Summary, 29 March 2000

News Headlines

- Dodik accepts resignation of RS Justice Minister Milan Trbojevic, SNS requests Trbojevic to return his mandate to party and Cedo Vrzina appointed new RS Justice Minister
- RS Supreme Defense Council holds session in Banja Luka
- Stability Pact Donors' Conference begins in Brussels, delegations from RS, BiH Federation and Serbian opposition parties attend
- EU gives 20 million euros to Montenegro Chris Patten
- Dodik meets with US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller
- Dodik visits Banja Luka University, discusses improving living standard of professors and students
- Djokic visits Srbac Municipality
- Bijeljina Municipality parcels out 46 lots to refugees and military invalids
- BiH Joint Military Commission holds session in Ortijes, near Mostar, discusses downsizing military forces in BiH
- <u>ICTY</u> Judicial Chamber acquits Milan Simic and his lawyer, Branislav Avramovic, for attempting to influence witnesses
- Croatia sends 50 of the most incriminating dossiers on the Oluja and Bljesak military operations to the <u>ICTY</u> – Croatian Justice Minister Stjepan Ivanisevic
- Spanish Ambassador to the Netherlands signs agreement with <u>ICTY</u> on use of Spanish prisons to house <u>ICTY</u> convicts
- IPTF Regional Commander Kevin Smith delivers Scotland Yard's report on Kopanja car-bombing to RS Interior Ministry – IPTF spokesperson Roberts
- Refugee association Sveti Djordje's members visit pre-

war houses in Gorazde

- Bicakcic comments concerning problem of Association of Former Foreign Bank Account Holders
- <u>UN</u> Mostar condemns attack on Lijanovici Company in Siroki Brijeg
- BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic interview to Nezavisne Novine, says he is now ready to sign agreement to establish diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia
- Former Russian special envoy for Kosovo Chernomyrdin supports idea of Milosevic's involvement in resolving Kosovo crisis
- <u>UN</u> Security Council to send special fact-finding delegation to examine work of KFOR and UNMIK
- Kosovo Interim Administrative Council discusses establishment of Office of Kosovo Ombudsman
- KFOR Sector North French Commander calls on citizens of Kosovska Mitrovica to be tolerant
- <u>ICRC</u> and KFOR deny that concentration camps for Serbs exist in Kosovo
- Yugoslav Army would never attack legally elected Montenegrin Government – Yugoslav Prime Minister Bulatovic
- International Social Tribunal for Researching <u>NATO</u> Crimes against Yugoslavia ends session in Belgrade
- World news
- Six CD-ROMS on Serb culture presented
- Sports and weather
- <u>ICTY</u> investigators question witnesses and suspected Srebrenica war criminals – RS Defense Minister Milovanovic
- UNDP to give \$2 million to Brcko
- Kouchner confirms that local election in Kosovo will be held in the fall
- Association of German Officers and Soldiers protests to Defense Minister Scharping concerning danger to German KFOR troops due to presence of uranium shells in Kosovo
- Trial of Serbian opposition leaders to begin in Belgrade

on Thursday

- Russian Foreign Minister Ivanov condemns western media war against Russia
- World news
- Croatian Defense Minister Jozo Rados says that all persons who participated in secret service's operation Chameleon (eavesdropping on IC and NGOs in Croatia) to be punished
- Culture
- Sports and weather
- SDS holds public debate in Novi Grad and Mrkonjic Grad, Kalinic says that Sloga Coalition is confronting eastern and western parts of RS both economically and politically
- Businessmen financing the SNSD pre-election campaign Milorad Dodik
- SNSD holds public debate in Banja Luka settlement
 Obilicevo
- League of BiH Communists holds press conference, says it is Euro-Communist left-wing oriented – President Mico Carevic
- SPRS holds public debate in Derventa, Djokic, Radisic participate and explain SPRS withdrawal from Sloga Coalition
- SPRS holds press conference in Doboj, General Secretary Gligoric says that RS does not have clearly defined economic policy
- SNS holds public debate in Bijeljina, Plavsic says that local elections are very important
- RS Democratic Patriotic Party discusses privatization process, trade and refugee issues
- Independent September Party established to combat criminality in officialdom
- Party of Banja Luka Center holds press conference in Banja Luka, says that promises of certain parties are not real – President Vojislav Erceg
- SDP BiH holds public debate in Banja Luka settlement

Kocicev Vijenac, discusses economic development and privatization process

 IMC Enforcement Panel issues official warnings to Radio Serb Sarajevo and Croat Radio Postaja Mostar, while NTV Studio 99 fined 500 KM