

OHR RTRS News Summary, 3 April 2000

News Headlines

- [SFOR](#) arrests Krajisnik
- Unfortunately, announcements of more arrests in RS become reality – Djokic
- What about responsibility of other two BiH nations? – Radisic
- Arrest of Krajisnik attack on foundations of RS statehood – Sarovic
- RS must regulate its relations with [ICTY](#) and resolve issue of secret indictments – Dodik
- Krajisnik arrest helps work of IC in BiH – Petritsch
- Arrest of Krajisnik most important event in Balkans in past five years – Holbrooke
- Presence of war criminals in BiH challenges peace – Klein
- Krajisnik presents darkest side of history in BiH – US Ambassador Miller
- Frowick rejects possibility of violence in BiH
- SDS concerned, but not terrified
- Arrest of Krajisnik not surprise, but damages political struggle of Serbs for equality in BiH – SNSD member Simic
- [ICTY](#) obviously accepts attitudes of Bosniak war leaders, all Serbs are indicted on that principle – SNS Vice-president Mihajlovic
- Until RS institutions present evidence of crimes against Serbs, [ICTY](#) will maintain present attitude towards RS – PDP President Ivanic
- Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina protests to IC against arrest of Krajisnik
- Serbian opposition parties condemn arrest of Krajisnik

- BiH Presidency discusses relations with international finance institutions
- BiH Presidency meets with Frowick
- BiH Standing Military Committee discusses BiH Presidency initiative to reduce military capabilities by 15% in BiH
- Djokic meets with Trebinje authorities
- Dodik visits Srbac
- RS Traffic and Communications Minister dedicates last phase of reconstruction of bridges on Sutjeska and Bistrica
- 104 apartments for refugees and DPs to be built in Bijeljina
- Nothing done to reform of judiciary in RS during mandate of former RS Justice Minister Trbojevic – Plavsic
- Disputes regarding taxes resolved in Brcko District – RS Finance Minister Kondic
- Unregistered weapons still present in Brcko District – IPTF
- Three Serb returnees to Livno poisoned by carbon monoxide – Sarajevo Medical University pathologists
- Livno Canton Interior Minister Barisic dismissed – OHR
- 14 candidates removed from election lists for illegal use of flats – OSCE
- KFOR prevents clash between Serbs and Albanians in Dobrotin on 2 April – KFOR spokesperson Anido
- Elderly man injured in Vrbovec, Kosovo – KFOR
- KFOR military exercise in Kosovo finished
- Reinhardt and Kouchner welcome entry of Serb National Council into Kosovo Council
- Clark not concerned for security of KFOR in Kosovo
- Serbian opposition parties request Serbian Interior Ministry allow holding of 14 April rally
- World news
- Registration for privatization in RS concludes
- Ljubija Mine develops operational strategy for 2000
- Sports
- Weather

- Arrest of Krajisnik aimed at provoking SDS before elections – RS Serb Party
- Arrest of Krajisnik proof that all Serbs are target – SRS
- Krajisnik was not member of military forces – RS Soldiers' Association
- Secret indictment against Krajisnik totally unacceptable – Serb Patriotic Party
- SPO condemns Krajisnik arrest
- SDA welcomes arrest of Krajisnik
- Shameful act of [SFOR](#) and direct violation of [Dayton Agreement](#) – Yugoslav Foreign Ministry
- Obstinacy and arrogance of [SFOR](#) have no limits – SPS
- Dodik greets RS Police Day to police officers
- SNSD does not promise irrational things – Dodik
- SNS supports better living conditions in RS – Plavsic at rally in Sekovici
- PDP aims are political stabilization and economic development
- PDP will be most pleasant surprise at elections – PDP President Ivanic
- Serb Patriotic Party President Zupljanin criticizes RS Government for bringing survival of RS into question
- April elections very important to RS – Kalinic
- SDS invites all RS citizens to vote and elect those who can preserve RS – Banjac
- Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina will resolve issue of refugees if it wins enough votes – Party President Spiric
- Coalition for King and Homeland to request IC suspend work of part of SPRS
- HSS BiH presents its candidates in Odzak and Domoljevci
- Radical Party doubts democracy of municipal elections
- SPRS supports establishment of relations with Yugoslavia – Djokic
- Members of finance and customs offices cannot be candidates – PEC

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Unfortunately, announcements of more arrests in RS become reality – Djokic

RS Speaker Petar Djokic, surprised and shocked by Krajisnik's arrest, stated that, unfortunately, announcements of more arrests in the RS have become reality. Although he does not have detailed information, he said that the arrest serves to sanction certain people, policies and politicians. In his opinion, responsibility for war crimes cannot be collective. Such an action by [SFOR](#) and the [ICTY](#) causes additional insecurity and fear in the people. "Destabilization of the RS political situation before the elections is not accidental" concluded Djokic.

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SDS concerned, but not terrified

SDS President Dragan Kalinic stated that the arrest of Krajisnik was an attempt to prevent an SDS victory in the elections. He added that the present RS authorities knew about the arrest and that everything they say is hypocritical. SDS Main Board member Mirko Banjac said that the SDS is concerned, but not terrified by the arrest. Banjac reminded that Sarajevo Oslobodjenje published an article a month ago, stating that there would be no peace in BiH until the first RS National Assembly members are brought to The Hague. According to him, the arrest of Krajisnik is either an attack on an individual or the members of the first RS National Assembly. The SDS has information that SNSD President Milorad Dodik told SNSD Municipal Board members at their recent session that a key event would soon occur for the SNSD. Banjac also said that at the latest RS National Assembly session Dodik threatened to destroy the SDS. Banjac concluded that this raises the question of whether the arrest of Krajisnik was already planned and prepared.

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