

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 30 March 2000

## News Headlines

- Brussels Donors' Conference approves 2.5 billion euros for development in the Balkans
- Project for Serbia includes bridge construction in Novi Sad and support for democratization in Serbia – Hombach
- Annual report on RS Army's work presented in Army Training Center in presence of BiH Presidency member Radisic, RS Vice-president Sarovic and RS Defense Minister Milovanovic
- SNS initiated dismissal of Justice Minister Trbojevic, to which he gave his consent – SNS President Plavsic
- Sloga Coalition is not homogenous – Democratic Progress Party President Radic
- SPRS Main Board and Executive Board member Milinkovic refuses to comment on dismissal of Justice Minister Trbojevic
- Dodik's Government not legal or legitimate so personnel changes aren't either – SRS General Secretary Tadic
- BiH Parliament House of Peoples adopts budget for BiH common institutions
- OHR condemns violence perpetrated against returnees to RS
- Petritsch extends validity of import tax – IC press conference in Sarajevo
- [UN](#) Mission to BiH donates equipment to RS Interior Ministry
- Banja Luka City Assembly initiates procedure to dismiss Banja Luka City Waterworks Director
- Brcko District Interim Assembly President Mirsad Djapo schedules founding session for 31 March
- Female foreigners arrested during ration in Sarajevo

night club, say they want to go home

- Yugoslavia will rejoin [OSCE](#) and Council of Europe after democratization – Council of Europe official
- KFOR enters Kosovo buffer zone to verify if Yugoslav Army had entered this zone
- Group of Albanians attack Serb and torch Serb house near Gnjilane, Kosovo
- Fear, mistrust and hatred are main Kosovo problems – Clinton
- Two-thirds of Serbs left Kosovo – Bishop Artemije says in Vienna
- We are against security zones in Kosovska Mitrovica – Serb National Council Executive Board Head Ivanovic
- [UNHCR](#) Pristina expresses concern over Germany's decision to repatriate Kosovo Albanians to Kosovo
- KFOR installs relay transmitter to broadcast VoA program
- Several Serbian opposition leaders being tried
- RS Vice-president Sarovic congratulates Putin on election victory
- Average RS pension will be 53% of average salary in economic sector – agreement reached between Union of Syndicates, Association of Pensioners, RS Pension Fund and RS Government
- Films screened at Balkan Film Festival in Venice
- Sports and Weather
- BiH delegation meets US State Department official during Brussels Donors' Conference and receive criticisms regarding inefficient reforms – RS Finance Minister Kondic
- Pope requests BiH Catholics to be the first to forgive
- KFOR will have to rely on [UN](#) civilian mission if it wants to succeed in its mission – [NATO](#) Secretary-General Robertson
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Forum requests return program for Serbs
- [UN](#) to send 400 specialists to UNMIK
- I was not in conflict with Croatian Parliamentary

Speaker Tomcic and Prime Minister Racan – President Mesic

- World News
- Sarajevo Days of Poetry Festival starts in Pale, RS
- Professor Ranko Radovic lectures on contemporary architecture in Banja Luka
- PDP public forum in Lopare on economic issues, officials emphasize that voters should give vote to new parties
- RS Government responsible for poor economic situation – SPRS Main and Executive Board member Milinkovic
- Mesic's support for BiH cantonization presupposes revision of Dayton Accord and SPRS does not support this – SPRS press conference
- Mesic's request for constituents of Croats throughout BiH would be logical if Serbs were constituent throughout Croatia again – DPS President Radic tells press conference
- Serb deputies responsible for situation in RS National Assembly – Workers-Peasants' Party press conference
- Upcoming elections are not so important because local authorities do not have mandate – SPAS press conference
- RS is most-centralized place in Europe and needs to be democratized – SDS panel discussion in Banja Luka
- Upcoming elections are fight for new democratic concept of power – SDP panel discussion in Prijedor
- SNS holds public forum to discuss party platform and local issues in Srpska Kostajnica Municipality
- RS authorities neglecting interests of citizens – BiH League of Communists (SK BiH) press conference in Bijeljina

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**Dodik's Government not legal or legitimate so personnel changes aren't either – SRS General Secretary Tadic**

The SRS regards the RS Government as illegal and illegitimate and that means, all of its personnel changes are illegal and

illegitimate as well. According to the SRS, these changes could be seen as the release of old members and organizations and their replacement with new obedient persons. These new persons are conducive to the main goal of this Government: the end of the RS national identity, the cantonization of the RS and its introduction into a unitary BiH.

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