

OHR RTRS News Summary, 4 January 2000

News Headlines

- Dodik arrives in Israel for celebration of 2000 years since birth of Jesus
- RS Day of Republic and St. Steven Day to be celebrated in Banja Luka on 8 and 9 January
- SDP-HSLS Coalition receives majority of votes in Croatian elections
- Elections in BiH
- Solana welcomes opposition victory in Croatia
- Dodik welcomes opposition victory in Croatia
- Plavsic hopes more reasonable authorities will rule Croatia
- Yugoslav opposition parties welcome victory of opposition in Croatia
- [OSCE](#) holds press conference
- Petritsch extends temporary suspension of duties of municipal authorities for allotment of public property in both entities until 30 June – OHR
- RS Vice-president Kremenovic and control organs discuss their work
- SNS not satisfied with tempo of fighting crime in RS – Plavsic
- SNSD holds press conference on latest RS National Assembly session
- RS Fighters' Organization demands talks with authorized RS ministry on fighters' issues
- Yugoslav authorities raise charges against 12 [NATO](#) countries with [ICTY](#)
- Attacks on Serbs in Suvo Grlo near Srbica not stopping – [UN](#) spokesperson
- There was no genocide in Kosovo – Wall Street Journal

- Present situation in Kosovo cannot last long – Serb National Assembly President Mitrovic
- US soldiers fired projectiles to light up area and see if there are any attacks on [UN](#) forces near Gnjilane – KFOR
- World news
- Children's painting competition organized in Belgrade on occasion of 2000 years of Christianity
- Jahorina Olympic Center loses 1 million KM due to loss of electricity in November and December 1999
- Flue epidemic declared in Prijedor
- Sports
- Weather
- HDZ nominates Granic for presidential elections on 24 January in Croatia
- International organizations hold press conference in Sarajevo

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Elections in BiH

Of 350,000 voters registered in BiH for the Croatian parliamentary elections, 112, 000 voted. At the three polling stations in the RS, in Banja Luka, Prijedor and Brcko, 1,770 people voted. President of the Association of Serb Refugees from Croatia Petra Dzodan stated that voting in the RS was not free and democratic. He explained this by pointing out the small number of polling stations and the fact that they had no chance to see the election lists and find the Association on them. [OSCE](#) spokesperson Pierce McCorley stated that the [OSCE](#) coordinated the work through its international supervisors, but did not organize the elections. Croatian citizens living in Yugoslavia voted in Belgrade, Subotica and Kotor.

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OSCE holds press conference

Head of the Banja Luka [OSCE](#) Pierce McCorley stated at a press conference in Banja Luka that there are 25,000 candidates on the lists for the BiH municipal elections in 2000. 4,000 of them do not answer to the PEC regulations. According to the PEC, a person cannot run in the elections if he/she illegally occupies a flat or house owned by a refugee or displaced person. "When the [OSCE](#) reviews the lists, political parties will be able to replace the disputed candidates" he stated. [SFOR](#) spokesperson Lucy Diles stated that the demilitarization of Brcko is going according to plan and that 15% of the RS Army forces should have been withdrawn from Brcko by 1 January.

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