## OHR RTRS News Summary, 4 March 2000

## **News Headlines**

- There will be no negotiations with SPRS on appointment of new RS Government ministers Dodik
- RS Vice-president Savo Loncar returns mandate to Dodik not to SPRS
- According to RS Constitution, SPRS ministers can only return mandates to RS National Assembly — RS Education Minister Suzic
- Refugee and DP Minister Dragicevic still believes that he is SPRS member
- CD Coalition allowed to provide two or three assistant ministers to RS Government – Dodik
- SDA Vice-president Tihic denies there were talks on CD Coalition entering in RS Government
- RS Privatization Agency opens field office in Mostar –
  OHR
- US supports Blaskic sentence Rubin
- BiH, Yugoslav and Croatian commissions for missing persons meet in Mostar to discuss this issue
- Roundtable 'Serbs from Croatia Today and Tomorrow' held in Banja Luka
- RS Youth Forum organizes roundtable 'Step into the New Millennium' in Banja Luka
- Inhabitants of four Maglaj villages now living in Doboj establish Return Board
- 4,500 Serbs return to Drvar, 1,700 to Bosansko Grahovo –
  Drvar OHR Head
- Bosniaks and Croats do not agree on joint curriculum for Gornji Vakuf schools
- Unknown perpetrators steal power substations near Sanski Most

- Albanians clash with Serbian police in Dobrasin, Kosovo
- Gracanica Serbs protest bombing of Serb house
- Yugoslav Committee for <u>UN</u> Cooperation sends letter to KFOR condemning attack on Grabovac
- Three explosions heard in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Return of Albanians to northern Kosovska Mitrovica temporarily suspended — UN
- Serbs from northern Kosovska Mitrovica visit graveyard in southern part of town
- <u>UN</u> Security Council concerned over murder of Russian soldier in Srbica
- <u>NATO</u> is base for European security Robertson
- Albanians should be establishing civil authority instead of inciting violence — Lamberto Dini
- Immediate intervention necessary in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja Hasim Thaci
- Yugoslav Government puts Vecernje Novosti daily under authority of Borba daily
- World News
- Spring sowing in RS
- Fish cultivation in Prnjavor fish farm
- All Souls' Day in Serb Orthodox Church
- Sports
- Weather

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## US supports Blaskic sentence - Rubin

US State Department spokesman James Rubin stated that the US is convinced that progress is being made in <a href="ICTY">ICTY</a> efforts at satisfying justice and punishing war criminals in BiH. According to Rubin, the US State Department supports the <a href="ICTY">ICTY</a> sentence on General Tihomir Blaskic. He added that if people want to achieve peace in BiH, including the opportunity of joining Europe and becoming an equal member in European institutions, it is necessary to determine individual guilt.