OHR RTRS News Summary, 7 January 2000

News Headlines

- Orthodox priests officiate Christmas mass in Bethlehem
- Dodik and Turanjanin celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem
- Dodik sends Christmas greetings
- Israeli media focuses on Dodik
- Orthodox priests officiate Christmas masses across RS
- Christmas celebration in Banja Luka
- Christmas celebration in Serb Sarajevo
- Christmas celebration in Bijeljina
- Christmas celebration in Prijedor
- Christmas celebration in Herzegovina
- Christmas celebration in Brcko
- Peace is joy and condition for progress Orthodox Bishop Nikolaj
- Bishop Nikolaj officiates mass in Sarajevo
- Orthodox priests officiate Christmas mass in Tuzla
- Tihic celebrates Christmas
- Christmas celebrations in Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanians kill two Serb women in Prizren
- Kosovo Serbs protest against attack on one Serb in Bresje
- Bishop Artemije officiates Christmas mass in Gracanica monastery
- Kouchner visits Gracanica
- Christmas celebrations in Belgrade
- Police stop Montenegrin Orthodox Church followers from burning Christmas tree in front of Alexander residence
- Orthodox priests officiate Christmas masses in Zagreb, Rijeka and Osijek
- Orthodox priests officiate Christmas masses across Macedonia

- Sarovic orders holiday on 8 January due to RS Day
- Norwegian judge Lynghjem becomes Head of OHR Mostar
- Ralphstone is Clark's successor
- Russian forces suspend attack on Chechnya capital Grozni
- Russian general Troshev on attack suspension
- World news
- Islamic holiday Ramazan celebration in Mecca
- Sports and weather
- Dodik returns from Israel
- Trajkovic sends Christmas greetings
- Kouchner asks representatives of Kosovo Serbs to join work of Kosovo Temporary Council
- Reinhardt sends Christmas and Islamic Bajram greetings
- Two persons injured in Zagreb
- Attack on Gorazdevac
- Two Nis Express buses attacked
- Orahovac Serbs ask UNMiK to ensure better life conditions
- BiH Federation Government delegation visits Gorazde

News Summary

Israeli media focuses on Dodik

The Israeli media placed much attention on RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik. In an exclusive interview for the most influential radio station, The Voice of Israel, Dodik talked about the current situation in the RS, economic reforms, BiH institutions, indictments and the <u>ICTY</u>. Israeli officials believe that Dodik is the main instigator of democratic changes, peace and cooperation with neighbors. They also believe Dodik to be the most important representative of the Serb nation, because he seeks broad changes.

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