

OHR RTRS News Summary, 8 December 1999

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- Sarovic and Dodik meet separately with Klein
- Djokic meets with Schwarz-Schilling
- BiH Presidency holds session
- BiH Presidency adopts year 2000 budget for BiH common institutions
- BiH Standing Committee for Military Issues holds session
- BiH Council of Ministers could not harmonize Law on Council of Ministers with ruling of BiH Constitutional Court
- [OSCE](#) decisions on falsified voter registration applications
- RS institutions will take over duty of arresting indicted war criminals if RS National Assembly adopts law on cooperation with [ICTY](#) – RS Justice Minister Trbojevic
- Brcko District Statute very contemporary legal act – Brcko Mayor Kisic
- Agreement to build 92 flats as alternative accommodation for returnees, valued at 4 million DM, signed in Bijeljina
- Swedish Ambassador and Trebinje authorities discuss return of refugees from Sweden to Trebinje
- Klein visits police academy in Banja Luka and meets with RS Interior Minister Novic
- RS Privatization Agency opens office in Sarajevo
- BiH becoming oasis for international terrorists – Jelavic
- Bicakcic and Slovenian Ambassador discuss bilateral economic cooperation
- Bicakcic and BiH Federation Environment Minister discuss

Restitution Law

- Rule of Law not implemented in Capljina and Stolac – Ombudsmen report
- Ogata condemns violence against non-Albanian population in Kosovo
- Albanian killed in Ovcarevo, near Srbica – [UN](#) police spokesperson
- [UN](#) police and Finnish KFOR find huge cache of former KLA weapons in Stimlje
- Milosevic regime and Albanian separatists responsible for situation in Kosovo – Serb National Council Executive Board President Trajkovic
- China gives \$300 million in aid to Yugoslavia
- Two RS fuel trucks arrive in Cacak, Serbia
- [EU](#) to deliver more fuel to Serbia – European Commission
- World News
- SDS calls on RS Government to respect court rulings
- RS Academy of Arts and Science holds session to discuss financing
- Sports
- Srebrenica completely safe, local police doing their job well – [SFOR](#)
- [EU](#) donates 91,229 Euros to Banja Luka Airport
- HDZ BiH dissatisfied with composition of RTV BiH Federation Steering Board – HDZ spokesman Tomic
- Kosovo Serbs to discuss means of advancing peace in Kosovo with US delegation in Sofia on 10-12 December
- KFOR calls on Albanians to condemn violence in Kosovo – AP
- Security situation in French KFOR sector much better than in other sectors in Kosovo – BETA
- Chernomyrdin dissatisfied with situation in Kosovo
- Conference on National Identity and State Sovereignty held in Belgrade Academy of Arts and Science
- Conference on Ecological Consequences of [NATO](#) Air Campaign held in Belgrade
- Belgrade Studio B, Blic and Danas fined 970,000 Dinars

in accordance to Yugoslav Information Law and SRS charges

- RS Culture Ministry donates Britannica Encyclopedias to RS libraries
- Seminar on agriculture held in Laktasi, RS
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Sarovic and Dodik meet separately with Klein

RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic and RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik met separately with [UN](#) Special Representative to BiH Jacques Klein to discuss implementation of the New York Declaration in the RS, especially the common BiH border service issue. Dodik and Klein agreed that the RS Army and police should participate in [UN](#) peacekeeping missions. Klein said that 11 RS police officers have applied to participate in the [UN](#) peace forces in East Timor and Sierra Leone. After a visit to the Banja Luka Police Academy, Klein told a news briefing that units from the RS that will participate in [UN](#) missions would have a logistics role. IPTF spokesperson Deflet Blewitt stated that 33 RS police officers would complete training by the end of January. The German Government has financed their training with 250,000 DM. Klein added that RS Army officers would be participating in [UN](#) missions as observers and announced the formation of an army-engineering unit consisting of 120 soldiers. According to Klein, RS participation in the [UN](#) is an acknowledgment, as well as a constructive contribution to the work of the [UN](#). Asked about the symbols police officers would have on their uniforms, Klein said they would have the [UN](#) symbol on one side and the word 'BiH' on the other. Klein announced that the first contingent of 30 men would be deployed on the BiH borders as members of the state border police.

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OSCE decisions on falsified voter registration applications

According to an [OSCE](#) announcement issued in Sarajevo, the Election Appeals Sub-Commission (EASC) brought two decisions on 2 December regarding falsified applications for voter registration from Germany and Belgium. The PEC sent a complaint to the EASC regarding the forged applications submitted to the Department for Out-of-Country Voting. This complaint concerns three separate incidents, which include applications sent through BiH diplomatic missions in Munich, Bonn and Stuttgart. A registration assistant in Munich falsified over 100 applications on behalf of persons who were not living at the addresses indicated in the registration forms. The Munich voter applications were for voting in Bosanski/Srpski Brod Municipality. The applications from Bonn and Stuttgart were filled out in a similar manner. The PEC also sent a complaint on 915 applications that the Department for Out-of-Country Voting received from the BiH Embassy in Brussels. These forms were also filled out in a manner similar to the Munich ones. The EASC concluded that the Department for Out-of-Country Voting had correctly disqualified 915 applications. The EASC did not find any evidence connecting the applications and political party sympathizers and, therefore, did not impose any punitive measures.

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SDS calls on RS Government to respect court rulings

According to Tanjug, the SDS called on the RS Government to respect decisions rendered by courts in the RS because it would otherwise be guilty of undermining the constitutional and legal order, as well as creating legal insecurity of the citizens. According to the SDS, the RS Government has again appointed Dragan Davidovic to the post of General Director of SRNA, which brutally violates a Supreme Court ruling ordering the re-appointment of Branislav Ilic, who is the illegally dismissed SRNA Director. The RS Government has once again

shown the strongest possible contempt of law and order in the RS. According to Tanjug, the RS Government has illegally dismissed 16 directors of local radio and TV stations. It has also dismissed RT RS General Director Andjelko Kozomara, but could not carry out that decision because of IC pressure. The SDS will demand that the RS National Assembly discuss these problems and determine who is responsible in the RS executive authority for these illegal actions.

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BiH becoming world oasis for terrorists – Jelavic

In an interview given to Banja Luka Nezavisne Novine, BiH Presidency Chairman Ante Jelavic stated that BiH has become the world's oasis for terrorists. He added that the IC is not undertaking any measures to deprive foreign citizens of BiH citizenship and expel them from the country. He also confirmed that there is a videotape showing Bosniak BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic commanding Mudjahedin. He pointed out that Mudjahedin camps are based between Maglaj and Zavidovici. In his opinion, they are a destabilizing factor in BiH.

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