

OHR RTRS News Summary, 8 February 2000

News Headlines

- RS Assembly adopts Laws on Ombudsmen, Transport, Customs and Property Taxes
- No results in investigation of assassinated Yugoslav Defense Minister Bulatovic
- Reactions to Bulatovic assassination
- Montenegrin Assembly postpones extraordinary session
- SNS condemns Bulatovic murder
- Russia condemns Bulatovic murder
- [ICTY](#) had not indicted Bulatovic – [ICTY](#) spokesman
- Dodik sends letter of condolence to Bulatovic family
- Bulatovic body transported to Podgorica
- Suzic appointed Deputy RS Prime Minister
- No legal or political conditions to elect new RS Government – SNS member Lolic
- SNSD holds press conference on RS Government programs
- BiH Presidency to hold session on 9 February
- BiH Council of Ministers holds session
- BiH Council of Ministers meets with Westendorp
- Mihajlovic meets with [ICRC](#) envoys
- IMC spokesperson on media during BiH pre-election campaign period
- International organizations hold press conference
- 19,000 non-Bosniaks have returned to Sarajevo in last two years
- 33,000 refugees have filed applications for return to Sarajevo
- Mesic new Croatian president
- Jelavic congratulates Mesic
- Djukanovic and Bicakcic discuss cooperation
- BiH Inter-Faith Council meets with Kosovo religious

communities

- Kosovo religious communities sign agreement on moral obligations
- Situation relatively calm in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Albanian terrorists throw bomb at Serb house in Kosovska Vitina
- Albanian terrorists destroy Obilic monument in Obilic
- More murders in January than December in Gnjilane, Kosovo
- Slavery in Kosovo
- World news
- Bijeljina police raise indictments against Cickovic and Ivetic for economic crimes
- Sports and weather
- Peace Implementation Council supports Petritsch's activities
- [SFOR](#) spokesperson on BiH flight control
- International organizations hold press conference in Banja Luka
- Zagreb to stop financing Croat forces in BiH Federation Army – Mesic
- Prce welcomes Mesic's victory
- HDZ BiH does not expect change of official Croatian policy on BiH Croats
- IC will not tolerate establishment of parallel Serb authority in Kosovska Mitrovica – Kouchner
- RS and BiH Federation Trade Unions and International Free Syndicate discuss cooperation

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IMC spokesperson on media during BiH pre-election campaign period

IMC spokesperson Zinaida Babovic explained IMC regulations on the work of electronic media during the pre-election campaign in BiH to a news briefing. In the pre-election period, radio and TV stations must follow IMC provisions on equal access in

the media for all political parties. A program schedule of political party presentations should be sent to the IMC by 16 February. The IMC requests all media to ensure equal access of all political parties, coalitions and independent candidates. Following a request of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council, paid political advertising has been banned.

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International organizations hold press conference

On Tuesday in Sarajevo, OHR, [OSCE](#), IMC and [UN](#) representatives held a press conference. The aforementioned organizations have prepared a program to protect the rights of journalist and freedom of information. In the process of drafting a law on media, the main focus will be on regulations concerning defamation and freedom of information. The Media Council will be the body charged with representing the ethical and professional standards of journalists and freedom of information. The [OSCE](#) and Council of Europe will organize a summit for the representatives BiH media this autumn. Also, the OHR and [OSCE](#) have set an initiative on the new law on media into motion. [OSCE](#) spokesperson Tanya Domi stated that local elections would take place in April. OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer announced a meeting on educational issues that the OHR would be organizing. According to the OHR, the educational system in BiH does not work satisfactorily and has to be reformed. All the representatives of the International Community welcomed the election victory of Stjepan Mesic.

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