

OHR RTRS News Summary, 8 March 2000

News Headlines

- Ceremonious inauguration of Brcko District
- Albright meets with members of BiH Presidency
- BiH Presidency members adopt basic principles and organization of BiH Border Service
- RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic say that [IMF](#) decided to postpone discussion on prolongation of BiH stand-by arrangements
- Petritsch holds press conference in Banja Luka, says he supports Dodik Government
- Petritsch presents program on protection of journalistic profession and media freedom
- BiH Federation TV Managerial Board holds session in Sarajevo
- Mostar Association of Refugees and DPs requests IC to stop extremist policies of HDZ Mostar and for IC to assist returns to Mostar
- 10,000 people hold protest rally in Kiseljak on [ICTY](#) sentence against Blaskic
- Calm situation in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Kosovo Albanians from Gusevac attack Kosovo Serbs in Suvi Do
- [NATO](#)'s Robertson strongly condemns violence in Kosovska Mitrovica
- [NATO](#) and KFOR protecting peace in Kosovo, especially in Kosovska Mitrovica and Presevo
- Kouchner condemns Kosovo Serb and Kosovo Albanian extremists for violence in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Members of outlawed KLA still active – International Center for Research of Worldwide Crisis Regions
- Yugoslav Army will not return to Kosovo using force –

Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff General Pavkovic

- [UNHCR](#) to assist Croatian Government refugee return plan
- Croatia to reduce assistance to BiH Croats by KM 76 million
- [ICTY](#) prepares transport of Tuta to The Hague – [ICTY](#) spokesman
- World news
- Croatian air force and US Navy hold joint maneuvers in Adriatic Sea
- SPRS member Tihomir Gligoric rejects Dodik allegations concerning abuse in program to construction 2,000 houses
- Poplasen adviser Mirjana Sainovic rejects Dodik allegations
- SNS issues press release on its election campaign
- SPRS Vice-president Dragutin Illic presents SPRS election program in Srbinje
- SNSD supports work of RS Government to regulate cooperation with [ICTY](#)
- Party of Democratic Progress holds public debate in Banja Luka
- SDP BiH holds press conference in Banja Luka, says problems between SPRS and Sloga Coalition must not have influence over work of RS Government and National Assembly
- SPO holds press conference in Trebinje, Vice-president Zdravko Mrkonja comments on Mesic's visit to Banja Luka and return of Serbs in Croatia
- Party of Banja Luka Center holds press conference in Banja Luka
- Djokic and RS Union of Syndicates send greetings to women in RS
- Barry and Petritsch send greetings to women in BiH
- International Day of Women
- Sports and weather
- Albright and Patten press conference, US supports Petritsch in implementation of [Dayton Agreement](#) – Albright

- Albright to meet with Dodik, Prlic, Plavsic and Croatian Foreign Minister Tonino Picula in Banja Luka on Wednesday
- Christian Schwartz-Schilling meets with RS Refugee Minister Miladin Dragicevic to discuss evictions and return of refugees
- Schwartz-Schilling meets with Banja Luka Assembly deputy speaker Mihajlo Crnadak to discuss return of refugees and evictions in Banja Luka
- BiH Federation TV Council elects Vladimir Bilic as first General Director and Fahrudin Balvanovic as Deputy General Director
- Strike of workers in Han Pijesak firm Planinsko
- [NATO](#) Permanent Council discusses situation in Kosovska Mitrovica
- France condemns violence in Kosovska Mitrovica on Monday when 16 French KFOR soldiers were injured
- Greek Defense Minister comments on situation in Kosovo
- Serb National Assembly in Strpce condemns attack on three buses carrying Serbs
- [ICTY](#) Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte says that [ICTY](#) will investigate 300 mass graves in Kosovo
- [NATO](#) warns Milosevic, if he attacks Montenegro, [NATO](#) will answer attack with attack – unnamed [NATO](#) source
- World news
- Croatian Prime Minister Ivica Racan says in Berlin that trial against Mladen Naletilic Tuta will probably be held in Croatia
- Culture
- Sports and weather

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Poplasen adviser Mirjana Sainovic rejects Dodik allegations

Adviser to former RS President Nikola Poplasen, Mirjana Sainovic resolutely denied allegations Milorad Dodik made on Tuesday during a talkshow on RTRS. According to Sainovic,

Dodik said that Poplasen had requested the mobilization of RS citizens and ordered attacks on [SFOR](#) at the time of [NATO](#)'s air campaign against Yugoslavia. Sainovic confirmed that the RS Supreme Defense Council never discussed, at anytime, the mobilization or armed resistance of the RS people against the [NATO](#)-led [SFOR](#).

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