OHR RTRS News Summary, 9 January 2000

News Headlines

- RS Day mass officiated in Banja Luka
- RS officials place wreathes on fallen soldier monuments in Banja Luka
- Cocktail party in honor of RS Day
- RS Day mass officiated in Pale
- RS Day celebrations in Trebinje
- RS Day celebrations in Brcko
- BiH Federation privatization
- Kupres officials obstruct return of property Ombudsmen report
- <u>OSCE</u> Livno Human Rights Officer Linton issues warning to Tomislavgrad Architecture Chief Rados for obstructions to implementation of Property Law
- Kosovo Serb killed in Gnjilane
- Two beaten Serbs moved to KFOR hospital in Kosovo Polje
- Only 800 Kosovo Serbs still in Vitine
- Views of UNMiK and Kosovo Serbs become closer
- Kouchner asks leaders of Kosovo Serbs to join work of Kosovo Temporary Administration
- Kouchner and Reinhardt pardon Thaci, his family and his party due to misunderstanding in arrest of his bodyguard
- Three Kosovo Albanian prisoners escape from US base near Urosevac
- Moscow Patriarch welcomes decision to suspend attacks on Chechnya during Christmas holidays
- World news
- 45 students visit RT RS
- Healthcare in RS
- Sports and weather
- Let 2000 be year of pacifism Sarovic

- RS is factor in peace and stability Dodik
- Serb National Council condemns attack on Serb in Gnjilane
- <u>ICTY</u> to sentence those charged with war crimes against Muslims in Ahmici

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Forty-five students from the Human Rights Institute 'Ludwig Bolcman' visited the RT RS office in Banja Luka and met with General Director Andjelko Kozomara, who familiarized them with the organization and work of the station. The students showed interest in media freedoms in BiH, the program orientation of RT RS and human rights in the state. Answering the students' questions, Kozomara pointed out that RT RS has been reporting objectively on the economic and political situations in the state and region, although political pressure to do otherwise exists. According to Kozomara, RT RS will confirm its independent editorial policy during election campaigning in 2000. The objectivity of RT RS was confirmed by praise for the information reported during the difficult days of aggression on Yugoslavia. Over the next seven days, the students will be familiarized with the work of the House of Human Rights and Ombudsmen in BiH.

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