

# OHR SRT News Summary, 08 Feb. 1998

## Headlines

- RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik, pays 3-day Official Visit to Austria
- Croats Leave Arbitration Commission; they do not accept Ejup Ganic as Representative of Croat People
- Russia demands Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General, to visit Iraq
- Short Wave of Bad Weather Tomorrow

Biljana Plavsic, President of RS, will meet Jacques Chirac, President of France, tomorrow during her official visit to that country lasting several days.i

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RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik, pays an official visit to Austria. A political-economic delegation travelling with Dodik includes Marko Pavic, Minister of Traffic and Communications, and representatives of several companies and banks from RS. The Prime Minister will be received by Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Wolfgang Schussel, to discuss assistance and investments for RS. On his departure, Dodik said that the aim of his visit was to establish economic relations between the two countries, and he announced that he would participate in the work of the Arbitration Tribunal on Brcko tomorrow.

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Dodik visited Prnjavor yesterday and spoke to municipal authorities. This was Dodik's first visit to that municipality, and he said that the purpose was to create a working atmosphere and to reverse the previous unstable situation of the municipality.

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Commenting on yesterday's visit of Dodik and his associates to Pale, Deputy Prime Minister of the RS, Ostoja Kremenovic, said that the hand-over of duties between the current and the previous authorities had been discussed. Kremenovic said that, besides the final hand-over of the Government next week, it was necessary to strengthen specialist work for the needs of the National Assembly and RS Ministers in the BiH CoM. He emphasised that former employees of the RS Government in Pale would be appointed to appropriate positions, in accordance with their qualifications and education.

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Serb Intellectual Forum (SFI) of RS addressed a letter to the High Representative, Carlos Westendorp, reminding him that he had suspended Article 6 of the Law on passports of BiH, by erasing the names of the entities from the cover page of the passport. Petar Kunic, a member of the SFI, said that the above Law had been passed through a legal procedure, by the BiH Assembly and both Councils, and that the question was "...where did the HR get such an authorisation for suspending that regulation of the Law on passports?" Kunic said that the HR should not work outside the frame of the Dayton Accords.

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