

OHR SRT News Summary, 19 January 1999

Headlines

- Talks between Milosevic and NATO Generals about Kosovo
- Walker violated agreement on Verification mission in Kosovo – FRY Government
- “Maybe we have overstepped our jurisdiction”- Walker told the Washington Post
- Ministry of Energy denied that it has signed contract on the construction of power plants “Buk Bijela” and “Srbinje”
- UN conference on disarmament started in Geneva

The RS PM, Milorad Dodik opened the new premises of the Veterinary Institute in Banja Luka. “The fact that a new government is not elected burdens overall relations in the RS and I must say that donor funds have been significantly decreased as well as the possibilities for investment that we have planned for this year”.- Dodik said.

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SNS Vice President, Stanko Stanic reiterated, at a press conference, that this party and the Sloga coalition would not support Brane Miljus. Explaining this stand-point Stanic said that the election of Brane Miljus for Prime Minister would pull the RS into a unitary B&H. “Mr. Miljus is not acceptable for our party and coalition for we advocate Serb government. We advocate the forming of a Serb salvation government. Stanic said that it is evident that Miljus is Milosevic’s man who was sent to the RS with a specific task.

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“All RS institutions have fulfilled their obligations harmonised with the Office of the High Representative and

Brcko Supervisor, Farrand so we expect that the forthcoming arbitration session will reach a final decision on Brcko status" – Slavko Mitrovic, SNSD Executive Board member, said at a press conference. Mitrovic underlined that Brane Miljus is not a member of the SNSD as of January 3, 1999 and that his nomination is an attempt to destabilise the RS. Mitrovic reminded that the PM designate was nominated by the RS President without previous consultations with the SNSD and "that is why the SNSD started an initiative, which would be presented in the RS National Assembly, to change the Law which regulates nomination, election and recall of the RS President. We did not say that we would propose recall of President Poplasen but we propose changing the Law" – Mitrovic said.

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Deputy High Representative Simon Haselock believes that both entities' voters should be enabled to vote for common parties – Haselock told SRNA, reacting to a document of the International Crisis Group which announced that Bosniak and international experts were preparing, with OHR supervision, new election rules for B&H which would enable election of parties and politicians by summoning votes from both entities.

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Kosovo related issues:

- KLA attacked court investigators in Racak village near Stimlje. One police officer was killed and two were wounded.
- FRY border guards prevented entry of terrorists at Bastrik mountain west of Prizren
- Milosevic talked with Wesley Clarke and President of the NATO Military Committee
- FRY Government, at the request of the FRY Minister of Foreign Affairs, extended William Walker's stay for another 24 hours