

OHR SRT News Summary, 25 January 1999

Headlines

- RS NA On Programme of PM Designate, Miljus
- Members of Association of Families of Killed Soldiers, POWs And MPs Quietly Protested Against Nomination of Miljus to Office of PM
- PM Dodik Signed a Memorandum With Representatives of Swiss Bank on Assistance to Knezevo Municipality
- In Kosovo, One Person Wounded at Glogovac
- US State Secretary, Madelaine Albright, Visited Moscow

At yesterday's session of the RS NA, PM Nominee, Brane Miljus presented his expose and partial composition of the new Government. Miljus talked about his consultations with individual party representatives and made allegations against the current Government. He was warned on several occasions by the NA leadership, as his allegations caused reactions from the deputies. Miljus said that his Government will be a Government of experts. When he was supposed to present the list of members of the new Government, he asked for a recess, in order to discuss his list with OHR representatives. In the continuation, NA Secretary, Momir Malic, read a letter from (Deputy HR, Ambassador) Miguel Arias, addressed to NA Speaker, Petar Djokic, stating that the RS Government should be elected by the RS NA, not the OHR, and that Miljus' obligation was to have consultations on this issue with the parliamentary parties. After another break, Miljus presented his list, and one of the proposed members of the Government, Novak Solaja, who was named as the Minister of Industry and Technology, informed the NA that no one had consulted him on this proposal.

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Editor's note: Today's NA was a mirror of political confusion, which we have been witnessing for the last few days, but which we expected to be solved on January 25th. This solution was expected from the PM Designate, but that did not happen. We saw an improvisation, which only embarrassed the highest political institutions of the RS. There is no other way to assess the situation in which the deputies requested the RS President to undo the Gordian knot, by cancelling Miljus' nomination.

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A press release issued by the Serb Coalition for the RS, signed by Predrag Lazarevic, stated that he had only learned from the broadcast of the RS NA, that the PM Designate had proposed him for the position of Minister of Science and Culture. Lazarevic stated that he never discussed this with Miljus, and that he considers this proposal to be an offence. The NA also received press releases from General Marko Lugonja and Muhamed Skelic, who also refused to be members of a rump Government, proposed by Miljus.

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Several hundreds of citizens, members of families of killed soldiers, POWs and MPs, today protested against possible election of the proposed PM Designate. The protest was organised by the RS Association of the Families. President of the Association, Cedo Vrzina, stated before the protest that the families are deeply hurt and offended by Miljus' statements. There were no incidents during the demonstrations, directed against Miljus and the RS President who nominated him.

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RS PM, Milorad Dodik, today met with a delegation of the Swiss Government, led by Walter Fusst, Director of the Swiss Office for Cooperation and Development. The result of today's meeting is a valuable contract for the reconstruction of housing facilities in Knezevo Municipality.

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President of the BiH Presidency, Zivko Radisic, scheduled a session of the Presidency for tomorrow. The agenda should include discussion on establishing a Joint Interim Commission on practical questions of implementation of the BiH Constitution, [Dayton Agreement](#) and its Annexes, as well as for providing suggestions and recommendations.

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Kosovo related news

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OHR Spokeswoman, Alexandra Stiglmayer stated in Sarajevo today that the deadline has not been set for transformation of the BiH CoM, and that such activity requires the agreement of all three parties in BiH. Stiglmayer emphasised that the OHR will not impose any kind of solution.

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