

# OHR SRT News Summary, 5 February 1999

## Headlines

- RS Government passed a package of economic measures
- RS PM Dodik in American Congress Foreign Political Committee
- Rambouillet – the last chance for peaceful solution of Kosovo crisis

The RS Government was in session in Banja Luka today. It was decided that the ratio of the YU dinar to the KM is to be determined according to the real exchange rate. The biggest attention was paid to the newly introduced measures pertaining to the regulation of trade with FRY.

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The RS PM Dodik was a guest of the American Congress Foreign Political Committee, where understanding for the Serb position was expressed, i.e. it is untenable that Brcko, either as a district or in any other way, be separated from the territorial composition of the RS. Dodik stated for Srna that the meeting also discussed financial support to the RS.

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RS NA Speaker Petar Djokic has still not given an official opinion on the offered mandate, expecting consultations with SPRS and the Coalition Sloga.

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At today's SNS press conference, before a large number of journalists and representatives of international organisations, the president of the party Biljana Plavsic talked about the current economic and political situation in the RS, especially in the context of the two unsuccessful

attempts to elect a prime minister designate, including the third one. On the possibility of the new proposed prime minister designate Petar Djokic soon returning the mandate to President Poplasen, Plavsic said: "Let me tell you this, that it is to be expected from a responsible person such Petar Djokic".

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Proposing Petar Djokic for the prime minister designate, President Poplasen did not violate the Constitution but he did not respect the democratic principle to hold consultations with all parliamentary parties either, the spokesperson for SPRS Igor Radojicic stated. Radojicic emphasised that Dodik remains Sloga's only candidate.

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The BiH Presidency Chairman Zivko Radisic talked in Banja Luka today with the head of the [ICRC](#) delegation to BiH. The subject of the meeting was the undertaking of further activities by [ICRC](#) to discover the fate of the missing.

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RS President Poplasen talked today with the Belgian Ambassador about the current economic and political situation in the RS and FRY.

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RS Vice President Mirko Sarovic and his associates talked with representatives of the Brcko boundary local communities last night.

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The BiH Presidency Chairman Zivko Radisic stated in Zvornik that the issue of arbitration regarding Brcko could significantly determine the destiny of not only RS but that of the DA as well.

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The Brcko mayor Borko Reljic stated that an RS delegation

leaves for the continuation of the arbitration commission meeting on the disputed part of the IEBL with far more optimism and arguments than before.

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Kosovo-related news

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RS Government vice president Tihomir Gligoric talked in Banja Luka today with representatives of the RS Association of the families of dead soldiers about improving their social status.

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The House of Representatives of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly yesterday confirmed the composition of the BiH CoM. The HR to BiH Carlos Westendorp expressed satisfaction that this had finally taken place and wished the members of the Council success in its work. (OHR press release read in part).

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