

OHR SRT News Summary, 9 March 1999

Headlines

- Arbitration decision is the focus of domestic and foreign public opinion
- Holbrooke and Hill in Belgrade
- U.S. airplanes bombed Iraqi air defence facilities

A Coordination Board, which would coordinate activities on the peaceful expression of protest against the latest international representatives' decisions, will be formed in Brcko. Brcko citizens protested today.

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The Brcko decision is an attempt at devaluation of the Peace Accord and aberration from its original principals which represents a special threat to the overall stability in the RS and BiH.- Zivko Radisic said at a meeting with the Council of Europe representative. Responding to a question regarding a moratorium on his position, Radisic said it did not relate to his meetings like the one today.

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Milorad Dodik talked with the French Ambassador to BiH, Yves Gaudeul in Banja Luka. Gaudeul informed the press after the meeting that Milorad Dodik felt deceived and that the Brcko decision represents a strong blow to all that Dodik and his government have done in the implementation of the DA relating to Brcko.

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The Inter entity boundary line remains unchanged with the Brcko decision.- Biljana Plavsic said at a press conference. She called upon Brcko citizens to have faith in RS

institutions. She also stated that the government's resignation was expected and previously announced, and as for the dismissal of Nikola Poplasen she said that the RS Constitution foresees a different procedure but that the HR has certain powers bearing in mind that all election candidates had given him a promise they would respect the DA.

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SNSD General Secretary, Nenad Bastinac said that SNSD insists on three points, to examine all legal options to change the unfavourable Brcko decision and if it is not possible then to try to change the part of the decision related to RS territorial continuity, to continue contacts with international community representatives, and speaking on the election of the new government he said that Petar Djokic would not accept the mandate until SPRS Main Board decides on it. SNSD considers that Nikola Poplasen is not the President any more.

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SRS calls upon all RS citizens to engage in peaceful protests because of decisions on Brcko and the dismissal of Nikola Poplasen. SRS will organise such protests together with other patriots in the RS until these decisions are withdrawn.

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RS Minister of Justice, Milan Trbojevic assessed that the decision of the RS representatives to withdraw from the work in BiH common institutions had no grounds in the election rules or in the Constitution.- BETA reports.

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Kosovo related issues:

- A meeting of Heads of General Staff of NATO members started in Brussels in which Kosovo is one of the topics.
- Hill and Holbrooke to talk with Milosevic during the day

- Two police officers were killed and three heavily wounded in the road between villages Smojnica and Stublo as a result of their vehicle hitting an anti-tank mine
- The body of an unknown Albanian, killed with several shots, was found in a "Golf" vehicle on the Prisitna-Pec road.
- FRY Army press service stated that groups of Albanian terrorists attacked border patrols west of the Kacanik-Djeneral Jankovic road.
- OSCE Regional Centre Spokesperson in Kosovska Mitrovica told the family of kidnapped FRY soldier, Miljan Mitrovic that efforts for his release were being made but that it was uncertain when it would take place
- Separatist KLA leaders have agreed with the content of the peace agreement and approved its signing- the spokesperson for Christopher Hill said last night in Pristina
- Kosovo Albanians and separatist KLA have not accepted the peace agreement, it is stated in London regarding American claims that it was done so at KLA meeting with Hill.