

# **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 1 November 1999**

## **News Headlines**

- Del Ponte meets separately with Petritsch and Klein
- Petritsch brings decision that ensures appropriate treatment for those threatened with deportation, decision effective immediately
- 217 victims in Egyptian Air Company Boeing accident over Atlantic ocean – correspondent from Washington
- First Donors' Conference for East European reconstruction planned for beginning of next year – sources in Brussels
- Journalists visit Kopanja in hospital
- Lukavac enterprise Soda plans to make certain arrangements and contracts with German Firm 'Debis'
- SFOR partakes in reconstruction of Brcko-Tuzla road
- World news
- SPO leader in Kosovo Trajkovic injured
- Leaders of Serbian Alliance for Changes to meets with US officials to discuss situation and aid to Serbia
- Bicakcic meets with Del Ponte
- Bicakcic to participate in European Council parliamentary session in Strasbourg
- Prlic and Zivalj hold introductory meeting with EU Commissioner for Foreign Policy Chris Patten
- Association of War Veterans asks Petritsch to declare law on soldiers' rights as was passed by House of Representatives
- Reconstruction of 60 Bosniak houses in Kopaci, Serb Gorazde to continue – Serb Gorazde officials and international representatives agree at meeting
- GDS considers Government should start negotiations with Association of Trade Union representatives at all levels and support Union demands
- Liberal Party considers law on refugees adopted in RS to be anti-Dayton and anti-civilization, expects OHR to suspend law as soon as possible
- Democratic Party of Pensioners press conference
- Catholics denote all Saint Day, 1 November
- Sports

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### **Journalists visit Kopanja in hospital**

TV BiH journalist: "A group of journalists visited Nezavisne Novine Director and Editor-in-Chief Zeljko Kopanja in the (Banja Luka) hospital. Accompanying the journalists was Head of the EU Mission to BiH Louis De Souza, who informed that the EU is shocked with the recent terrorist act committed in Banja Luka and added that EU member countries are absolutely supporting Nezavisne Novine's editorial policy. Nezavisne Novine was reporting openly about Serb crimes against Bosniaks and Croats over the past several months, and many see the assassination attempt on Kopanja as an act of revenge against such reporting. An SDP BiH delegation visited the Nezavisne Novine premises in Banja Luka. Nezavisne Novine Deputy Director Radmilo Sipovac informed that "there have been anonymous phone threats and warnings that, if we continue with our current concept, we will end up like Zeljko Kopanja."