

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 14 September 1999

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- Finland writes off BiH debt
- Body of last BiH King, Stjepan Tomasevic, returned to Jajce monastery
- Former HN Canton Governor Fatima Leho ninth member of public BiH TV service Establishment Board – OHR
- RS members of BiH Standing Military Committee to participate in next session of this institution – Radisic
- BiH Federation House of Representatives ends seventh and begins eighth session
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- Izetbegovic meets with Thomas Miller and Graham Hand to discuss refugee return process
- 28 Bosniak houses reconstructed in two Pale villages, Hotocina and Bogovici
- BiH Federation Government holds session
- Seven legal experts on corruption investigation team introduced in Sarajevo
- OLA workers from Olovo protest to Olovo municipal leaders
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- TV BiH follows everything that is good in world for only DM 6, such as series 'Practice' and 'NYPD Blue', which received Emmy awards – commentary
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BiH Federation House of Representatives ends seventh and begins eighth session

On Tuesday, the BiH Federation Parliament House of Representatives ended its seventh session, which was interrupted in July, and representatives adopted a resolution on initial measures for bettering the position of youth in the BiH Federation. The House began its eighth session after discussing this issue and was expected to harmonize the law on labor adopted by both Parliamentary houses, but with different texts. However, delegates received appeals from the OHR, World Bank and IMF to temporarily withdraw the law from procedure. BiH Federation Minister for Social Issues and Refugees Sulejman Garib stated that both Parliamentary houses adopted the law and that the difference is in article 143, which deals with workers on stand-by lists. He stated that the OHR, IMF and World Bank appeals are related to 11 other articles. He stated that most of these articles are related to the social benefits that weigh on employers. "Some of the remarks will be seriously considered, but it is necessary to consider certain things as maternity leave" stated Garib. Responding to the question of whether the BiH Federation Government and people expect consequences if they adopt the law despite OHR, World Bank and IMF opposition, Garib stated that the OHR has the power to abolish certain decisions, adding that "we already suffer consequences, because we still do not have a law on labour." After discussion, the BiH House of Representatives did not adopt the law on labor, because they did not accept the draft from the House of Peoples.

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Farrand's decision represents direct strike against refugee return process – Sinanagic

The decision of International Supervisor for Brcko, Robert Farrand, to abolish his previous instruction on the return of non-Serb members of the Brcko Administration is direct cause for interruption of the Tuesday session of the Brcko Municipal Assembly. Head of the SDP Delegates Club Mustafa Sinanagic stated that this decision represents

a direct strike against refugee returns to this city. Sinanagic stated that the reasons Farrand mentioned in his explanation of the abolished decisions are trivial and that the real reason is that he did not want, did not know how or is unable to realize these instructions.

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Seven legal experts on corruption investigation team introduced in Sarajevo

The seven legal experts that will investigate the New York Times reports of corruption in BiH, published on 17 August, were introduced in Sarajevo. They will investigate the documents that were at the disposal of this newspaper, interviews with OHR members, anti-corruption unit, diplomatic staff and Government officials willing to talk about events mentioned in the article. Jeffrey Bates, who is currently working on the Slobodan Milosevic case, is part of this team. Team member John S. Reynolds stated that, first of all, they have been mandated to assist the Government in implementation of an efficient program for the fight against corruption. Secondly, they are mandated to examine the New York Times allegations from the ground up. Finally, they are mandated to advise the Government regarding accusations against Air Bosna.

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