

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 30 Sept. 1997

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Sarajevo – The BiH Presidency announced the BiH ambassadors throughout the world at today's session. The resignation of the Central Bank director for BiH Serge Robert was accepted, and members of the Succession Board were elected.

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Flash news

OSCE announced that the election results will be published tomorrow. However, OSCE regional chief for Mostar, Joseph said that he may claim with certainty that the election results will be announced by Christmas.

Hungary joined the EU decision to cease visa publishing for RS diplomats who obstruct the DPA. The diplomats who's visas are denied are Krajisnik, and the CoM members Bosic, Bijelic and Bogic.

BiH President Izetbegovic's advisor Hajric reacted to yesterday's meeting between Krajisnik and FRY President Milosevic, at which dual citizenship for BiH and FRY citizens was agreed. Hajric said that this agreement was misinterpreted purposely by the Belgrade and Pale media because, according to the DPA, diplomatic relationships between FRY and BiH must be established first in order to discuss the matter of dual citizenship.

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Sarajevo – At the CoM session held today, the main issue was the Draft Law on CoM work. The draft was not adopted, but CoM Co-chairmen Bosic and Silajdzic expressed their satisfaction with today's discussion. As said by Silajdzic, great progress was achieved, although much more time is needed in order to resolve such an important matter. The OHR representatives were also present.

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Sarajevo – The US experts committee delivered the Draft Law on Ploce harbour usage for BiH and Croatian officials. Although the deadline has expired, the draft is expected to be adopted soon.

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Mostar – OSCE regional chief Joseph read a statement by OSCE Ambassador Frowick which appeals for respect of the election agreement in Mostar. Asked to comment on the possible continuance of joint Croat municipalities support by Croat media, Joseph explicitly said that apart from other measures, such a thing may cause a denial of elected candidates by OSCE.

HR for Mostar Sir Garrod condemned the recent attack on Mostar Croat citizen Kozul, and acclaimed the swift reaction of the Joint police forces, who already arrested a suspect.

The chief inspector of the car-bomb investigation Bilic said that it was discovered that the car-bomb belongs to a BiH citizen. The car-bomb, as said by Bilic, originates from the Central Bosnian Canton, and the other car, in the investigation is from the Tuzla/Podrinje Canton. Bilic pointed out the good co-operation between the local police, the Federal police and IPTF.

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Sarajevo – The bodies of five German diplomats, including Ambassador Wagner, who died in the helicopter crash of 17 Sept. were given an honorary send-off from Sarajevo Airport. Those present included German Ambassador to BiH Bassewitz, German Embassy personnel, OSCE and OHR representatives, German soldiers within SFOR troops, and other SFOR and IPTF representatives.

News from RS – The report from the press conference of international organisations, held by ICTY Justice Arbour, was broadcast on SRT on Saturday evening, followed by very unacceptable editorial comments. UN spokesman Ivanko said that what was broadcast on SRT was not the report from the press conference recorded by SFOR,

whose tape SRT received. The attitude of ICTY and IC is that SRT must apologise to all viewers and ICTY, and broadcast again the original version of the report.

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Washington – US refuted claims by Belgrade that FRY is the only successor of former SFRY, and appealed to all newly formed countries to take part in succession negotiations.

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