

## **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 November 2000**

### **TV BiH News Headlines:**

- High Representative to BiH Wolfgang Petritsch suspends BiH Federation Government's decision to remove Chief BiH Federation Financial Police Inspector Zufer Dervisevic and his Deputy Miroslav Vidovic from office
- OHR will deem SDS candidate for RS presidency Mirko Sarovic unacceptable for office if he really stated to a Moscow newspaper that RS will organise independence referendum if Kosovo Albanians will also take this step
- RS Vice President Mirko Sarovic denies allegations he mentioned any type of referendum and says he is bringing into question neither BiH and its borders nor Dayton Peace Agreement and its provisions
- EASC censures HDZ for breaking election silence with referendum and removes two candidates each from HDZ candidacy lists in five cantons
- EASC removes three HDZ candidates from candidacy lists (Marko Tokic and Dragan Covic from lists for BiH House of Representatives as well as Mato Franjicevic from list for BiH Federation House of Representatives) because they violated PEC rules on election campaign financing
- EASC removes two Party for BiH candidates from lists because of party campaign slogan "For BiH Without Entities"
- EASC removes SDA candidate for Zenica-Doboj Canton Assembly Sefik Dzaferovic due to violation of PEC rule on how illiterate, disabled or incapacitated citizens can be assisted in voting process
- EASC will cut SDS mandates in Srebrenica Municipal Council by half due to voting irregularities in the municipality
- HDZ says it will not participate in establishing new authorities on any level if OSCE does not annul its decision on election of delegates to BiH Federation House of Peoples and EASC its ruling removing certain HDZ candidates from candidate lists
- SDA Vice President Sulejman Tihic expresses dissatisfaction with EASC decision to remove Sefik Dzaferovic from SDA candidacy list for Zenica-Doboj Cantonal Assembly
- According to preliminary election results announced Thursday by OSCE Mission to BiH after counting 90% of ballots, SDP is leading BiH House of Representatives from BiH Federation and SDS from RS; SDA is leading BiH Federation House of Representatives and SDS race for RS National Assembly
- SDA Vice President Sulejman Tihic tells press conference in Sarajevo that according to election results SDA has won races on all levels
- OSCE Mission to BiH denies SDA allegations of irregularities in Marijin Dvor Counting Centre in Sarajevo and says there are no reasons for hand recount
- HDZ President Ante Jelavic sends letter to OSCE Head of Mission Robert Barry pointing out disproportion between election results in regular polling stations and absentee polling stations
- BiH Republicans express satisfaction that they will retain seats in next BiH Federation Parliament
- SPRS says it will not make post-election coalition with SDS and denies any talks involving officials of these two parties were held on this issue
- Two-day conference on situation of and perspectives from BiH, Kosovo and Montenegro to open Friday in Dayton on occasion of fifth anniversary of Dayton Agreement
- Yugoslav Government decides to re-establish diplomatic relations with France, UK, Germany and US
- US President Bill Clinton's official visit to Vietnam is first of a US president to this country since

end of Vietnam War 25 years ago

- BiH Federation Association of Pensioners requests High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch resign and leave BiH following decision to impose new Law on Pension and Disability Insurance
- Workers of Breza-based Sretno Construction Company enter 28th day of strike in protest of poor economic and social position
- Sarajevo University promotes 12 new masters of sciences
- Culture
- Sports
- Weather