

## **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 8 November 2000**

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

- Ballots for 43rd US presidential elections in Florida to be recounted
- Report on atmosphere of US election campaign
- TV BiH correspondent Envera Selimovic, reporting from the US, explains US electoral system
- Interview with Thomas Miller US Ambassador to BiH on Gore or Bush's election and what BiH might expect from them
- Hilary Clinton elected senator from New York
- "This is the dirtiest election campaign ever in BiH" - NGO Coalition Elections 2000 and Helsinki Committee (02:19)
- OSCE demonstrates voting procedures at press conference (00:40)
- RS Pensioners protest over unpaid pensions in Banja Luka (01:41)
- Situation in Tuzla Shoe Factory 'Aida' stabilising, workers' demands to be fulfilled gradually (00:59)
- BiH Chamber of Commerce organises conference of businessmen in Teslic
- Izudin Kapetanovic elected new rector of Tuzla University
- World news
- Kamerni Teatar 55 prepares new plays for winter season - Cultural News
- BiH Independent Trade Union calls on citizens to participate in elections and vote for party that offers best employment plan and worker protection scheme (01:19)

### **TV BiH Election Chronicle:**

- "We want to send SDS, SDA and HDZ into political history and opposition and that is why every vote is important today" - Lagumdžija at SDP rally in Kalesija (01:28)
- SDA organises election rally in Sanski Most to present candidates; officials discuss refugee return problems and schedule another rally for Wednesday in Bihac (00:49)
- "OSCE decisions not valid" - Jelavic at HDZ election rally in Livno
- Zubak, at NHI press conference in Mostar, says, "[w]e are certain that BiH citizens will vote mainly for opposition parties" adding that the "HDZ-SDA coalition is perverse because their only wish is to remain in power"
- LDS holds election rally in Srebrenik; officials say party will lead BiH in gradual and just development (01:02)
- BPS holds election rally in Zenica to present candidates for Zenica-Doboj Canton; return and protection of de-mobilised soldier's rights party's primary issues (01:09)
- GDS officials hold roundtable in Sarajevo to discuss agriculture and economic development (00:52)
- "Sarajevo as Capital for all BiH Citizens" topic of HSS open forum in Sarajevo; HSS president Simic states "citizens not ready for such a campaign because it is unfair and unrealistic; that is why we call on them to vote for HSS in the elections"
- Silajdzic explains Party for BiH slogan on entities at Mostar press conference (01:01)
- SDP President Lagumdžija visits Doboj to meet SDP Zenica-Doboj Canton Board members; party can reasonably state that after 11 November this will be a new country (00:40)
- Only SDA can lead Bosniaks to safe future by respecting Bosniak tradition - SDA officials at election rally in Visoko (01:18)

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"This is the dirtiest election campaign ever in BiH "- NGO Coalition Elections 2000 and Helsinki Committee (02:19)

The NGO Coalition Elections 2000 and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights BiH warned that the All-Croat Referendum represents the greatest threat to the normal functioning of the upcoming elections. BiH Helsinki Committee President Srdjan Dizdarevic stated that "the election will be irregular and that votes from each polling station where activities connected to the referendum take place will be annulled. Bishop Ratko Peric put himself into HDZ's service by calling on believers to vote for the party; Cardinal Vinko Puljic did the same, implicitly supporting [the referendum] through his participation in the HDZ-organised All-Croat Congress." Commenting on the SDA election campaign, Dizdarevic revealed that "most SDA election rallies in Una-Sana Canton are taking place in the form of opening ceremonies for mosques or other religious buildings." Finally, he stated that the Party for BiH, BPS, HDZ and SDS have all based their election activities on anti-Dayton slogans.

### **TV BiH Election Chronicle Summary:**

"OSCE decisions not valid"- Jelavic at HDZ election rally in Livno (01:15)

"After the replacement of Croat officials in Posavina, Herceg-Bosna and West Herzegovina Canton I announce today that the decisions taken by the OSCE and Mr. Robert Barry are not valid. The [OSCE] Mission should have pulled out in 1996 but they have extended their activities in order to make a citizens' state out of BiH" Jelavic concluded. The Croat member of the BiH Presidency added that he ordered the HB Canton Interior Minister not to remove Croat symbols around the canton. Finally, Jelavic stated that "I ordered [West Herzegovina Canton Interior Minister] to put national symbols on police [uniforms there]. I am responsible for that not him."

Silajdzic explains Party for BiH slogan on entities at Mostar press conference (01:01)

"The Party for BiH has thus far defended the country's interests in accordance with the Dayton Peace Agreement. We have insisted on a border, central institutions as well as a common passport and currency" president Haris Silajdzic said while explaining the slogan 'BiH without entities' at a press conference in Mostar. "The BiH Constitutional Court's decision on the constituent status of the three BiH peoples must be implemented. That is why for national symbols to represent any entity runs afoul of this decision" Silajdzic added, stating that his party will stick to its current strategy until achieving its final goal.

Only SDA can lead Bosniaks to safe future by respecting Bosniak tradition - SDA officials at election rally in Visoko (01:18)

SDA officials addressed an election rally in Visoko on Wednesday. "We must not allow new concept of authority to win upcoming elections because it would mean a threat to our political survival. This would mean one-third of the seats in parliaments in Bosniak-majority areas would be given to Serbs, one-third to Croats and one-third to those Bosniaks who advocate this new concept of authority. SDA believes that only it can lead Bosniaks into a safe future by respecting Bosniak tradition. We have made mistakes and left certain things undone, but we have dealt with these omissions. In the fight for a unified and democratic state, SDA is faced with an opposition which lies and cheats in order to get rid of us", SDA officials at the election rally in Visoko (01:18)