

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 1 Novmeber 2000

TV BiH News Headlines:

- BiH takes first step toward joining Council of Europe0; BiH Association for Security accepted by NATO at Budapest session Wednesday
- European Investment Bank grants loan to BiH for various projects related to transport and economic development (01:29)
- Petritsch meets Sarajevo Canton officials to discuss refugee return process, economy and crime (02:05)
- Brcko Supervisor Gary Matthews announces possible relocation of Arizona market at press conference; he did not specify when pupils will return to school following recent demonstrations (01:38)
- "Responsibility for referendum lies with those who implement it and the Church has no responsibility; Croatia is considering the whole issue" – Cardinal Puljic after visit to Croatia (00:37)
- UN considers FRY application for membership
- BiH Ambassador to UN Sacirbegovic reports on UN session for TV BiH news and also on UN attitude towards FRY
- FRY Supreme Defence Council holds session to discuss political situation in the country
- World news
- TP Marketi workers' status still unclear
- Banja Luka Court overcrowded with various lawsuits
- BiH Catholics mark All Saints Day; Cardinal Puljic serves holy mass in Sarajevo Cathedral
- RS healthcare and railway workers on strike
- Tuzla Transport Devices Company workers on strike
- BiH Federation Economic Council holds session to discuss sports development in BiH
- Hague Tribunal opens indictments against Sredoje Lukic and Milan Lukic, two cousins accused of war crimes committed in Visegrad area

TV BiH Election Chronicle:

- PEC calls on BiH religious leaders to encourage their followers' participation in upcoming elections (00:28)
- Regular IC press conference in Mostar
- SDA holds election rally in Velika Kladusa with slogan "Together We Will Win"
- After several incidents in Bratunac Municipality, SDA Srednje Podrinje Canton sends letter to SFOR, IPTF, OHR and OSCE asking how long international representatives will tolerate attacks on Bosniaks in Bratunac and when the police there will be multiethnic (00:27)
- BOSS condemns EASC's tendentious and ideological warning against BOSS and its president, Mirnes Ajanovic (01:05)
- SDP Vice President Bogicevic says party is concerned over political goals leading to further destruction of BiH as announced in Croat referendum
- SDP holds election rally in Konjic; Lagumdzija says SDP will win November elections (00:26)
- BPS demands SDA and SDP representatives stop destroying BiH institutions; party reminds BiH citizens that BiH and its institutions can only disappear if BiH citizens agree (00:20)
- SPRS surprised that OHR and OSCE did not offer official response to Party for BiH's slogan "It is Time for BiH Without Entities"(00:25)
- PDP President Ivanic expresses hope that three key parties in post-election RS will be SDS,

SNSD and PDP (00:17)

- DNZ announces Fikret Avdic's imminent return to political scene
- GDS Election HQ asks for tax reduction in BiH Federation; GDS President Spahic campaigns in Srebrenica (00:38)

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"The OSCE does not intend to prevent any expressions of opinion on November 11" said OSCE Mostar Regional Board spokesperson Bernard Vrbanc, in response to the Croat referendum. He called the referendum an intimidation tactic and expressed hope that Croats will be able to recognize it as such. He stated that if a referendum takes place on November 11 it will constitute a violation of the PEC Rules and Regulations and would thus be referred to the EASC.

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In its protest, BOSS pointed out that EASC's warning actually protects the interests of the "so-called opposition, namely the SDP." BOSS intends to address the OSCE in Vienna as well as the US Congressional Commission on Human Rights regarding this issue. BOSS maintains that attempts to remove Ajanovic from the BiH political scene have strengthened, especially following his statements that female BiH employees working with international organizations are being sexually abused.