

## **OHR BiH TV News Summary, 30 September 2000**

### **News Headlines:**

- After confiscating 140 kg of hard drugs (cocaine and heroin) on Friday in Banja Luka, RS police and Trebinje customs officials seize 70 kg of hashish and marijuana on Niksic-Bileca road
- Serb delegates in BiH House of Representatives hold session following Petritsch's decree on amendments to law on travel documents, demand special session of RS National Assembly and conclude that Petritsch's action was biased – Mirko Banjac
- It would probably become impossible to travel with current BiH passports without Petritsch's decision – Dodik
- Kostunica calls on parliament speakers at both republic (Serbia) and federal level to order ballot recount
- Thousands of people in Serbia demand Milosevic recognize opposition victory
- Striking workers, pensioners and students make up majority of Belgrade protesters
- Opposition will not accept presidential runoff
- "If Belgrade allows Ivanov to mediate we will participate more actively in resolution of crisis" – Putin
- Russians must tell Milosevic that it is time for him to leave power – Albright
- Western media editorials predict unilateral recognition of Kostunica as Yugoslav president by western politicians
- Yugoslav Federal Election Commission rejects Democratic Opposition of Serbia complaint filed in lieu of presidential runoff – BETA
- Dismissal of seven Croatian generals took place because their open letter aimed at coup d'etat – Croatian President Stipe Mesic
- World news
- Participants in World Congress of Journalists Sarajevo 2000 adopt so-called Sarajevo Statement
- "The reason why we came here is to support free media in BiH" – World Journalist Congress Sarajevo 2000 Chairman William Porter
- NGO International Forum Bosnia, founded in 1997, held its first annual session on Saturday
- Two-day conference "ICTY and Facts and Models for Co-operation" organised by BiH Helsinki Board ends in Mostar on Sunday
- Roundtable on Human Rights of Prisoners in BiH Federation held in Tuzla
- Annex 2 of Dayton Agreement still not implemented at inter-entity border because transfer of authority has not occurred and police have not withdrawn from line of separation – Bicakcic in response to Petritsch's letter
- BiH State Commission for Missing Persons, after 2 weeks of work on forensic identification of bodies exhumed from three mass graves in Una-Sana Canton has successfully identified 43 victims
- BiH Commission for Missing Persons and POWs exhumed bodies of six Bosniaks in village of Radaslije
- BiH Association of Refugees and DPs discouraged by UNHCR announcement on lack of funding for southeast European countries next year – Mirhunisa Komarica
- BiH Presidency Chairman Izetbegovic meets participants of European Literary Gatherings in Sarajevo (00:32)
- New generation of recruits of first BiH Federation Army Corps swear oath in Gorazde
- Members of Posavina Canton Interior Ministry place wreath at central cross in several municipalities of canton on occasion of St. Mihovil Day, the patron saint of police officers
- After two-day protest, Croats in Drvar disperse following fulfilment of their demands to only

evict those occupying two house concurrently and also only if alternative accommodation is provided

- Third International Alternative Theatre Festival ends in Sarajevo on Saturday; representatives from six countries participated

## **BiH ELECTION CHRONICLES**

- SDA demands Tuzla Canton Interior Minister Dautovic's dismissal due to use of physical force against refugees, and insists OSCE carry out its duties in accordance with mandate, including ensuring even-handed treatment of all political parties – SDA Main Board session (00:30)
- SDS considers imposition of law on common BiH travel documents to be “step in ‘sliding’ reform of Dayton Agreement”
- HSS BiH supports Petritsch decision to stop ongoing circus in BiH Parliament (00:22)
- Notion that Milosevic era is ending in Serbia and that SDP BiH is certain winner at upcoming general elections is incorrect and tendentious – BPS press conference (00:30)
- BOSS opposes BiH Foreign Ministry announcement of possible unconditional diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia (00:37)
- After receiving only 27 of 278 possible posts on election boards, HSS, SDP and NHI address open protest letter to OSCE (00:35)
- GDS holds ‘European Partner’ convention in Sarajevo and announces party will direct activities toward fight for human rights (00:37)
- HSS Main Board adopts organisational concept and marketing strategy for party's election campaign at Friday session (00:26)
- Catastrophic BiH economic situation product of parallel economic systems and lack of privatisation – Economic Prosperity Party (SPP) public announcement (00:25)
- SDA organises cocktail party for supporters in Sarajevo Army Home; Izetbegovic addresses gathering (00:12)
- Sports
- Weather