

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 10 October 2000

News Headlines:

- Izetbegovic meets with representatives of diplomatic core in BiH during farewell reception marking his 12 October withdrawal from duties in BiH Presidency (02:38)
- BiH Minister of Civil Affairs and Communication Tihomir Gligoric meets with representatives of State Border Commission to discuss widening authorities of this body (01:33)
- BiH people will have opportunity on 11 November to elect representatives who will perform duties responsibly – Petritsch (03:35)
- Prlic returns from official visit to Hungary; Hungarian Government promises to give BiH customs incentives in order to help it overcome huge Hungary trade deficit
- [NATO](#) has not prepared plans to withdraw from Balkans – [NATO](#) Secretary-General George Robertson
- Kostunica meets with French Foreign minister Hubert Vedrine in Belgrade
- World news
- Two joint ventures between Slovene and BiH Federation companies, ETI and Iskraimeco companies, present products to foreign ambassadors in Sarajevo; presentation organised by Slovene Ambassador to BiH Mirosic and BiH Federation Prime Minister Bicakcic
- BiH Federation Privatisation Agency stops privatisation of Sarajevo department store Sarajka, although Benetton was ready to pay DM 24 million
- Businessmen from Una-Sana Canton meet with delegation of Italian Chamber of Commerce for talks on future mutual cooperation
- Companies in Tuzla region hope improved railway

communication with Yugoslavia will increase production and exports

- Soli (near Tuzla) Association of Fallen and Missing Soldiers plans to build memorial to fallen Croats from Husino, just outside Tuzla
- Izetbegovic meets with [SFOR](#) Commander Michael Dodson (00:20)
- Bicakcic and Covic meet with US and French ambassadors to BiH; they agree that Elektroprivreda power utilities from Mostar and Sarajevo should pay fee to underwrite Mostar city administration (00:24)
- Ganic meets with governors of Zenica-Doboj and Una-Sana Cantons for talks on establishment of institute for scientific research (00:27)
- Visit of pre-war Serb residents of Bocinja to homes in that village was successful – [UN](#) Mission to BiH
- USAID-financed reconstruction of electric network in Krsno Polje in Maglaj Municipality begins
- Mostar DPs from Santiceva Street request BiH Association of Refugees and DPs to financial support reconstruction of their devastated homes on that Mostar thoroughfare
- Bicakcic requests Lagumdzija's position on reconstruction of pension system instead of utilisation of Communist methods of intimidating opponents
- DSP President Alojz Knezovic to sue Bicakcic and Federation Pension Fund Director Sead Zeco for abuse of official authority and embezzlement of funds earmarked for pensioners (00:32)
- Knezovic repeating his lies that BiH Federation pensioners did not receive back pensions from 1997, 1998 and 1999 – Edhem Bicakcic (00:32)
- Knezovic is suing Bicakcic and Zeco just to keep himself 'politically alive' [keep his political career alive] – Federation PIO Pension Fund press release (00:32)
- Jelavic supports recent indictments against 23 Bosniaks in Mostar and hopes Hague Tribunal will soon raise indictment against persons responsible for crimes

against Croats in Grabovica village (00:20)

- DNZ President Fikret Abdic will return to BiH by end of this year
- SDA never made offer to cooperate with Mladen Ivanic's PDP – SDA reaction to Ivanic statement that his party would cooperate with anyone except SDA (00:32)
- GDS supports open letter of Association of Private Entrepreneurs in which they demand economic reforms and reduction of state administration
- Sports
- Weather

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BiH people will have opportunity on 11 November to elect representatives who will perform duties responsibly – Petritsch (03:35)

The people of BiH will have the opportunity on 11 November to elect representatives to government and parliament who will perform their duties responsibly, High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) stated in Banja Luka on Tuesday. Ambassador Petritsch warned all politicians in BiH “who think they can build their campaign on anti-Dayton agenda that they should just think of Milosevic, what it means to stand up against the rest of the world and particularly against his own people.”

Bicakcic requests Lagumdzija's position on reconstruction of pension system instead of utilization of Communist methods of intimidating opponents

BiH Federation Prime Minister Edhem Bicakcic asked SDP BiH President Zlatko Lagumdzija on Tuesday to say whether he supports reform of the pension system or not. The SDP BiH President has once again confirmed the fact that his party not only kept the property of the former (communist) system, but also the mannerisms of this former system, Bicakcic said. He added the only thing on Lagumdzija's mind is prison: whom he

will arrest and place in prison. He made this statement commenting on Lagumdžija's statement that officials in the BiH Federation Government should not be asking questions, but preparing themselves to be held accountable.

Knezovic repeating his lies that BiH Federation pensioners did not receive back pensions from 1997, 1998 and 1999 – Edhem Bicakcic (00:32)

Although not informed of the details of a lawsuit raised against him by DSP President Alojz Knezovic, BiH Federation Prime Minister Edhem Bicakcic stated that Knezovic is only repeating his lies in a 'Goebbels-like manner' because all back pensions from 1997, 1998, 1999 have been paid in full. "Mister Knezovic can see that this is the truth just by looking at the pension checks he receives regularly every month, Bicakcic concluded, in response to Knezovic allegations concerning the non-payment of back pensions in the BiH Federation.

SDA never made offer to cooperate with Mladen Ivanic's PDP – SDA reaction to Ivanic statement that his party would cooperate with anyone except SDA

00:32 The SDA did not expect and did not make any offers of mutual cooperation with PDP President Mladen Ivanic, said a press release of the party on Tuesday. The SDA issued this release in response to Ivanic's statement that he is open for cooperation with everybody except the SDA. This newly constructed leader-of-the-future Ivanic just makes fun of himself by rejecting something he was never offered, the SDA concluded.