OHR BiH TV News Summary, 12 September 1999

News Headlines

- Indonesia accepts <u>UN</u> troop deployment to East Timor
- Second earthquake in Athens
- Funeral held for 83 Albanians in Drenica
- World news
- Bicakcic announces possible restructuring of BiH
 Federation Government
- BiH Peace Corps initiates project to reconstruct houses in Central Bosnia Canton
- Bosniak families return to ruined homes in Zvornik
 Municipality
- 50 Serb families return to Celic Municipality
- Catholic church in Bijeljina reconstructed
- 40 Croat families return to Kakanj from Drvar
- <u>SFOR</u> regrets de-mining incident near Bugojno, which killed one <u>SFOR</u> soldier and one civilian
- Pension Fund reduces Zenica Iron Factory pensions of former workers without legal basis — Party of Economic Prosperity (SPP)
- Are there any intellectuals in BiH? Circle 99 roundtable
- New TV BiH foreign policy show 'The World' starts on Sunday
- European Championships in seated volleyball begins in Sarajevo

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Bicakcic announces possible restructuring of BiH Federation Government

In an interview with ONASA on Sunday, BiH Federation Prime

Minister Edhem Bicakcic announced that he would submit his report on the work of the Government soon and would probably ask for some changes in its structure. Bicakcic explained details of the restructuring of the BiH Federation budget, by which funds for the BiH Federation Army and war invalids would be reduced. Both the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister office favor this as it will increase budget revenues and the size of armed force has to be reduced anyway. Bicakcic also spoke about the recent New York Times article on corruption in BiH, which caused great harm to the BiH Federation Government, and said that he will not raise charges on his own behalf, but might appear in a court in the event the Government does press charges.

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BiH Peace Corps initiates project to reconstruct houses in Central Bosnia Canton

The BiH Peace Corps initiated a program of reconciliation and refugee return to Central Bosnia Canton two months ago. The activities of the Corps mostly relate to motivating potential donors and raising funds for the reconstruction of housing. A delegation of the BiH Peace Corps, along with a US Peace Corps delegation, visited villages in Central Bosnia Canton, where 80 houses belonging to refugees from all three BiH ethnic communities were reconstructed thanks to financial assistance from the Dutch Government.

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