OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 October 2000

News Headlines:

- Tuzla forensics expert opens mass grave in Grbavci near Zvornik and exhumes 46 bodies
- Eight bodies exhumed earlier from mass grave Lisac, near Zvornik, buried on Sunday
- BRT not broadcasting program any longer, IMC places seal on BRT relay transmitter (01:41)
- World news
- Yugoslavia is where it has always been, in Europe – Kostunica
- DOS to dissolve Serbian Assembly
- BiH Independent Trade Union warns that economy is in state of collapse due fault of incompetent politicians; Union asks BiH House of Representatives to discuss economic and social problems at next session
- Travnik-Lasva road blocked for one hour by Central Bosnia associations of Homeland War in stress different treatment of indicted war criminals (00:18)
- Inhabitants of Duhri village, Kiseljak municipality, living in substandard conditions; many promised donations remain unfulfilled, inhabitant hope to reconstruct houses before winter sets in
- International Theatre Festival Mess commences in Zenica on Monday – Culture
- Bisera Alikadic book "Knjiga vremena" promoted in Sarajevo

Election Chronicle Headlines:

- HDZ Central Board to call on all Croat parties to boycott establishment of house unless PEC annuls rule (00:36)

- SDA protests against IMC decision banning BRT broadcast (00:27)
- Reason for majority of problems in BiH is nationalism, and SDP will determine principle to fight against it – SDP President Zlatko Lagumdzija tells Circle 99 Independent Intellectuals (00:18)
- SDA Sarajevo Cantonal Board calls on Sarajevo Centar municipality officials to stop obstructing construction works in Ciglane settlement of Sarajevo (00:15)
- Party for BiH press release on postal transformation in Mostar
- Women's Party BiH requests BiH Federation Minister of Energy and Mining to dismiss BiH Elektroprivreda Steering Board due to its decision on distributing humanitarian aid to Mostar citizens; requests decision's abolishment and cut in electricity prices (00:15)
- BOSS press release on BiH Federation Government deception and sacrificial lambs (00:20)
- LDS Central Bosnia Canton promises greater engagement in refugee return process (00:16)

Election Chronicle Summary:

HDZ Central Board to call on all Croat parties to boycott establishment of house unless PEC annuls rule (00:36)

The HDZ Central Board requested the PEC to annul its decision on the election of delegates to the BiH Federation House of Peoples because it is unconstitutional. The HDZ confirmed it would be participating in the upcoming November elections. "However, if the decision is not withdrawn or changed we will call on all Croat parties to boycott the establishment of BiH Federation House of Peoples" the HDZ Central Board said in a press release.

SDA protests against IMC decision banning BRT broadcast (00:27)

“The forcible termination of the BRT broadcast signal by the IMC, which was assisted by the Sarajevo Canton police in this operation, is a direct attack against media freedom.” According to the SDA, there is no real reason to terminate the BRT broadcast signal. “This represents one more decision of the international institutions that brings Bosniak people into unequal position” reads a SDA press release. The SDA requested the Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry to explain its role in this operation. It also requested of police to explain who ordered their participation in this operation.

Party for BiH press release on postal transformation in Mostar (00:25)

The BiH Federation Government decision to transform the HPT into the Croat Postal Service and Croat Telecommunication is not just economically unjustified, but is politically dangerous and unsustainable as well, a Party for BiH press release said. The Party for BiH also assessed that the transformation would speed and strengthen the disintegration of market. “If this decision is not reversed, the Party for BiH will use all the democratic and legal means at its disposal following November elections to annul the decision and revise it” the press release concluded.

BOSS press release on BiH Federation Government deception and sacrificial lambs (00:20)

“The re-scheduling of a session of the BiH Federation Parliament due to discuss the inhuman amendments to the laws on PIO is one more attempt of the BiH Federation Government to deceive pensioners, delegates and the international community” reads a BOSS press release. The BOSS-party calls on delegates not to accept this fraud in which pensioners are the sacrificial lambs.