

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 September 1999

## News Headlines

- BiH Syndicate points to importance of Labor Law, OHR deems it undesirable, offering substantial privileges to workers
- Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach accepts Sarajevo as host to first semi-annual meeting for European security issues
- BiH Presidency holds working meeting with BiH Council of Ministers
- House of Representatives adopts one of three legal proposals for state reserves
- House of Representatives confirms appointment of Barisa Colak for Justice Minister and Ivan Badjak as Deputy Internal Affairs Minister
- House of Representatives fulfills instructions from international financial institutions to maintain further support
- All BiH Federation Foreign Affairs Ministers meet to consult on creation of stable police force
- Carla Del Ponte new Chief Prosecutor for The Hague Tribunal
- World news
- One person injured in Pristina café bombing
- Zagreb fair offers opportunity to increase BiH-Croatia trade relations
- Counselors in BiH Federation part of Brcko Municipality discuss final arbitration decision and its implementation
- Petritsch welcomes Izetbegovic's clarified statement on evictions
- Serb and Croat families living in Banja Luka protest

evictions

- Zenica-Doboj Government sends aid to Doboj and Teslic
- Jelavic receives accreditation of New Zealand Ambassador Peter Bennett
- IMC decision on TV BiH
- TV BiH reaction to IMC decision
- American trade and development agency to assign USD 1.3 million for BiH Electro-distribution and BiH postal service
- SDP expects Minister for Social Work, Refugees and Exiles to resign over failure to adopt Labor Law – Party Deputy Suada Hadzovic
- Omission to cover Tuesday of House of Representatives session SDP sees as political game by CD Coalition doubting integrity of new BiH Federation TV
- RS SDS and SRS should have been banned long ago – Party for BiH
- New magazine for students promoted in Sarajevo
- Sports
- Weather
- Metal workers call on companies not to cooperate with ethnic discrimination

## **News Summary**

### **BiH Presidency holds working meeting with BiH Council of Ministers**

The BiH Presidency has conducted a working meeting with Co-chairmen and Vice-presidents in the BiH Council of Ministers to discuss the functioning of state institutions, especially relations between the two branches. They concluded that the Council of Ministers is responsible to the BiH Presidency in implementation of decisions under the Presidency's jurisdiction while their efforts will be correlated on other issues. Regarding the BiH Constitutional Court decision on the Council of Ministers, they agreed that the activities of the working group for reconstruction of the Council will be

intensified. They again deliberated on the Presidency initiative for returns and decided to thoroughly examine at the next session.

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### **Counselors in BiH Federation part of Brcko Municipality discuss final arbitration decision and implementation**

Counselors in the BiH Federation part of Brcko Municipality discussed the final arbitration and its implementation. Slow returns to Brcko, especially the Rijeke settlement, have proven to be painful issues. Over the next several months 500 hundred flats will be emptied in Bukvic and Cerik and an equal number will be demanded in Brcko, says Head of BiH Federation part of Brcko Municipality Munib Jusufovic. "The formation of joint housing issues committee, as instructed by the OHR, is a huge step foreword" says Jusufovic. The slow pace of return, attempts at illegal privatization and the as yet unreturned property of the Islamic community are clearly raising tensions and opinions vary. "Brcko Municipal headquarters never sent any schedule for return. Obviously something is blocked" said Brcko Liberal Party President Admir Muminovic. "I believe that the formation of this committee is key to realizing final returns" stated SDP Councilor in Brcko Izet Banda. "Refugees from Brcko can no longer wait and put up with indefinite prolongation for implementing the final arbitration decision" says Brcko People's Association representative Muhamed Mujkic. "All Brcko people agree that they have been forgotten by many after the arbitration" confirms Jusufovic.

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### **IMC decision on TV BiH**

IMC Director Krister Thelin has brought a decision on TV BiH ordering the station to shut down over 20 new transmitters by 19 September, which were launched to transmit Channel Two

without prior approval from the IMC. TV BiH is also ordered a penalty of 1,000 DM for violating the High Representative's decision for a moratorium on new transition frequencies. Implementation of the decision will be postponed pending its appeal deliberation except the part that ordains the shutting down of the additional transmitters.

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### **TV BiH reaction to IMC decision**

"TV BiH directors were greatly surprised by the IMC decision and will demand a detailed explanation on Thursday, which will be followed by a public announcement. We believe this problem will be resolved to the satisfaction of our viewers" reads the TV BiH announcement.

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### **RS SDS and SRS should have been banned long ago – Party for BiH**

The RS SDS and SRS should have been banned long ago, " stated Party for BiH General Secretary Safet Halilovic at a party press conference.

"IC support to Richard Holbrooke's initiative to deny support to parties igniting ethnic hatred would enable the collapse of the BiH created by Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. If restructuring of the RS government does not occur, RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik will lose support from the CD Coalition" says Halilovic.

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### **Metal workers call on companies not to cooperate with ethnic discrimination**

The BiH Metal Workers Union is disappointed that OHR Mostar Head Richard Ellerkmann is leaving without having achieved the

return of Bosniak employees to the Aluminij factory. The Union called on European and US companies not to cooperate with companies that practice ethnic discrimination.

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