# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 August 1999

**News Headlines**

- US to invest more than one billion US dollars in reconstruction program – USAID
- Brochure on principles and procedures for democratic RS police conduct approved and presented in Banja Luka Monday
- Refugees organize return to their pre-war homes in Komusine near Teslic
- Coordination body on refugee returns to Central Bosnia Canton
- Serb Orthodox Church representatives meet with Tuzla Canton representatives to discuss work of Serb cultural institution as well as Serb refugee return to Tuzla Canton
- Vladimir Putin – fifth Russian Prime Minister
- KFOR states violence in Kosovo decreased over three days
- Albanians and Serbs reach agreement in Kosovska Mitrovica that each day 25 Albanian families will be able to return to part of town under Serb control
- Russian KFOR patrol attacked
- Yugoslav forces Third Army Commander General Pavkovic believes NATO troops should leave Kosovo
- Opposition protests against Milosevic regime continue throughout Serbia
- Tensions in Montenegro rising
- Bulatovic intends to de-stabilize Montenegro
- Yugoslav Army to prevent any attempt by Montenegro to separate from Serbia – Yugoslav Government Vice-president Nikolic
- World news
- Albright congratulates BiH Foreign Ministry for

successful organization of Stability Pact Summit
- Orphanage Center in Mostar to be reconstructed
- MBO elects Dzemal Hadziabdic as new president
- Bosnian Party protests over attempted arrest of party president Mirnes Ajanovic
- Cavic supports OHR initiative on SRT reform
- BiH Federation Health Ministry to visit Banja Luka and meet with RS Health Ministry representatives
- Auction of four business premises takes place in Sarajevo
- Story on author of 'Travnicka Harmonika', Sead Saric

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## US to invest more than one billion US dollars in reconstruction program – USAID

The head of USAID, Craig Buck, announced that the US will invest more than one billion US dollars over the next fiscal four year period in the BiH reconstruction program. New USAID administrator Brady Anderson has a mandate to direct 7 billion US dollars in economic humanitarian assistance into developing countries in Central and Eastern Europe and former USSR. Anderson explained that there is no specific time period for this money to be distributed and that it depends on the will of the people and government to implement political and economic reforms. He added that it is time for reform in BiH.

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## Coordination body on refugee returns to Central Bosnia Canton

The coordination body for refugee returns to Central Bosnia Canton met with Gornji Vakuf and Bugojno municipalities' and IC representatives. Central Bosnia Canton Minister for Social Issues and Refugees Ivo Jurcevic informed that the problems regarding refugee return issue are almost the same in all municipalities and explained that many municipal representatives are mentioning the lack of the donor means as

the main obstacle. Speaking on refugee return problems in Gornji Vakuf, OHR representative in Travnik Jason Taylor informed that “people there are still facing the challenge of forming a joint municipality and the majority of donors have passed them by because of their failure to implement the election results.” Mentioning Bugojno Municipality, Taylor informed that it would be one of the municipalities to receive the biggest amount of aid in 1999.

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**Cavic supports OHR initiative on SRT reform**

SDS Presidency Vice-president Dragan Cavic supported the OHR initiative on SRT’s reform, but he does not support the establishment of the joint TV Service on the BiH level. Cavic pointed to discrepancies in the official data on financial assistance to the RS and BiH, which were issued by the OHR and RS Government. Cavic doubts that the portion of financial help for the RS was misused. According to the OHR data, aid given to the RS totaled KM 788 million, but according to the RS Government it was KM 1.2 billion, Cavic concluded.

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