OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 December 1999

News Headlines

- Flood destroys all bridges in Mostar
- Sarajevo Canton almost paralysed by high snow
- Snow causes trouble throughout BiH
- Snow postpones BiH Federation House of Representatives session
- Floods kills four in Italy
- BiH Parliament Constitutional Commission determines that draft law on BiH State Border Service is constitutional – OHR
- European Council Parliamentary Assembly opens discussion on admittance of BiH
- Price of gasoline in BiH Federation will not rise – BiH Federation Government
- BiH Federation Government discusses amendments to Law on Restitution
- Acting Prime Minister of Kosovo Thaci meets with Izetbegovic, Silajdzic and Bicakcic for talks on cooperation between BiH and Kosovo
- Kosovo Serbs reject latest UN plan for division of power in Kosovo
- World news
- US soldier killed by mine in Kosovo
- Croatian Government to make decision on presidential elections by 20 December
- Montenegrin Justice Ministry considers extradition of Veselin "Blatko" Vlahovic to The Hague
- ICTY investigators in Banja Luka to meet with potential war crimes witnesses
- RS Government delegation postpones trip to The Hague
- SDA will not vote for Permanent Election Law in BiH

Parliament

- HDZ holds election rally in Neum
- Petritsch meets with SDP BiH leadership for talks on refugee returns and Permanent Election Law
- OSCE election law favors SDA and HDZ BiH in Mostar – HSS
- Election law in Croatia discriminates against political parties and voters outside Croatia – Croat Demo-Christians
- BiH Republicans ask for revision to privatization of company Bosnia Hotels and Restaurants
- Statute of Brcko District violates Dayton Agreement and invites all political subjects in RS and BiH to raise this issue at Constitutional Court – SPRS
- SPRS responsible for eviction of 800 Serb families from abandoned apartments in Brcko – SRS RS
- Mustafa Kurtovic elected new head of Gorazde Municipality
- Bad weather postpones arrival of 134 BiH refugees from Macedonia
- BiH Federation Defense Ministry meets with foreign military attachés in BiH
- 56 firms to participate in construction of industrial zone in Brcko District
- Sports
- Weather
- UN General Assembly discusses Srebrenica and New York Declaration
- Srebrenica Municipal Assembly session postponed over bad weather, CRS aids rebuilding of houses and IPTF to open field office
- BiH Association of refugees and DPs holds session in Mostar promoting two way returns
- Entity armies not solution, to go forward we need to cancel entities – Prce
- OHR announces draft Permanent election law is Constitutional
- All Christmas celebrations canceled following Tudjman's

death – HDZ Secretariat General Marko Tokic

- Our posters were removed illegally – BOSS party to Tuzla Minister of Interior demanding police prevent propaganda in future
- Implementing election law may result in creation of entity election laws – BiH Patriotic party

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BiH Parliament Constitutional Commission determines that draft law on BiH State Border Service is constitutional – OHR

The OHR informed that the BiH House of Representatives Constitutional Commission determined that the draft law on the BiH State Border Service is, without a doubt, constitutional. The OHR reminded the BiH House of Representatives that New York Declaration regulations and principles of the State Border Service establishment are not open to revision or change, because they are based on the principles from those documents. The OHR asked the House to adopt the law at its next session in the form proposed by the BiH Presidency. (00:43)

European Council Parliamentary Assembly opens discussion on admittance of BiH

BiH representative to the European Council Almir Sahovic spoke of the session held by the European Council Parliamentary Commission for Political Issues in Paris. One of the issues discussed was BiH admittance to the Council. Sahovic announced that a European Council representative presented a report after visiting BiH, including suggestions for a declaration, by which the European Council Parliamentary Assembly should officially allow BiH to enter the Council. Sahovic asserted that BiH admittance has already become certain after presentation of this report. He added that the Assembly has not yet voted or declared itself on this report.

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Petritsch meets with SDP BiH leadership for talks on refugee returns and Permanent Election Law

High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch met with an SDP BiH delegation led by party President Zlatko Lagumdzija in Sarajevo on Thursday for talks on refugee returns, legal reforms in BiH, the Election Law and the need to make BiH politicians accountable for their part in Dayton Agreement implementation.

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OSCE election law favours SDA and HDZ BiH in Mostar – HSS

The Croat Peasant Party (HSS) addressed a letter to Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH Robert Barry, warning him that the rule that every party must nominate at least 25 candidates for municipal elections in Mostar favors the SDA and HDZ BiH. The HSS asserted that the SDA and HDZ BiH use obstruction as a means of keeping Mostar a divided town four years after the war.

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