OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 November 1998

The Agreement on Special Relations between BiH and Croatia was not signed today in Zagreb. In an interview for the RTV BiH, Federation President Ganic said that the Agreement should firstly be reviewed by the Federation Parliament HoR and then signed. Croatian FA Minister Granic said that Croatia deeply regrets for the agreement was not signed today, adding that this may impose the question of the purpose of the agreement, which is opposite the DPA. HR Principal Deputy Klein said that the postponing prevents the citizens of both countries to have the benefit of this agreement, and added that this was irresponsible behaviour. US Special envoy Sclar said that this was another example of how Bosnian authorities fail to work in their own interest. RTV BiH also published Klein's press release issued today from the OHR. Ganic's cabinet also issued a press release which says that the press published Granic's statement that the agreement enables legal financing of HVO in BiH. Ganic said that there is no such regulation in the agreement or a regulation that could be interpreted so.
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The ICTY sentenced Hazim Delic to 20 years in prison, Esad Landzo to 10 and Zdravko Mucic to 7 years. Delic, Landzo and Mucic were sentenced for crimes committed in the war-camp Celebici, while Zejnil Delalic was released due to lack of evidence that he was supervisor in the Celebici camp in 1992. BiH TV news comment – A careful observer of Hague sentences cannot fail to notice the fact that the sum of years in sentence implies that Bosnian side is the most convicted. RTV BiH also brought a phone interview with released Delalic, who said that sentences of other three are too sharp, compared to other indictees.
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RTV BiH also carried interviews with RTV BiH officials, Purivatra, Domazet and Perovic who spoke about the RTV BiH reconstruction. All of the interviewees agreed that RTV BiH should not be closed down, and also explained the process of reconstruction.
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FRY President Milosevic met with OSCE Verification Committee Head, Walker. The main issue of the discussion was allocation of OSCE monitors in the province of Kosovo.
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The European Commission granted $70 million credit for balancing BiH debts. The aid will be implemented within the framework of the EU strategy for promoting the peace process and BiH transition to the market economy.
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Tuzla/Podrinje Canton Assembly appointed Hazim Vikalo for the post the Canton Premier.
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Bosnian Party of Rights addressed a letter to HR Westendorp, in which they protest that Seselj was not arrested during his recent visit to Banja Luka and taken to the Hague.
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The SNS will not co-operate with the newly elected RS Government Mandatro, Kalinic, or will support his candidacy, member of the SNS Main Board Markovic said.
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