

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 November 1999

## News Headlines

- Rudolf Scharping on official visit to BiH
- BiH Federation Government constructively discusses functioning of Government
- All regular and remaining pensions to be paid before end of year – Bicakcic
- Kopaci refugees press charges against BiH and RS with Human Rights Court
- McDonald gives farewell interview
- Trial of former Tuzla Canton Government officials interrupted
- Tuzla Cantonal Assembly holds session and discusses irregularities in work of Cantonal Reserves Agency
- Lorraine explains IMC decision on EROTEL
- Stabilization of Tudjman health condition continues – Tudjman doctors
- International news
- Over 240,000 Serbs leave Kosovo – [UNHCR](#)
- Tensions after elections intensify in Skopje
- Sacirbegovic awarded international peace prize
- International Islamic Bank to invest \$10 million in BiH International Bank
- Silajdzic discusses refugee return process with ambassadors of Islamic countries
- Association of Mostar Refugees supports Ganic initiative for \$1 billion loan for reconstruction of houses
- SGV and Una-Sana Canton officials discuss refugee return process
- Representatives of Banja Luka soldier organizations appeal to RS Government to interrupt evictions of families of fallen soldiers, invalids and RS soldiers

- Report on horse smuggling from BiH to Croatia
- BiH Federation Parliamentary Board for Economic Issues discusses law on restitution
- Influence of transformation on employment discussed at roundtable
- Book "[World Bank](#) and [IMF](#)" presented in Sarajevo
- Bosna Film signs agreement on co-production with MSM (Slovenian) production for making of film Sarajevo
- Announcement of TV BiH show BiH issues
- Sports
- BiH Bacci-ball Alliance denies TV BiH story on participation on European championship
- Return of Bosniak refugees to Srednja Trnava postponed
- Refugees from Srebrenica road Tuzla-Sarajevo block to protest Elektroprivreda cutting electricity to refugee settlement
- Second Donors' Conference on Kosovo to be held on Wednesday
- [SFOR](#) explains meaning of BiH military potentials reduction – [SFOR](#) TV report
- Sarajevo Government holds session
- 25 November non-working holiday
- Coffman confirms Kopanja car at Scotland Yard
- Hrle and Mujagic discuss privatization process
- BiH Privatization agency holds session in Mostar, Bosniaks do not attend
- BiH Federation Payment Institute transformation to be finished before end of next year – Krezo
- Prskalo rejects proposals of Bosniak and IC representatives on joint administration board for Mostar Airport
- BiH Federation Ombudsmen hold round table on respect of children's rights convention in Tuzla
- Mijatovic elected for second Deputy Sarajevo Mayor
- VKBI appeals to Sarajevo Canton and international organisations for returning apartment to Jusuf Ziga
- Pliva buys 66,67 % of Czech company Lahema

- RTV BiH employee Stjepan Dekret dies in Sarajevo
- Travnik Court performs exhumation of 29 bodies from Central Bosnia
- Weather

## **News Summary**

### **McDonald gives farewell interview**

[ICTY](#) President Gabriele Kirk McDonald, in the last days of her mandate, addressed several sharp messages to the [UN](#) Security Council, which did not energetically respond to her complaints related to cooperation with the Tribunal. McDonald is not leaving her position angry at the Security Council, but sad because there are people on the Council that sometimes put their countries' interests above the interest of international peace and security. French judge Claude Zorda was elected new President of The Hague Tribunal. In a farewell interview, McDonald stated that she does not know whether the Tribunal will try all those accused of war crimes, but the fact that indictments exist and that war crimes do not have a statute of limitations means that they will remain eternal fugitives from international justice.

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### **Lorraine explains IMC decision on EROTEL**

TV BiH already informed that IMC brought a decision to ban TV EROTEL broadcasts because of its rejection of an IMC provisional license. OHR spokesperson James Ferguson stated at a press conference that the rejection of the agreement on EROTEL's future and rebroadcasts of HRT obviously comes from Zagreb, not BiH. He added that the Croat leadership in BiH publicly declared their support for restructuring EROTEL with the aim of creating a public service on BiH Federation territory and stated that EROTEL does not have any basis for complaint on this issue. Regarding this, TV BiH received information from Head of the IMC Licensing Department Dieter

Lorraine, who participated in the IMC seminar on implementation of the Code for TV Programming. Lorraine stated at a press conference that the IMC issued a standard 6-month license to EROTEL last Monday, which allows for the use of 11 transmitters in BiH. He added that they expected the EROTEL leadership to respond with their acceptance of the conditions, but they did not. "They addressed the OHR, which does not have a mandate to regulate the work of electronic media in BiH" emphasised Lorraine, adding that the IMC was forced to bring this decision. Lorraine stated that he is aware of the fact that EROTEL did not stop broadcasting. When asked whether the IMC has certain measures against non-implementation of the decision, Lorraine stated that the IMC has several, but emphasized contact with local authorities and [SFOR](#).

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### **BiH Bacci-ball Alliance denies TV BiH story on participation on European championship**

The BiH Bacci-ball Alliance denied a story published by in the TV BiH sports block of the 12 November news, in which they mentioned the BiH Bacci-ball team and its participation in the European championships. In reaction, the Alliance said that none of the names, last names or clubs mentioned exist on the Alliance's list. It is also stated in the reaction that the mentioned players are from the so-called Herceg-Bosna Alliance, which is not a member of the BiH Alliance.

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