

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 September 1999

## News Headlines

- BiH to be co-chair at Stability Pact Regional Table for Security for first six months
- Number of [SFOR](#) troops to be reduced by one third
- US intends to send experts to investigate organized crime in BiH
- New York Times article on corruption was misleading, but should be used as spark to fight corruption
- Head of [World Bank](#) Mission to BiH Rory O'Sullivan leaves BiH
- BiH foreign debt \$2 billion – BiH Council of Ministers session
- Bosniak and Croat representatives in BiH Federation House of Peoples disagree over what can be treated as issue of national interest
- Parliamentary Speaker obstructs work of BiH Federation House of Peoples – Bosniak parliamentary caucus
- Petritsch and Barry dismiss Drvar Mayor Mile Marceta
- Judicial system in Livno Canton defies basic principles of legislature – [UN](#) Mission to BiH report
- Muris Ljubuncic, charged with terrorism and murder, released of all charges by Travnik court
- New explosion in southern Russia
- Man kills seven, then commits suicide in church in Fort Worth
- Roundtable of BiH Federation privatization agencies held in Tuzla
- BiH Central Bank and commercial bank representatives discuss steps in restructuring BiH currency circulation system
- SDA demands prompt adoption of labor law

- BiH Republicans demand revision of BiH citizenship
- BiH Federation state budget must not finance private law suit of Alija and Bakir Izetbegovic against New York Times – BOSS
- BiH Federation House of Representatives Speaker Enver Kreso discusses problems in adoption of labor law with Trade Unions Association President Sulejman Hrle
- 50 returnees to village of Kucic Kula, outside Zvornik, receive material donations
- KLA ends demilitarization three days before deadline
- Serbia wants to destabilize Montenegro and establish puppet regime – Djukanovic
- World news
- Home for 800 talented orphans to open in Sarajevo on 1 October
- 16 September, International Ozone Day
- Sports
- Weather

## **News Summary**

### **US intends to send experts to investigate organized crime in BiH**

“Hundreds of millions dollars have been stolen in BiH, some of which are presumably from International Community funds” Chairman of the US Congress Committee for International Relations Benjamin Gilman stated. Gilman called for immediate action, backing his claims with the report by a special team of US investigators, who have just returned from BiH. In case Gilman’s proposition is approved, the US would send special teams of investigators and judges to help fight organized crime and corruption in BiH, because BiH authorities are incapable of dealing with the problem due to an inefficient judiciary.

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## **New York Times article on corruption was misleading, but should be used as spark to fight corruption**

“The New York Times article on corruption in BiH presented the wrong picture of the problem of corruption in BiH, but should be used as a spark to fight cases of abuse” [World Bank](#) Director in BiH Christian Portman stated at a meeting with BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic in Sarajevo on Thursday. Izetbegovic emphasized the need to fight crime and corruption in BiH, but also pointed to the problem of so-called ethnic privatization in some parts of BiH. Head of the [World Bank](#) Mission to BiH Rory O’Sullivan attended the meeting, which was one of his last in his current position.

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## **Parliamentary Speaker obstructs work of BiH Federation House of Peoples – Bosniak parliamentary caucus**

The Bosniak delegate caucus in the BiH Federation House of Peoples issued a press release right after the end of the fifth session of Parliament, complaining about the constant obstructions by Parliamentary Speaker Pero Madzar, who interrupted the fifth House session and scheduled the seventh for Friday against the will of the parliamentary majority. “Having in mind the unwillingness of the Speaker to accept the necessary and fully legitimate requests of Bosniak delegates, the Bosniak delegate caucus asks for the presence of OHR representatives at Friday’s session” the statement concludes.

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