## OHR BiH TV News Summary, 18 October 2000

## News headlines:

- Sarajevo factory 'Vaso Miskin Crni' worker Ivica Miletic dies in accident; investigation underway
- TV BiH announces upcoming report on civil disorder in Brcko; Serb parents join their children-students
- International Conference on Recovery and Development of Mostar 'Big Idea for Future' taking place in Mostar; 150 ambassadors and IC officials attend conference
- TV BiH correspondent reports on civil disorder in Brcko District; more than 500 Brcko Serb students make 'protest walk' through Brcko demanding Brcko Government to change its policy on school system concerning joint classes with Bosniak students (03:56)
- BiH House of Representatives adopts supplements and amendments to Law on Budget of BiH Common Institutions and Law on BiH External Debt
- BiH Minister for Human Rights and Refugees Martin Raguz is new Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers; SDP is opposed to programs allowing rotation of posts and composition of BiH Council of Ministers
- Zenica-Doboj Cantonal Court verdict on Buco company director and maintenance worker, on trial for negligence in Kakanj bus accident in which 44 died, not made public on Wednesday, even if court had announced it would
- Trial of Ismet Bajramovic 'Celo' in Court of First Instance and other suspects in Hajdarpasic murder in Ilidza fast food Brajlovic starts in Sarajevo Cantonal Court
- Kostunica meets with delegation of Serbian Socialist Party (SPS) to discuss establishment of provisional Serbian government

- DOS schedules meeting for late on Wednesday to discuss details of agreement on provisional Serbian government
- Certain SPS municipal boards and officials demand examination of Milosevic responsibility for their election catastrophe
- German Government confirms it has information concerning Milosevic bank accounts abroad
- Serbia and Montenegro still have not closed positions concerning key issues following Kostunica-Djukanovic meeting
- Serbian Crown Prince Aleksandar Karadjordjevic addresses rally in Novi Sad
- "I want you to remain calm and be certain <u>EU</u> will not disturb balance" – Javier Solana, reacting to statement of Croatian Premier Ivica Racan on <u>EU</u> excessive concern for Yugoslav at expense of other regional countries, said <u>EU</u> has not forgotten other countries
- Italian Government unfreezes 100 billion lire in of Yugoslav funds to assist in process of stabilization in Serbia
- World news
- Italian company Benetton confirms interest for Sarajevo department store Sarajka
- Sarajevo Canton Privatization Agency continues privatization tender sale, but with amendments to process: potential purchasers must present business plan for company's future before tender can start
- Sarajevo pharmaceutical company Bosnalijek signs contract on 5-million KM loan from International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Brcko District, due to specific status and geographical position in BiH, will be center of BiH economic development and most interesting region for foreign investors – Brcko District Government adopts interim decision on entity tax rates, equalizing and decreasing them to suit district's requirements
- The oldest institution of higher education in BiH,

Vrhbosna Catholic Theological Seminary, denotes 110th anniversary

## TV BiH Election Chronicle:

- HDZ BiH considers latest PEC decision on election of delegates to BiH and BiH Federation House of People as unacceptable and announces holding of referendum on position of Croats in BiH (00:19)
- Referendum on Croat legal and constitutional position, as well as vision of their future, will certainly be held – HDZ BiH Vice President Marko Tokic tells press conference (00:59)
- Croat Christian-Democratic Union (HKDU) considers recent PEC decision by IC as bad and unsuitable move at this moment because it slows BiH democratization using inappropriate 'Stalinist methods' (00:18)
- OSCE has not comprehended BiH Constitutional Court ruling on constituents of three BiH people throughout BiH – BPS (00:39)
- SDP Brcko demands full engagement and mobile readiness of District Government and police for student demonstrations to stop; latest events in District are very concerning (00:44)
- BiH economic potentials blocked by inter-entity boundary line – Party for BiH President Silajdzic addresses Stability Pact Business Forum in Istanbul (00:25)
- SDA considers that IC and part of opposition has called on voters to elect authority using examples of Croatia and Serbia, which is not either feasible, appropriate or suitable for BiH (00:21)
- BiH Independent Trade Union meets with BOSS President Mirnes Ajanovic; BOSS calls on Petritsch to use his sweeping powers and dismiss 'current IMC structure' due to inconsistent implementation of rules in code for work of media (00:47)
- IMC spokesperson, answering questions regarding BRT,

presented lies that caused damage to this TV station – BRT management responds to IMC order for this media to cease broadcasting operations permanently (00:36)

- Sports
- Weather

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The Bosniak Patriotic Party (BPS) considers that the OSCE comprehends the BiH Constitutional Court ruling on the constituents of all three people in the sense of the constituents of the three people in two entities, which strengthens entity sovereignty, not the sovereignty of BiH citizens. According to the BPS, the BiH public is not fully aware of the fact that BiH, as a country, exists for as long as the International Court of Justice [possibly referring to BiH suit in this court against Yugoslavia]. BiH, in the ICJ sense, exists until the full implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. Meanwhile, the BPS calls on BiH citizens and parties to be aware of the fact that the total failure to implement the Dayton Peace Agreement will not create a legal vacuum, but that BiH will revert to its previously held legal status, which is the Republic of BiH (RBiH).