

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 19 November 1999

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- [OSCE](#) Summit concludes in Istanbul
- [OSCE](#) Declaration on Security in Europe introduces principle that armed conflict in one state concerns all others
- Bicakcic attends International Economic Forum in Monaco
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- RS Government discusses draft Permanent Election Law
- Ralph Johnson's visit to Brcko shows that IC remains involved in implementation of Brcko arbitration decision – Farrand
- Mothers of Srebrenica react to [UN](#) report on Srebrenica tragedy
- Over 1 million people from 58 countries sign petition for 'Declaration on Free and Unified Sarajevo'
- RTV BiH signs contract on media coverage of BiH Basketball Association
- Izetbegovic meets with outgoing Austrian Ambassador to BiH Valentin Insko
- Radisic should explain deeper aspects of New York Declaration upon his returns to RS – Sarovic
- Radisic should resign or withdraw his signature from New York Declaration – Blagojevic
- SRS RS General Secretary Ognjen Tadic calls on RS voters to boycott elections
- HDZ BiH welcomes PEC decision to extend deadline for voter registration abroad

- Law on RS citizenship and election rules for BiH lead to division and legalize results of genocide – SDA Regional Board Podrinje
- Association for Restoration of Citizens' Trust in Stolac sues BiH Federation
- Women's Party BiH wants to know who controls media space in BiH
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- European Council and OHR organize seminar in Sarajevo on teaching of controversial subjects in BiH history books
- Sports
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- Interview with [SFOR](#) MND North Commander Major General James Campbell on 30% reduction of [SFOR](#) troops
- Sandzak city of Rozaje hosts many refugees from BiH and Kosovo
- High Representative's decision on evictions in RS is legal and binding – OHR spokesperson Oleg Milisic
- Commercial banks in BiH should apply for licences to perform monetary transactions – BiH Central Bank
- Actual economic situation in RS is worse than in previous post-war years – SDS Main Board
- BOSS raises charges against Tuzla judge Dijana Mijic for conducting illegal process against BOSS President Mirnes Ajanovic
- Croat Demo-Christians react to Barry's statement
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### OSCE Summit concludes in Istanbul

The [OSCE](#) Summit in Istanbul concluded on Friday with the adoption of the Declaration on Security in Europe and the Agreement on Arms Reduction in Europe. The 6th Article of the Declaration, which relates to BiH, emphasizes the need to strengthen BiH joint institutions at the expense of entity

institutions. The Declaration also emphasized the importance of Rule-of-Law in BiH, as well as the struggle against organized crime and corruption, and the adoption of the Permanent Election Law. BiH Presidency Chairman Ante Jelavic asserted in his speech on Thursday that stability in the region depends largely on its economic prosperity.

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### **Dnevni Avaz to publish Petritsch's diary in its Saturday's edition**

In its Saturday edition, Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz will publish High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#)'s personal diary, in which Petritsch explains his reasons for annulling the RS National Assembly decision to suspend all evictions during the winter months. Ambassador Petritsch stresses that the refugee returns process must not be stopped. "The property laws guarantee that nobody will be thrown out into the street. It is clear that the return process must be sped up, not stopped, even temporarily" Petritsch explains.

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### **Mothers of Srebrenica react to [UN](#) report on Srebrenica tragedy**

The [UN](#) recently published a 155-page report on its view of the tragedy in Srebrenica in 1995, when the town was a safe haven under [UN](#) protection. According to information from the Association "Mothers of the Enclaves of Srebrenica and Zepa" 10,701 people were missing after (Srebrenica) fell in the summer of 1995. (Footage shows General Ratko Mladic addressing captured civilians after Srebrenica was overrun by Serb forces) "You are all going to Kladanj, as those before you have gone. Do not worry at all, you are free." (Footage of skulls and bones of victims found in the woods around Srebrenica) "Their freedom ended up like this" the reported commented. Survivors from Srebrenica, mostly women, have been trying to get the remains of their relatives for the past four

years. Over two thousand Srebrenica citizens have applied for emigration from BiH. Chairwoman of the Association “Mothers of the Enclaves of Srebrenica and Zepa” Munira Subasic warns that, if they are not allowed to return to their homes in Eastern Bosnia, all survivors of the Srebrenica tragedy will collectively apply for emigration from Bosnia. Mrs. Subasic said that Ambassador Jacques Klein informed the Association that the [UN](#) had recognized partial responsibility for what happened, but she said that it is necessary to name those who are responsible. [UN](#) spokesperson Douglas Coffman reaffirmed that the [UN](#) considers the Serb forces, namely Karadzic, Mladic, Krstic, and Erdemovic, responsible for the atrocities. Mrs. Subasic announced that the Association “Mothers of the Enclaves of Srebrenica and Zepa” will raise charges against the International Community, the Dutch Battalion based in Srebrenica and the [ICRC](#), which left Srebrenica two months before it fell to the Serb.

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### **Law on RS citizenship and election rules for BiH lead to division and legalize results of genocide – SDA Regional Board Podrinje**

“The latest law on RS citizenship and the election rules for BiH lead to division and legalize the results of genocide” SDA Regional Board Podrinje and Zvornik stated in its Friday press release. “It is cynical to deny RS citizenship to those who were not settled on its territory on 1 January 1998, when it is clear that Bosniaks were expelled from the RS and averted from return” the press release concluded.

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### **Association for Restoration of Citizens’ Trust in Stolac sues BiH Federation**

The Association for Restoring Citizens’ Trust office in Stolac announced that it would sue the BiH Federation before the BiH

House of Human Rights for discrimination and segregation, on religious and national bases, against Bosniak citizens in Stolac Municipality.

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### **Women's Party BiH wants to know who controls media space in BiH**

Following the statement of OHR spokesperson Oleg Milisic that "there is still an open offer to continue HRT rebroadcasts in the BiH Federation" the BiH Women's Party asked, "who rules the media space of BiH?" In a press release, the Women's Party said, "at a time when the Public Broadcast System, or BiH Federation TV, is not defined in aspects of programming or channel distribution, to negotiate the allocation of a channel without public tender would mean the legalization of occupation of BiH."

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