OHR BiH TV News Summary, 22 August 2000

News Headlines:

- •BiH Presidency holds session and confirms decision on BiH security policy, and informs it will introduce BiH Presidency spokesperson's post, and adopts six-month report on work of BiH Central Bank
- BiH Border Service Director Slavisa Vukovic decides to stop collecting insurance fees for vehicles from Yugoslavia until further notice
- Standing Committee for Military Matters holds session, adopts action plan for next six months, as well as discussing membership in NATO pact and Partnership for Peace program
- Dutch Ambassador in <u>UN</u> Security Council mentioned loss of \$500 million in BiH in revenues that was reason behind his meeting with Sacirbegovic at which it was stated that these facts have not been confirmed
- •RS Minister for Refugees and DPs Miladin Dragicevic resigns, cites great pressure on work of Ministry and himself was coming from IC and many refugee associations due to real property law implementation, among other
- •RS Government holds session and adopts decision to reduce lowest price of work (minimum wage in state-owned companies paid directly from RS budget) from 80 to 60 DM
- Pensioners continue protest in front of Government building in Banja Luka, Dodik addresses them, saying it would be only be possible to pay them one-and-a-half pensions until end of year, and not two as they demand
- BiH Federation Government issues press release on amendments to Law on Pension-Disability Insurance
- Tuzla Canton Government meets with representatives of Tuzla banks and BiH Federation Agency for Banking to

discuss current situation in work of banks in Tuzla and status of depositors there

- World news
- Del Ponte disappointed because <u>NATO</u> forces have not arrested Karadzic as yet, and says the reason for this is lack of communication between French and US <u>SFOR</u> units
- General elections will cost 16 million DM, and almost 90% of the amount will be spent in BiH, with the exception of ballots that will be printed in Hungary Luke Zahner during IC press conference in Sarajevo
- OHR concerned over increasing number of incidents in Glamoc Municipality — Oleg Milisic at IC press conference in Sarajevo
- SFOR checks persons and vehicles entering Glamoc area,
 Cantonal Interior Ministry has been informed of this operation SFOR
- Head of Glamoc Municipality Damjanovic addresses open letter to Klein following death threats and physical attack by IPTF member
- Maglaj Municipal Council Chairman Dzevad Galijasevic informs he will present evidence of Bosniak intelligence service (AID) involvement in Bocinja case at the next session of this council — ONASA
- SDA addresses protest to <u>OSCE</u> because ballot printing job for elections, worth a couple of million dollars, given to Hungarian company and not offered to BiH printing company
- NHI publicly supports Marko Tadic, dean of west Mostar University, and his efforts to achieve autonomy of this University and build a university based on European standards
- Bosnian Party (BOSS) condemns desecration of Josip Broz
 Tito's bust in Partisan cemetery in Tuzla
- Tokic says SDA wants to prevent changes with more frequent allegations concerning imperilment of Bosniak people, and wants to isolate BiH from Euro-Atlantic

integration

- PTT announces decision of Board of Directors on reorganisation
- Klein presents three vehicles to BiH Border Service in Serb Sarajevo
- High temperatures causing fires in six municipalities of Una-Sana Canton
- Due to preparations for public registration of shares,
 Sarajevo Canton Agency for Privatisation Control Board will be in session continuously until end of August
- Vares primary school pupils to attend classes using two different curricula, as interim solution, each with its own teachers board as well
- TV BiH announcement for BH Teme program after newscasts dealing with refugee return issue