OHR BiH TV News Summary, 22 November 1999

News Headlines

- Tudjman's health deteriorated over night – presidential medical team
- Croatian parliamentary parties reach consensus on proclaiming temporary incapacity of Tudjman to perform his duties – TV BiH correspondent from Zagreb
- Johnson visits Foca
- Tuzla Regional Association of Refugees holds press conference
- 372 Bosniak families return to their pre-war homes in Bosanska Gradiska, return process positive but slow
- BiH Refugee Association President Komarica appeals to High Representative to use his sweeping authorities to replace those who oppose return
- Resident of small Croat settlement Milici, Donji Vakuf Municipality, returns home after seven years with aid of EU and Danish Refugee Council
- BiH Federation Interior Ministry spoke with Arman Jasarevic concerning Leutar car-bombing assassination and concluded Jararevic's information not relevant
- RS National Assembly Speaker Djokic says Brcko District Statue not a good solution
- Draft BiH Permanent Election Law not in accordance with BiH Constitution – HDZ BiH
- Liberal Party reaffirms their request along with CD Coalition for eventual replacement of Dodik if he does not meet their demands regarding participation in RS Government
- LBO press conference
- World news
- Tragic story of two children, whose mother was killed

during war, now living with grandparents
- BiH Federation Health Ministry representatives and mental health experts discuss mental health reforms at meeting in Mostar
- US Government offers assistance to 2nd and 3rd year BiH students to further education
- Snow fall in Una-Sana Canton causes traffic problems Silajdzic returns from OSCE Summit in Istanbul
- SFOR warns of bogus posters similar to SFOR's – SFOR TV
- Jelavic send greetings on Libyan Independence Day
- Sarajevo police arrest two narcotics dealers
- RS customs seize 45 thousands KM worth of garments
- Employees of Incel factory protest in front of RS Government building
- NHI appeals for citizens to register for elections
- Head of OSCE Mostar Office Garry Mathews criticizes HVIDRA for imposing threats against three Mostar journalists (00:10)
- BiH Radio Amateurs Association plans to restore network of transmitters in year 2000
- Sports

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Johnson visits Foca

Principal Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson visited Foca and met with Foca Municipality Vice-presidents Rajko Komnenovic and Sulejman Pilav, as well as with the Association of Bosniak Refugees from Foca. Johnson expressed satisfaction with the atmosphere of the meeting and asserted that the approach being used by the Foca Municipality is positive. He stated that "we have heard some encouraging words." He added that the real test, like in other places, would come with actions and not just words. He announced that no one wants to see Foca as an isolated municipality. The issue of return, as a condition for economic progress of the municipality, was discussed at the meeting. Johnson stated that the authorities

would be directly conditioned with the progress in returns. He assessed the issue of forming the multiethnic police as important, saying it would strengthen the of return process and improve overall security situation in the area. “We wish to see the full co-operation of local authorities with the ICTY” Johnson concluded.

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Tuzla Regional Association of Refugees holds press conference

The Tuzla Regional Association of Refugees and DPs held a press conference where they warned that the 150,000 refugees in Tuzla Canton could wait no longer to return. Association President Fadil Banjanovic underlined that “we are advocating realization of the Dayton Agreement by this spring, no more backing off, those who want to go to Srebrenica, to Zvornik, to Bijeljina, to Janja, must go by this spring, no more waiting.” Refugees in the TP Canton asked the IC to take action after the recent decisions and adoptions of certain laws by the RS National Assembly. They suggested the entity constitutions be supplemented to allow the constituency of all BiH people on their territories. They appealed to the OHR to publicly name and replace those who obstruct the Dayton Agreement.

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LBO press conference

LBO Vice-president Salih Foco stated that political leaders must implement what they sign, because the lack of political will is the weakest point in the implementation of the Dayton Agreement. As a problem, Foco mentioned the fact that the policy the IC is using in BiH is an experiment for resolving conflicts in Eastern Europe.

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