

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 23 August 2000

## News Headlines:

- US Government will donate 10 million KM through USAID to finance establishment of lateral security for BiH Federation Agency for Deposit Security
- Collated report on fires throughout BiH, HB Canton, Capljina, Orlina (Maglaj), Kraljica (Ozren), and fire on border of Zenica, Zavidovici and Kakanj municipalities, fire fighters in difficult situation
- RS refugee association "Return to Sarajevo" (Povratak u Sarajevo) announces they will return to Sarajevo Canton, and will even return to tent settlements if cantonal, BiH Federation authorities and IC do not stop further obstructions to return
- US Ambassador to BiH Miller visit Bosniak returnees in villages of Kula Grad and Zlatne Vode, promises he will provide all possible assistance to these brave returnees
- Miller visits Bosniak returnees in Janja village whose houses were torched in latest incidents, and says dismissal of local authorities not preventing such incidents is responsibility of High Representative
- BiH Council of Ministers Chairman Tusevljak considers that action of BiH Border Service (introduction of border tax for Yugoslav vehicles) is not in accordance with their competencies and is, therefore, an illegal act
- Dissatisfied Banja Luka pensioners on day three of their protest rally in front of RS Government building in Banja Luka
- Director of BiH Federation Pension-Disability Fund (PIO) Sead Zeco comments on debt to pensioners, and announces reduction of pensions, over which BiH Federation

pensioners express great concern

- Unusually high temperatures and tropical heat causing many health problems, especially for young and elderly – Director of Sarajevo Emergency Room Alija Mulaomerovic
- Izetbegovic first, and then Jelavic and Radisic address letters of condolence to Russian President Vladimir Putin following tragic death of 118 crew members of Russian submarine Kursk
- World news
- [EU](#) concerned over increasing violence in Kosovo prior to upcoming elections
- World news
- Senatorial Board of Mostar University holds session to discuss situation in the University, announces next meeting for this Monday, no public statement issued
- Negotiations on solution for Bugojno Croat pupils finally results in success, 300 pupils of First Croat Primary School receive facility to carry out classes
- Omer Visic elected as Banja Luka Deputy Mayor, even if certain delegates believe his election is violation of city statute
- Head of OHR South, Judge Finn Lynghjem demands HN Canton Interior Minister officials to urgently arrest five Mostar Croats suspected of war crimes against civilians and POWs
- Ganic initiates process to harmonise BiH Federation Constitution with BiH Constitution with letters to speakers of both houses of BiH Federation Parliament
- BiH Catholic bishops warn Stability Pact for South-eastern Europe Special Co-ordinator Bodo Hombach of unsustainable position of numerous refugees that have waited for five years to return to their homes
- SDP in future sees city of Sarajevo as self-governing unit, and as civic service that is main generator of democratic society – Sarajevo Mayor Muhidin Hamamdzic
- Cases of alcohol and drug abuse are frequent among recruits in military training centre in Capljina – NHI

warns

- RS Prime Minister Dodik bears responsibility for deficit in RS budget, not RS National Assembly – Democratic Patriotic Party (DPS)
- Opposition in both entities still cannot unify because of very different ideological and program commitments – PDP President Ivanic
- Bosnian Party (BOSS) demands the High Representative to dismiss RS Prime Minister Dodik because of obstruction to refugee return process
- German radio station donates mobile reporting vehicle to future BiH Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Radio
- Sports
- Weather