

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 23 October 1999

News Headlines

- The Hague Tribunal accuses Croatia of non-cooperation
- OHR withdraws Bent Jensen as special envoy to Srebrenica
- Zeljko Kopanja's condition improves slightly following car bombing in Banja Luka
- Klein demands thorough investigation by RS police and IPTF into attack on Kopanja
- Same group of people organized attacks on Munib Hasanovic in Srebrenica and Zeljko Kopanja in Banja Luka – SDA
- International journalist association 'Reporters Sans Frontiers' asks Petritsch to use his influence to intensify investigation into attack on Kopanja
- International experts should learn from BiH journalists not other way around – Stephen Schwartz at VKBI panel discussion
- Izetbegovic receives delegation of Libyan businessmen
- Mostar Aluminij Combine ready for full scale production
- World news
- BiH Cardinal Vinko Puljic on list of candidates for next Pope
- Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly delegation visits Mostar's old city center
- Tuzla Women's Association unveil Monument of Freedom at Tuzla City Gate
- Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry appeals to citizens to reduce traffic during workers' protest next week
- Draft BiH Election law is unacceptable – BSP
- IMC allows Radio Drvar to resume broadcasting
- 6,000 Sarajevo Serbs and 4,000 Serbs from Konjic living in Visegrad

- Number of Bosniak and Croat returnees to Posavina increases
- Promotion of Raif Dizdarevic's book 'From Tito's Death to Death of Yugoslavia'
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The Hague Tribunal accuses Croatia of non-cooperation

In its latest report to the [UN](#) Security Council, The Hague Tribunal accused official Zagreb of non-cooperation and asked for [UN](#) sanctions against Croatia. In the last three years, Croatia has repeatedly refused to meet [ICTY](#) requests, which includes refusal to extradite Mladen 'Tuta' Naletilic and Vinko 'Stela' Martinovic, the President of the Hague Tribunal Justice Gabrielle Kirk McDonald assessed. Justice McDonald added that in the last year there was a noticeable intensification of the campaign against The Hague Tribunal in Croatia. Croatian Justice Minister Zvonimir Separovic asserted that the [ICTY](#) is a means of political pressure and that eventual [UN](#) Security Council sanctions against Croatia will not happen because there is no foundation for them. "Croatia was one of initiators of the establishment of the [ICTY](#), and its first victim as well. The Hague Tribunal should have fulfilled the expectations of the victim country which, unfortunately, did not happen" Separovic concluded. Minister Separovic asserted that Croatia will continue to cooperate with the Tribunal, but only to the degree that would not have an influence over Croatia's sovereignty and its national interests.

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International experts should learn from BiH journalists not other way around – Stephen Schwartz at VKBI panel discussion

Speaking on the professionalism of BiH journalists and

responsibility of foreign media at the VKBI panel discussion, US media expert Stephen Schwartz rejected a common claim of international representatives that the media are responsible for the war in BiH. Schwartz also stated that it was not true that BiH journalists should learn from their foreign colleagues and that if there was no control of the international agencies over BiH media the conflict might erupt again. "It would be untrue and worthy of contempt to say anything else but that BiH journalists could be role models for their foreign colleagues. We, the international journalists, should learn from them" Schwartz stated. Schwartz asserted that foreign involvement in BiH media is not necessary adding that "the core of the problem might be the fact that those who were assigned with such a huge and complex problem are not competent and do not have enough imagination, so they improvise."

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IMC allows Radio Drvar to resume broadcasting

IMC Director Kirster Thelin's decision to allow Radio Drvar to resume broadcasting became effective on Friday. The decision was made after Radio Drvar accepted several changes in its programming which will meet the demands of the IMC Programming Code for Radio and TV stations in BiH.

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