

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 24 November 1999

## News Headlines

- BiH Presidency adopts law on BiH State Border Service
- BiH House of Representatives adopts law on immigration and asylum and law on refugees and displaced persons
- Council of Ministers discusses program of work and plan of laws to be prepared
- BiH Federation House of Representatives discusses budget after spending six hours on agenda
- BiH Federation Government prepares laws on restitution, railways, and retirement fund
- Petritsch discusses budget needs for implementation of property laws with Bicakcic and Dodik
- BiH Foreign Ministry calls for applications for 100 new employees
- Croatian Parliament adopts law on Tudjman's temporary incapacity
- World news
- Candidates in forthcoming BiH elections cannot illegally occupy flats – PEC
- [UN](#) spokesperson in Mostar Stefo Lehman says attack against him not politically motivated
- IMC fines Croat RTV Herceg-Bosna 5,000 KM
- [SFOR](#) does not take orders from IMC – [SFOR](#) spokesperson
- Annan, Clinton, Demirel and BiH political parties and officials congratulate BiH Statehood Day 25 November
- State Hospital in Sarajevo faces heating cut for not paying bills
- Forum of BiH Parliamentarians 1990 demand Petritsch annul law on RS citizenship
- OHR supports New York Declaration – spokesperson James Ferguson in Banja Luka

- Tuzla DP and refugee representatives propose special contact group meeting
- Privatization Agency organizes seminars in Western Europe for BiH citizens and interested parties
- Jelavic receives credentials from Maltese and South African Ambassadors
- Izetbegovic meets with [SFOR](#) General Adams
- Petritsch says Law on Citizenship fully in accordance with BiH Constitution
- SDP opposes concept of one nation, one leader, one army saying that fight against fascism is ongoing and Europe should not make proposals that would never pass in their own countries – SDP Vice- president Bogic Bogicevic
- SDP summons special party session on BiH Statehood Day
- Sarajevo Canton Assembly accepts privatization process proposal
- Sports
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### **Petritsch discusses budget needs for implementation of property laws with Bicakcic and Dodik**

High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) met with BiH entity Prime Ministers Edhem Bicakcic and Milorad Dodik in Sarajevo on Wednesday for talks on implementation of the set of property and housing laws and refugee return problems. Petritsch asserted that these issues are at the top of his priorities, adding that displaced persons must be allowed access to their property as soon as possible. The capacity and efficiency of housing offices in both entities must be enhanced and more funding must be ensured for next year's budgets for reconstruction of devastated houses and building of new ones. Bicakcic and Dodik committed to ensuring enough funding for the purpose of refugee return for next year.

## **BiH Foreign Ministry calls for applications for 100 new employees**

The BiH Foreign Ministry has called for applications for 100 open posts. All applicants must have a university degree and knowledge of at least one foreign language. Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic stressed that there must be an end to nepotism within BiH diplomacy and that skills must be the first criteria for all employees of the BiH Foreign Ministry.

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## **Candidates in forthcoming BiH elections cannot illegally occupy flats – PEC**

The Provisional Election Commission introduced a ruling Tuesday by which no candidate occupying some one else's apartment will be allowed to run in the forthcoming elections in BiH. Head of [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Ambassador Robert Berry explained the new PEC rules at a meeting of Political Parties' Consultative Council in Mostar and strongly advised political parties to discover where their candidates are living. The PEC will consider an eviction order as relevant proof of illegal tenancy and such candidates will be removed from the list before the elections or replaced after the elections. Ambassador Barry rejected allegations from some political parties that the draft election law is contradictory to the BiH Constitution.

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## **IMC fines Croat RTV Herceg-Bosna 5,000 KM**

At a session on Wednesday, the Independent Media Commission Enforcement Panel made a decision to fine Croat Radio TV Herceg-Bosna for 5,000 KM. Croat RTV Herceg-Bosna was penalized for its second consecutive violation of the IMC Programming Code.

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### **[SFOR](#) does not take orders from IMC – [SFOR](#) spokesperson**

“[SFOR](#) troops do not take orders or suggestions from the IMC” MND Southeast spokesperson Laurent Mott stated at an IC press conference in Mostar on Wednesday. [SFOR](#) received the Independent Media Commission’s letter regarding TV Erotel on Tuesday, but have not reacted because no such request came from the OHR. [SFOR](#) is maintaining contact regarding the IMC’s demand to close TV Erotel, but will not react until requested to do so by the OHR.

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### **Forum of BiH Parliamentarians 1990 demand Petritsch annul law on RS citizenship**

The Forum of Parliamentarians of BiH 1990 demands that High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) suspend the newly adopted Law on RS Citizenship and instruct the RS Government in preparing a new draft law. “The RS leadership’s conduct in this issue and attempt to deny refugees the right to RS citizenship was not a surprise, but the fact that Petritsch has not condemned or annulled such a law was more than surprising” said a press release the Forum issued in Sarajevo on Wednesday.

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