OHR BiH TV News Summary, 24 October 2000

TV BiH News Headlines:

- BiH Federation and RS government delegations meet in Brcko and reach four agreements concerning implementation of Final Arbitration Decision on Brcko (healthcare, pensions, return of DPs, Brcko District revenues)
- BiH Federation Prime Minister Edhem Bicakcic holds Speaker of Brcko District Assembly Mirsad Djapo responsible for that body's lack of clear stand on recent nationalist incidents in Brcko (00:25)
- Stability Pact Anti-corruption Initiative Team not satisfied with anti-corruption results achieved in BiH
- BiH Federation House of Representatives adopts amendments to BiH Federation Tax Law
- RS National Assembly adopts draft labor law and draft law on employment
- BiH Constitutional Court admitted to Conference of European Constitutional Courts on 22 October this year – BiH Constitutional Court President Kasim Begic
- Commenting on possible referendum on BiH Croat constitutional status, Sarajevo Law Professor Zdravko Grebo tells TV BiH that referendums can only be called by authorised legislative body
- World news: Serbian Assembly appoints provisional government
- Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica admits in interview with CBS Television that Yugoslav soldiers committed genocide in Kosovo
- Situation in Middle East still tense
- Re-trial of former Bosniak intelligence service (AID) employee Edin Garaplija and his two associates by BiH

Federation Supreme Court completed; ruling to be made in several days

- Tuzla Municipal Council discusses security situation following series of incidents and street protests
- Around 120 Bosniak returnees to Foca village of Popov Most, still living in tent-settlement, receive assistance from Bosniaks in Scandinavian countries

TV BiH News Election Chronicle:

- Croatian Government sends letter to <u>OSCE</u> Permanent Council in Vienna as well as High Representative to BiH <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u> stating PEC rule on election of delegates to BiH House of Peoples not in compliance with certain BiH constitutional provisions (00:35)
- OHR and <u>OSCE</u> Mission to BiH warn HDZ BiH President Ante Jelavic that his initiative to hold referendum of Croat people is illegal method of changing BiH Constitution (00:45)
- OSCE Mission to BiH orders Mission and Local Election Commission staff not to participate in activities related to possible referendum on Croat people (00:23)
- HDZ BiH says in press release that representatives of BiH Croat political parties will discuss constitutional status of Croats in BiH at all-Croat national congress scheduled for 28 October in Travnik (00:14)
- SPRS senior official Biljana Obradovic-Rodic says elections may be irregular in RS due to strange atmosphere in which election campaign is taking place (00:18)
- SNSD President Milorad Dodik says RS should establish special relations with Yugoslavia but also with Croatia in order that problems related to refugees and their properties be resolved appropriately (00:22)
- BOSS requests BiH Federation Government to immediately draft economic and social reform program and deliver it to parliament for adoption (00:22)

- LDS BiH warns BiH Federation Law on Pre-war Foreign Currency Accounts, defining how these monies can be used in privatization process, has not been published in Official Gazette even one month following its adoption by parliament (00:22)
- Vitez Chief of Police Zdravko Taraba says anonymous information on explosive device allegedly placed in Vitez hotel during SDP BiH election rally late on Monday false (00:38)
- SDP BiH Western Herzegovina Canton Board holds inaugural session Tuesday in Ljubuski; Srecko Zulj elected President of Board (00:21)
- Sports
- Weather