

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 25 November 1998

- Reconstruction of TV BiH
- Who is celebrating Statehood Day?
- HR urges EU to state on acceptance of BiH
- Refugees – will their property be returned?
- Sclar clarifies his statement on corruption

Editor in Chief of TV BiH, Senad Hadzifejzovic, announced that this would be the last newscast issued by TV BiH in its original visual format, as the visual restructuring process will enter its first phase tomorrow.

Coverage of commemorative celebrations for fallen soldiers of Mrkonjic Grad, both for the late war and WW2, was followed by coverage of the ceremonies of ZAVNOBiH (anti-fascist organisation from WW2).

75 BiH Army veterans received decorations from war-time presidency members: including current president of the Serb Civic Council Mirko Pejanovic. 'Interestingly' presidents Ante Jelavic and Zivko Radisic were not present at the reception supposed to be given by the current BiH Presidency; although HR Carlos Westendorp and Senior Deputy HR Hanns Schumacher, as well as numerous foreign ambassadors were present. Those present were invited to comment on the fact that the Day of Statehood is not kept in all parts of the country, and Hanns Schumacher was carried: 'BiH is of course de facto a divided country.' TV BiH examined how the day was treated in Banja Luka (where it was not even mentioned by the media), and Orasje – where it was, again, an ordinary working day. This was contrasted with Bihac, Zenica, Tuzla and Gorazde 'where there was no question about the Day of Statehood.'

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The HR called on the EU to give a clear statement on the future full acceptance of BiH in the EU as soon as possible.

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The RS government session today passed the draft Law on Cessation of the Law of Abandoned Property. Minister of Information Rajko Vasic said that article six of this law specifies that a person who is living in abandoned accommodation, and has applied to return to property in the Federation, cannot be expelled into temporary accommodation.

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The decision of the HR on the division of the military credits between the BiH Army and the HVO was condemned by Vladimir Soljic, deputy president of the Federation. The Croat side cannot accept that what they have earned should be taken from them, he said.

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Kosovo news was followed by news on the Bosniak community of the Sandzak, which has condemned current negotiations about the future of Kosovo as unacceptable, as they do not include representatives of this minority.

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A journalist from Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz contributed information on its new exclusive interview with US envoy Richard Sclar, in which he absolutely denied having stated, hinted or thought that Bosniak politicians Alija Izetbegovic, Haris Silajdzic, and Edhem Bicakcic are in any way corrupt, when criticising them for their vacillation over the signing of the Special Relations Agreement between the Federation of BiH and Croatia.

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The foreign bloc was the last item before sport. Sport was followed by a commentary on BiH as it is now, with a vox pop among miners.