

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 26 August 1999

TV BiH 19:30 news for 26 August 1999

## News Headlines

- Talic to face The Hague Tribunal
- Talic arrested in Vienna following Tribunal indictment, Serb delegation leaves military doctrine seminar
- Talic arrest welcomed by US Administration as confirmation that they are resolute to bring all criminals before The Hague
- Arrest points to a need for new RS military leadership in line with political leadership in Dayton implementation – State Department spokesperson James Foley
- France welcomes Talic arrest
- Prosecutors from all cantons attend meeting of anti-corruption team
- New US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller presents his credentials to Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic
- Newly appointed Bulgarian Ambassador Georgij Ulurkov advocates intensified cooperation with BiH
- BiH Council of Ministers holds session
- Thousands of pensioners demonstrate in Banja Luka
- BiH Federation Government holds session on united pension fund, also determines law on appointing judges and prosecutors
- Government informed of obligations arising from final Brcko arbitration, Justice Ministry has two weeks to comply with plan for district
- RS Government holds session to deliberate rebalance of RS budget
- OHR considers Foca black hole of Dayton implementation,

- appoints special envoy to improve Bosniak return to area
- Petritsch in Mostar – no tolerance for corruption, which drives away foreign investors BiH depends on
  - 100 Bosniak returnees to Gracke village near Ljubuski stopped by Croat refugees from Konjic and Central Bosnia
  - In Gline, near Ugljvik, Serb families prevent 160 Bosniak families from entering their homes
  - TV BiH crew in Sokolac witnesses 30 returnee families visiting their reconstructed pre-war homes
  - RS SP condemns arrest of Tadic
  - RS Social Liberal Parry demands The Hague Tribunal reveals secret indictments
  - RS Serb Coalition calls on RS representatives in joint institutions to freeze their mandates
  - HSS, MBO and SDA welcome IC action
  - Prijedor police executed 200 Bosniak civilians on Koricanske Stijene – Colonel Bosko Peulic, RS public attorney Vojkan Dimitrijevic says no one filed report, therefore he cannot request investigation
  - SDA deems unacceptable request by HDZ Travnik branch to replace Besim Halilovic Head of Travnik Municipality
  - BiH HDZ condemns claims by Co-President in the Council of Ministers Haris Silajdzic to 'Jutarnji Lisit' that Croat President Franjo Tudjman must be held responsible before the Hague Tribunal
  - BOSS welcomes Canton prosecutors office decision to demand Financial police look into expenses of Tuzla Municipality
  - Ruling parties in BiH intentionally slow down transition, law on restitution necessary to create right conditions for privatization – Stjepan Kljajic President of Republican Party
  - BiH Women's Party announces they will oppose [World Bank](#) attempt to decrease pregnancy leave to three months
  - Luzanski replies to open letter by Central Bosnia Canton Vice-president Adnan Terzic, acknowledging once joint institutions are established Herceg-Bosna institutions

should cease, as should BiH institutions

- Luzanski and Serb Citizens' Council agree Federal Government and Livno Canton rule should aid return to Drvar
- IMC cautions Doboj Radio
- Central Bank Governor Peter Nicol announces agreement with Swiss Credit Bank on trade with KM is extended for another six months
- World news
- Another attempt to deploy Russian troops to Orahovac
- Meeting of Kosovo Transitional Government interrupted
- At least four Serbs found dead in mass grave near Gnjlani, Yugoslavia demands immediate US reaction
- Milosevic accuses US of massacre of 15 Serbs
- Ninth anniversary of Dobrinja coal mine
- Seventh anniversary of burning of Sarajevo City Hall
- Journalist Mladen Paunovic dies

### **Prosecutors from all cantons attend meeting of anti-corruption team**

Annexes to the Laws on Federal Prosecution and on Witness Protection have made the work of judicial institutions more efficient. "At today's (Thursday) meeting we have analysed system changes brought by the anti-corruption campaign. They have strengthened the prosecution, but need further help, and this is a condition for entering the European Council and European integration" stated BiH Federation Vice-president Ejup Ganic. Improvement of the Law on Judiciary will also advance the autonomy and efficiency of judges and the judicial branch. Quicker appointment of judges and prosecutors is also needed. Federal financial police are facing a task of identifying tax evasion and falsification of financial documents and, therefore, need more personnel and material support. The meeting was concluded with a claim that only the fight against corruption can negate the damage brought by foreign press.

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### **IMC cautions Dobojo Radio**

The IMC determined that Dobojo Radio violated general (broadcast) conditions by using a stronger transmitter, different frequency and different transmitter location. The IMC demands that Dobojo Radio comply with the prescribed signal broadcasting decision by 31 August 1999 at the latest.

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