

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 26 October 2000

## TV BiH News Headlines:

- BiH Council of Ministers discuss de-mining activities and return issues at Thursday session (03:01)
- BiH Federation government offers to cover one year of health insurance and social security taxes for employers offering work to inexperienced persons for an indefinite period of time (02:33)
- In Srebrenica visit US Ambassador to [UN](#) Richard Holbrooke welcomes Petritsch's decision to have memorial center for Bosniak victims built in Srebrenica; he also applauds resignation of Srebrenica Municipal Assembly Vice President Dragan Jevtic, calling him a separatist and a nationalist
- Izetbegovic joins Holbrooke in tour of Butmir tunnel, Sarajevo's only connection with the outside world during the war (01:09)
- Holbrooke and US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller visit Mostar settlement Podhum to meet Bosniak returnees; Holbrooke adds it is time for Petritsch to extend more concrete help to Mostar and once more advocated the idea of making Mostar the Federation capital (02:32)
- As of yet, conditions for adoption of permanent BiH election law do not exist; [OSCE](#) to raise issue again after the election but first entity parliaments must harmonise constitutions with BiH Constitutional Court decision on constituent status of all three nations throughout entire BiH territory – [OSCE](#) Head of Mission Robert Barry at Banja Luka press conference
- "I am trying to correct Tudjman's mistakes" – Croatian President Stipe Mesic in a meeting with German President Johannes Rau referring to Tudjman's involvement in

plans calling for the division of BiH (00:25)

- Yugoslavia joins Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe in Bucharest session (01:53)
- Deep-sea divers struggle to recover bodies of Russian submarine crew from Barents Sea (01:06)
- Construction of bridge on Prijedor-Sanski Most road sponsored by Italian government expected to encourage returns in the area (01:44)
- Delegation from BiH Trade Union (Sarajevo Canton branch) discourage attempts of Sarajevo trade company Marketi employees to begin work (01:34)
- BiH Federation and Cantonal Culture Ministers meet to discuss European Council guidelines for distribution and translation of books
- 15% reduction expected in BiH entity armies by end of year – Rick Hillier, Southwest Division [SFOR](#) Commander at Banja Luka meeting with entity army commanders (00:20)
- Petritsch's decision to bury Srebrenica victims in Potocari his fairest to date – Pokret Majki Enklave Association (Movement of Mothers from the Zepa and Srebrenica Enclaves) (00:12)
- Srebrenica Municipal Assembly Vice President Dragan Jevtic resigns in protest over Petritsch's decision that memorial complex be built in Potocari; calls on all Serb functionaries in assembly to join him (00:19)
- MESS International Theatre festival closes Wednesday night
- Mostar university and high school students demand right to Croatian- language instruction as guaranteed in BiH Constitution and international documents; they also demand independence for (west) Mostar University
- IC to resolve issue of Arizona inter-entity market, near Brcko, involving prostitution, human trafficking and illegal immigration (00:30)
- BiH Federation Defence Ministry issues guidelines for behaviour of soldiers during election campaign period,

ordering them not to involve themselves in activities other than voting and encouraging others vote

## **TV BiH News Election Chronicle:**

- Necessary to harmonise entity constitutions with the BiH Constitutional Court decision on constituent status of three BiH peoples throughout country – Barry, calling HDZ initiative for an all-Croat referendum unconstitutional (00:26)
- SDP Brcko President Zekerijah Osmic attends meeting of 15 [EU](#) Ambassadors to BiH held in Banja Luka and states better cooperation within BiH must be secured (00:23)
- SDP Banja Luka President Slobodan Popovic meets German embassy officials to BiH, thanking them for German SDP support (00:17)
- HSS activists warn that obligation to pay and arrange postage for out-of-country ballots may influence election results as it creates room for manipulation by various parties (00:16)
- GDS candidates surprised that Minister of Civilian Affairs Velibor Gligoric presented Petritsch with only a copy of diplomatic passport since he contributed more than any BiH official to adoption of joint passport
- SDA representatives Mustafa Spahic and Tarik Spadovic hold 14 rallies across Sweden (00:18)
- SDA congratulates BiH Constitutional Court's membership in European Conference of Constitutional Courts, welcomes Holbrooke's visit to BiH
- Restitution, privatisation and laws according to European norms the preconditions for development – BiH Republicans press conference in Sarajevo
- Organisation of all-Croat Congress in Novi Travnik by HDZ an attempt to shift blame for failures on others – NHI President Kresimir Zubak at rally in Paklarevo, Travnik Municipality (00:18)
- Returnees to Hodezici and Kotorско, villages near Doboj,

thank Rasim Kadic for his work as BiH Federation Minister for Refugees and for his promise that LDS Party will continue to help returnees (00:16)

- Unconditional establishment of diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia prize coveted by all BiH's enemies; considering criminal charges filed by BiH accusing Yugoslavia and Montenegro of genocide and aggression, is what they need most – BPS (00:19)

#### **TV BiH News Summary:**

- BiH volleyball team reaches quarterfinals at Sydney para-Olympics
- Sport
- Weather