

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 29 October 2000

TV BiH News Headlines:

- Health of 56 employees of Bihac Trgovina chain deteriorating after five days of hunger strike
- Prime ministers of countries bordering Yugoslavia welcome democratic process underway in country and hope that elections in Kosovo will reflect will of people; Kosovo Serbs reject elections (00:55)
- World news
- Circle 99 Independent Intellectuals hold roundtable in Sarajevo on individual, collective and moral responsibility in totalitarian systems (00:33)
- BiH Helsinki Human Rights Committee nominated for Dayton Peace Award, which US Ambassador to [UN](#) Richard Holbrooke's launched this year (00:23)
- BiH Parliament adopts Law on Free Access to Information (02:56)
- As with any law, Law on Free Access to Information can be manipulated with too, but it still represents significant step forward – Head of Independent Union of Professional Journalists Mehmed Husic
- Experts who complied Law on Free Access Information are deliberating on draft defamation law – [OSCE](#) spokesperson Luke Zahner
- SDA, HDZ and SDS use fear and manipulation to hang onto power; Vrhbosna's Cardinal Puljic and Bosna Srebrena Provincijal Mijo Dzolan should not allow instrumentalisation of religion for political purposes – Head of Sarajevo inter-religious service Ivo Markovic commenting on Puljic and Dzolan's participation on All-Croat National Congress in Novi Travnik on Saturday (02:03)

TV BiH News Election Chronicle:

- All-Croat referendum is HDZ attempt at creating third entity; All-Croat National Congress is gathering of right wing nationalists and last ditch attempt of HDZ to divert attention from their own incompetence – NHI (00:20)
- So-called All-Croat National Congress Declaration desperate HDZ attempt to hang onto power and reveals their clear preference for third entity; finale of hypocritical and unarticulated (but strongly held) HDZ policies that boil down to intimidation – HSS (00:19)
- [OSCE](#) should withdraw decision on BiH Federation House of Peoples and HDZ its decision on All-Croat referendum – SDA (00:23)
- All BiH Croats are now together and no one, including IC, will prevent them from participating in elections and All-Croat referendum to demonstrate what kind of state they want – HDZ Vice President Dragan Covic at Konjic rally (00:15)
- GDS warns PEC of brutal violation of election rules by various political parties; participation of Cardinal Vinko Puljic at All-Croat National Congress in Novi Travnik on Saturday demonstrates fact election campaign has no real political importance – GDS (00:12)
- It is necessary for BiH Federation Government to urgently adopt complete economic and social reform package it proposed in October 1999 – BOSS (00:14)
- SDA calls on PEC and [OSCE](#) to react against crude violation of election rules in Srebrenica, submits proof of election tampering in 23 polling station (registration of non-existent or deceased persons, as well as those living elsewhere) (00:23)
- Main aim of BPS is to protect autonomy of all peoples within RS, chiefly its Bosniak citizens, as their dispersion continues – BPS President Sefer Halilovic in Lukavac (00:14)

- “We have to keep our youth in BiH; all aspects of education need to be reformed” – Party for BiH rally in Tuzla (00:12)
- SDP only radical current that can redesign state; party strives for equal constituent status of all nations throughout entire BiH territory – SDP Vice President Gradimir Gojer at rally in Karaula, Travnik (00:15)
- “Today, I declare death of Federation as it is; we can no longer go on like this; Croat people are unequal in BiH” – HDZ President Ante Jelavic at HDZ congress in Siroki Brijeg (00:27)
- PBS BiH to broadcast special election program ‘You Ask’ (Vi Pitate) at 20:00
- Sports
- Weather

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According to SDA, the decision of the HDZ and a number of Croat parties to convene an All-Croat National Congress was obviously influenced by a mistaken decision by the [OSCE](#) Head of Mission to change the composition of the BiH Federation House of Peoples. SDA calls HDZ’s reaction “unacceptable” since the BiH Constitution cannot be changed with unilateral decisions. Therefore, SDA believes that the [OSCE](#) should withdraw its decision regarding the BiH Federation House of Peoples and HDZ its decision on an All-Croat referendum.