

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 30 March 2000

## News Headlines

- Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe Donors' Conference ends in Brussels, donors pledge 2.4 billion euros
- Next Donors' Conference of Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe scheduled for May in Florence, Italy
- OHR expresses concern over increased violence against returnees in RS, especially recent incident in Prnjavor
- BiH Parliament House of Peoples adopt budget as it was adopted by BiH House of Representatives eight days ago
- OHR forced to extend validity of additional import tax and, reluctantly, we will implement this – spokesman Ferguson
- BiH Federation Agriculture minister and his deputy comment on damage that will be caused if OHR does not extend validity of additional import tax
- Two German companies to assist to BH Steel Company in finding new markets outside the former Yugoslavia
- Steering Board of Bosnian-Kuwaiti owned BH Steel Company appoints new Director
- PTT BiH Public Company has profits in 1999 amounting to 113 million KM
- There is no detailed plan to build apartments in Sarajevo Canton – apartment prices in BiH close to European standard
- British KFOR enters Serbia to verify allegations concerning presence of Yugoslav Army vehicles in restricted border zone
- World news
- [UN](#) Deputy Special Envoy Harston presents donated equipment to RS Interior Ministry

- BiH Federation Privatization Agency surprised by initiative to include foreign experts in tender commissions
- BiH Federation Privatization Agency requests Government to reexamine position on decision of Urban Planning Ministry that privatized companies continue selling apartments
- HB Canton Interior Minister Ante Baresic withdraws resignation
- Western Herzegovina Canton must implement OHR decision calling for removal of all symbols that represent only one nation or religion from police and justice institutions – Lehman
- Military attachés in BiH visits BiH Federation Defense Ministry
- Pope meets with BiH pilgrims in Rome
- Spanish and BiH Red Cross signs protocol on cooperation in program Psycho-Social Assistance For Children Affected By Armed Conflicts
- Egypt Ambassador to BiH presents medical donation to Bosniak Islamic Medical Association BIMA
- BiH Federation Agency for Implementation of Agriculture Programs starts distribution of heifers in three municipalities of Posavina Canton
- Report on busts of famous BiH novelists that are now rotting in the basement of the Sarajevo National Theater
- Sports
- Weather
- Project on return of 100,000 people adopted in principle at the Brussels Donors' Conference – Ganic
- Report on return of Serb refugees to Kalesija and Bosniaks to Mrkonjic Grad
- All IC criticisms on sale of hotel Holiday Inn unfounded – Bicakcic
- Izetbegovic meets with Italian Ambassador to BiH
- Turkish Ambassador meets with Speaker of BiH House of Representatives Pero Skopljak

- Una-Sana Cantonal Assembly holds session
- Mostar Aluminij Combine believes that Government is obliged to bring laws for the welfare of all citizens
- Conference on Mental Health of BiH Citizens
- Promotion of book 'Bosniak Folk Costumes on Bjelasnica Mountain'

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### **All IC criticisms on sale of hotel Holiday Inn unfounded – Bicakcic**

BiH Federation Prime Minister Edhem Bicakcic reacted to the allegations of certain IC officials concerning the sale of the hotel Holiday Inn in Sarajevo. Bicakcic, in a statement reported by ONASA, said that the background to all the criticisms was unfounded and might be pre-election propaganda. Bicakcic added that all those carrying out the privatization process had agreed to a set of laws and therefore agreed to the sale of hotel facilities in the small-scale segment of the privatization process. Bicakcic stated that the new owners of the Holiday Inn, Nedim Causevic and Sead Kurtagic had made a good job of it. Commenting on the certificates' issue, Bicakcic stated that current legislation could not prevent the sale of certificates by their owners (for sums well below their nominal face value), especially in the phase of small-scale privatization.

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