OHR BiH TV News Summary, 31 October 1999

News Headlines

- Bosna Chess Team named European Club Champion
- 1999 Formula One World Champion Mika Hakkinen
- Egyptian aircraft crashes into Atlantic near Boston
- International news
- Two persons injured in auto accident in Buzina Bara, near Hadzici
- Carla Del Ponte to arrive for three-day visit of BiH on Monday
- Circle 99 Independent Intellectuals discuss Sarajevo Canton development strategy
- Croat officials in Drvar oppose opening of Serb-language school
- Bozo Jovicic opposes construction of military training center in Glamoc
- Exhumation of killed and missing Croats in Derventa completed
- International news
- KFOR arrests group of Serb war crimes suspects attempting to escape from Orahovac to Montenegro
- German KFOR soldier dies in vehicle accident
- KFOR reports torching of ten houses in Prizren area
- At least 9,500 persons killed in Kosovo war – Kosovo Human Rights Board
- International news
- Ralph Johnson visits Srebrenica
- TV BiH visits Kopaci and Bosniak refugee tent city at IEBL
- Sarajevo doctors visit and examine medical condition of Bosniak returnees in RS
- Doctors in ZE-DO Canton leaving BiH en mass for Saudi

Arabia, BiH experiencing ‘brain drain’ at invitation of BiH Embassy in Saudi Arabia
- Preparations for central heating in Mostar
- Car thefts increase in Bijeljina over past nine months
- Human interest report on economist working in flour mill
- Halloween celebrated throughout the world
- TV BiH program “Issue this Week” follows newscast
- Sports
- Weather

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Croat officials in Drvar oppose opening of Serb-language school

Croat officials in the Drvar Municipality oppose a decision of the Drvar Municipal Council on opening a Serb-language primary school in Prekaja for the children of 2,000 Serb returnees. According to HDZ Drvar Board President Neven Maric, the Croat side is not against regional schools and the Serb language, but requests adherence to cantonal laws that say education is in the canton’s jurisdiction.

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Bozo Jovicic opposes construction of military training center in Glamoc

Head of the Glamoc Municipal Council and the Coalition Zavicaj Bozo Jovicic considers the construction of a military training center in Glamoc Polje as immoral, because its construction would be carried out on the graves and religious sites of the Serb people. The BiH Federation Government brought the decision to build the center, while Glamoc Municipality has been charged with resolving property issues and payment of compensation.

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Ralph Johnson visits Srebrenica

Principal Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson during a visit to Srebrenica stated that the implementation of refugee return should be helped along by the town's multiethnic administration, the formation of a board for reconstruction and return as well as another board for reconciliation. He stated that the OHR considers refugee return to be a major issue in Srebrenica. Opinions between Serb and Bosniak refugees on two-way return differ. A Serb refugee from Ilidza said that he would like to live in his pre-war home and work where he worked before. Kada Hotic of the Association of Srebrenica Mothers said that she would like to feel safe in Srebrenica and for there to be no further need of IC protection.

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TV BiH visits Kopaci and Bosniak refugee tent city at IEBL

A TV BiH crew visiting Bosniak refugees in a tent city on the Inter-Entity Boundary Line (IEBL) near Kopaci, found that all Bosniak refugees there want to return to Kopaci. The town of Kopaci's pre-war population was 99% Bosniak. Refugees said that it was the will of the Dayton Agreement that Kopaci remain outside the Gorazde Canton and in the Serb Municipality of Gorazde. Refugee Mustafa Cosovic stated that he is prevented from entering his own home and that his only wish is to return to his property. Head of the Serb Gorazde Municipality Slavko Topalovic stated that recent decisions brought by High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch would assist in speeding up refugee return. Head of Gorazde Municipality (BiH Federation) Elvedin Hrelja appealed to Serb refugees to return to their pre-war homes saying there were several empty Serb apartments and reconstructed houses.

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