

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 5 October 2000

## News Headlines:

- In late night decision, Yugoslav Constitutional Court President Srdic says that due to partial irregularities regarding voting, ballot counting and publication of official results of the recent elections, those aspects will be permanently rescinded
- Shots were fired in the vicinity of thousands of Belgrade protestors by Serbian police and tear gas was also used
- Two girls killed and more than ten people injured in Belgrade conflicts between protestors and police – BETA
- Opposition leaders claim some policemen join protestors
- After several attempts, opposition supporters successfully entered Parliament during the afternoon and set fire to part of the building as police withdrew
- Supporters also took over Serbian State TV as well as several local TV stations and transmitters, interrupting regularly scheduled programming to broadcast events in Belgrade throughout Serbia
- It is obvious that election results were manipulated and the constitutional court reached a [political] decision and now people are trying to get their country back – Clinton comments on events in Belgrade
- We hope the dramatic events happening with our Yugoslav friends will lead to a resolution of political crisis – Russian President Putin
- Verdict from the elections was clear, verdict from the streets is clear and message for Milosevic is clear: go before more lives are lost – British Premier Blair
- IC can help but Serbs themselves need to find solution – [UN](#) General-Secretary Annan

- “Parliament building is on fire, Kostunica expected to address protestors in front of Parliament building” – TV BiH Belgrade correspondent Numic
- RTV Serbia does not broadcast news and building was set on fire
- BiH Council of Ministers holds session to discuss 28 points on agenda
- BiH Federation Government holds session in Mostar to discuss BiH Federation Payment Operation Bureau transformation; in closed session, reduction of road maintenance fees from gas prices and difficult situation in prisons also discussed
- Approximately 150 prisoners from Zenica prison stage uprising, demanding amnesty and improvement of prison conditions
- 230 employees of Lukavica shoe factory “Aida” go on hunger strike demanding payment of unpaid wages
- [SFOR](#) uses several armoured vehicles to blockade parts of Vitez including post office, city hall, police station and offices of 53rd HVO Regiment in search for documentation on anti-Dayton activities (00:54)
- HDZ Central Bosnia Cantonal Board Presidency assesses [SFOR](#) operation as just another of many strikes against dignity of BiH Croats, especially those from Central Bosnia
- HQ for Protection of Dignity of Homeland War and Protection of Croat Rights in BiH organise protest in western Mostar (01:44)
- Del Ponte visits Banja Luka and meets RS Premier Dodik to discuss readiness of RS Government to try so-called ‘low level indictees’ in the RS
- BiH Council of Ministers ends session late Thursday by adopting proposal on BiH customs tariff but fails to adopt draft law on Foreign Trade Chamber of Commerce
- World news
- BiH Federation Supreme Court holds public session instead of hearing for former AID officer Edin Garaplija

suspected in Herenda case

- International Day of Teachers held throughout BiH
- Tree of peace planted in garden of Hasan Kainlija primary school in Sarajevo – report on celebration of International Children's Day
- Provisional Election Commission (PEC) revokes mandate from three city councilmen for illegal use of apartments and declares two candidates for upcoming elections to be unsuitable (00:38)

## **Election Chronicle**

- HDZ Busovaca Board holds special session to analyse [SFOR](#) operation in Vitez and concludes that [SFOR](#) aggravated security situation and upset citizens (00:16)
- Party for BiH President Silajdzic meets [OSCE](#) Head of Mission Barry to discuss economic situation in BiH (00:30)
- SDP municipality heads from Zenica-Doboj and Central Bosnia Cantons analyse first 100 days of work at Zavidovici session (00:23)
- SDP delegates refuse to vote for Amendments and Supplements to Law on Pension and Disability Insurance stating that first those who emptied Pension and Disability Insurance Funds must be brought to justice – SDP delegate to RS National Assembly Osmic (00:20)
- SDA leadership condemns both [UN](#) Special Human Rights Envoy Dienstbier's proposal for Milosevic immunity and IMC decision on BRT as unacceptable (00:29)
- GDS candidate for RS president Mujkic calls on delegates in BiH Federation House of Representatives to give part of monthly salary for refugee camps (00:29)
- Ivankovic, head of independent candidate list Radom Za Boljitak, welcomes trade agreement reached at Croatia-BiH Interstate Council for Cooperation session (00:24)
- HDZ delegation visits Ravne Brcko, in south-west part of Brcko District (00:19)

- Kostunica address protesters in front of parliament and appeals for peace among Serbs
- RTV Serbia, Politika and several local radio stations under opposition control – BETA
- RTV BiH receives e-mail from Islamic Salvation Front calling for Jihad (Holy War) to defend Muslims wave of violence by OHR and [OSCE](#) – Anchor says ‘no comment’
- Sports
- Weather

### **News Summary:**

HQ for Protection of Dignity of Homeland War and Protection of Croat Rights in BiH organise protest in western Mostar (01:44)

The HQ for the Protection of Dignity of the Homeland War and Protection of Croat Rights in BiH organized a peaceful protest rally in west Mostar to express dissatisfaction with the current status of the Croat people in BiH. The organization's president Nino Vidovic stated he undoubtedly shares the opinion of those in attendance that every attack against Croats in BiH must encourage unity. Rally speakers, including HVIDR-a President Miro Grabovac Titan, condemned IC bias and demanded that the IC and BiH Federation officials stop criminalizing the Homeland War and stop the illegal use ‘black-masked units.’