

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 7 November 1999

## News Headlines

- 43 persons killed in fire in India
- World news
- Because Montenegrin separation from Yugoslavia would not be carried out in democratic manner, it should be stopped by any means possible – Petritsch
- Introduction of DM as second currency is Montenegro's first step towards independence – international analysts' opinion
- Montenegrin citizens should decide their own destiny – Montenegrin Prime Minister Vujanovic
- Gabrielle Kirk MacDonald to present Annual Report on work of The Hague Tribunal to [UN](#) General Assembly
- Draft BiH Permanent Election Law contains many amendments that could greatly influence democratization in BiH – Circle 99 Independent Intellectuals
- RS legal experts say draft BiH Permanent Election Law leading way towards centralized and unitary BiH
- SPRS member Momir Malic disagrees with draft BiH Permanent Election Law provision regarding election of BiH Presidency members
- SNSD party has formed commission to review draft BiH Permanent Election Law and make recommendations – Executive Board member Slavko Mitrovic
- SNS member Branko Vojnica says draft BiH Permanent Election Law does not eliminate discrimination against Serb refugees from Croatia who want to continue living in RS
- Kalinic announces SDS will make efforts to include majority of Entity Election Law in draft BiH Permanent Election Law

- GDS BiH holds annual assembly in Sarajevo
- Liberal Party Executive Board supports party's election participation in four-party CD Coalition
- Since signing return agreement of Bugojno Croats on 19 March, 74 Croat families have returned to Bugojno and 74 Bosniak families return to pre-war homes in Livno
- Tuzla Canton Red Cross completes 1999 Solidarity Action
- Bico visits displaced Kopaci citizens in tent city near Serb Gorazde
- SDP Regional Board Donje Podrinje holds political rally to present its platform
- Water-supply system reconstruction starts in Cazin
- Merhamet humanitarian organization provides medical examinations for Teslic citizens
- Report on situation in HN Canton Government
- Tuzla Canton to reduce and re-balance budget
- Weather

## **News Summary**

### **Bico visits displaced Kopaci citizens living in tent city near Serb Gorazde**

Head of the CD Coalition Caucus in the RS National Assembly Safet Bico visited displaced Bosniaks currently living in a makeshift tent city near their pre-war homes in Kopaci, Serb Gorazde Municipality. Bico expressed the hope that the refugee's problems in the RS will be resolved in accordance to the law. He added that the latest decisions of High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) on property issues should contribute to resolving this problem. Bico stated that the CD Coalition Caucus would ask the RS National Assembly to include the issue of return to Kopaci on the agenda of its next session. Displaced Bosniaks pointed out the passivity of BiH Federation and Sarajevo Canton authorities in this regard.

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## **Report on situation in the HN Canton Government**

“Recently, the most responsible Bosniak and Croat members of the HN Canton Government have attempted to present the current situation in which this institution has now found itself” said a TV BiH journalist regarding the HDZ and Bosniak sides in the HN Canton Government. “Even to a passive observer of the HN Canton Government’s work, it is clear that the level of harmony and accord among the ruling parties now participating in the authority is defeating. Examples of this can be seen in the last couple of sessions and discussion on the privatization issue in this area. While the Bosniaks demand the resolution of several pre-conditions, Croat ministers said they would not participate at sessions until the Government has set a precise starting date for the privatization process. It is clear that the present situation in the HN Canton Government is unsustainable. The logical thing to ask now is who is going to be responsible for this state of inefficiency? The duration of this crisis is impossible to predict. This claim is supported by the fact the last session of the HN Canton Government ended without the date of the next session being specified” said the TV BiH journalist.

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