## OHR BiH TV News Summary, 7 October 2000

## News Headlines:

- New Yugoslav Government sworn into office in Belgrade
- Situation in Serbia calming down following Milosevic's ceding of power
- ICTY Chief Justice Claude Jorda demands all countries assist in arrest and extradition of Milosevic to The Hague (00:22)
- Change of power in Serbia ends danger of war for Montenegro but President Djukanovic remains suspicious of Milosevic's intent
- Though patriot and nationalist, Kostunica believes in rule of law and democracy — Clinton
- Rebirth of freedom and democracy taking place in Serbia
  Madeleine Albright
- China acknowledges Kostunica's victory
- Petritsch meets members of BiH Federation TV Council (02:40)
- SDA demands annulment of Petritsch decision on Zepce Municipality
- Hanefija Prijic (aka Paraga) brought before Travnik court to stand trial for war crimes against civilians
- BiH Federation Prime Minster Edhem Bicakcic demands international organisations cover social security for local employees as agreed in Vienna Convention (00:24)
- Mostar Appellate Council rejects BiH Elektroprivreda motion to withhold tax payments to underwrite operations of Mostar city administration
- Latic claims IMC rejection of permanent broadcasting license to Bosniak TV International (BRT) aims to deny Bosniaks their national rights
- Association of refugees and DPs from Bosanska Krupa open

letter to BiH, BiH Federation, Una-Sana Canton and IC officials detailing town's slow economic revival (00:31)

- World news
- Switzerland allocates 50 million Swiss francs to Bihac,
  Banja Luka and Tuzla regions for sustainable returns (00:29)
- Story on Kasim Berberovic, refugee from Banja Luka roaming his home town unable to regain home lost to corrupt politician
- OSCE holds anti-corruption seminar in Neum (00:18)
- TV BiH investigating corruption in BiH universities

## **Election Chronicle**

- SDS Presidency congratulates Kostunica on victory (00:26)
- GDS President Ibrahim Spahic welcomes democratic change in Yugoslavia (00:16)
- HSS BiH assesses Petritsch's decision on Zepce principled and desirable solution with potential to please all interested parties (00:15)
- SDA demands Petritsch decision on Zepce Municipality be annulled
- Discussions on <u>Dayton Agreement</u> dominate election campaign but do nothing to speed peace agreement's implementation — Zijad Mujkic, GDS candidate for RS president (00:24)
- Party for Women BiH believes adherence to Dayton's constitutional outline places national affiliation before that of state (00:34)
- BPS demands BiH Presidency, BiH Council of Ministers, entity governments and IC organisations aid returns to Srebrenica (00:25)
- BiH Council of Ministers accepts GDS initiative to present country's economic situation to the public – Ibrahim Spahic in Mostar (00:23)
- LDS President Rasim Kadic meets President of BiH

Employers' Union

- BOSS demands OHR and OSCE sanction SDP over intentional misuse of media; Mirnes Ajanovic denies allegations of illegal occupancy (00:24)
- Lagumdzija misleading pensioners with alleged concern while he remains cooperation with IC at any cost — SDA (00:37)
- Roundtable to discuss implementation of Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe Roundtable commences in Sarajevo (00:31)
- Sports
- Weather

## **News Summary:**

Petritsch meets members of BiH Federation TV Council (02:40) As previously announced, High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch met with members of the BiH Federation TV Council before reaching a final decision on the transformation of TV BiH. All parties positively assessed the meeting, and Petritsch said, "the PBS will operate in the interests of all BiH people."

SDA demands annulment of Petritsch decision on Zepce Municipality (01:42) The SDA has demanded that High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch's decision on Zepce Municipality be annulled due to the border changes it requires. But Head of Maglaj Municipality Mehmed Bradaric stated that "Maglaj's citizens should be satisfied with this decision since it takes them from confusion into order."

Latic claims IMC rejection of permanent broadcasting license to Bosniak TV International (BRT) aims to deny Bosniaks their national rights (01:17) "The IMC's refusal to grant a permanent broadcasting license to Bosniak TV International (BRT) is a breach of the right to freedom of expression and the right to work" Dzemaludin Latic, president of the BRT Executive Board, told a penal discussion of the Congress

Council of Bosniak Intellectuals (VKBI). In addition, Latic is threatening to sue the IMC as well as all responsible local and international organisations because the decision is political and aims to deny the national rights of Bosniaks.

SDA demands Petritsch decision on Zepce Municipality be annulled (00:27) According to the SDA, High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch's decision to amend the municipal borders of Zepce Municipality is artificial and will create a Croat majority within this predominantly Bosniak municipality. The SDA has demanded the decision be annulled and the issue dealt with in accordance with the constitutions of the BiH Federation and Zenica-Doboj Canton.