

OHR RTRS News Summary, 15 November 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- [OSCE](#) announces preliminary results with 86% of ballots counted in BiH Wednesday in Sarajevo;
- RS presidential race: SDS presidential candidates 51.3%, SNSD 27.8% and PDP 9.1%;
- RS National Assembly: SDS 38%, SNSD 14.7%, PDP 13.1%;
- BiH House of Representatives from RS: SDS 41.8%, PDP 16.4%, SNSD-DSP Coalition 12.2%;
- BiH House of Representatives from BiH Federation: SDA 26.6%, HDZ 20.7%, SDP 27%, Party for BiH 15.4%;
- BiH Federation House of Representatives: SDA 26.8%, SDP 26.3%, HDZ 17.6 and Party for BiH 14.8%
- SDS has counted ballots from all 63 RS municipalities and its presidential candidates have won 59% of the vote – SDS Election Co-ordinator Vojislav Gligic, adding that SDS expects 32-36 seats in RS National Assembly
- DSP holds press conference; DSP officials expect four seats in RS National Assembly and two places together with SNSD in BiH House of Representatives- DSP general Secretary Igor Radojicic
- DNS holds press conference in Banja Luka; DNS satisfied with election results – DNS President Dragan Kostic, who congratulates SDS on its victory and PDP and SNSD on their good results
- SDA press release calls Thomas Miller's statement unbecoming for a diplomat (00:31)
- OHR declines to comment on preliminary election results and ICG Director James Lyon's statement on introduction of BiH protectorate – OHR spokesperson Oleg Milisic (00:21)
- US Government disappointed with success of nationalist

parties in BiH elections – US Representative to [UN](#) James Cunningham (00:30)

- Zivko Radisic meets Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pike, discusses upcoming Zagreb Summit of Stability Pact for SE Europe and BiH elections

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- RS Vice President Mirko Sarovic meets Czech Republic parliament and trade delegation to discuss credit line for construction of 500 apartments in Serb Sarajevo
- [UN](#) General Assembly welcomes progress made in peace implementation in BiH
- Conference in Dayton will be held 16-19 November; Petar Kunic, Radomir Lukic, Miroslav Mikes and Mladen Ivanic to represent RS; participants to include Izetbegovic, Mesic, Kostunica and others
- Ivanic says he will go to Dayton as professor and PDP president; Dayton University to organise conference – Ivanic (01:45)
- OHR satisfied with agreement reached between BiH Council of Ministers and entity governments on BiH Ombudsman, House for Human Rights and Commission for Real Property Claims of Refugees and DPs (00:37)
- Petritsch disappointed with opposition of BiH ambassador to [UN](#) Muhamed Sacirbej to former High Representative Carl Bildt's appointment to advisory body for construction of memorial centre for Srebrenica massacre in Potocari – OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer
- IPTF holds press conference in Mostar; [UN](#) Mostar regional spokesman Stefo Lehman says eight Bosniaks suspected of war-crimes in Bijelo Polje surrender to police
- Kostunica visits European Parliament in Strasbourg; Yugoslavia wants to reach agreement on joining [EU](#) as soon as possible – Kostunica
- Carla Del Ponte submits application for Yugoslav visa –

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- Serbian Patriarch Pavle holds talks with Yugoslav Prime Minister Zoran Zizic on church-state relations
- Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Nebojsa Covic meets US special presidential envoy O'Brien in Belgrade to discuss economic cooperation and reestablishment of diplomatic ties
- 37 Kosovo Serbs return to village of Mustikovo near Prizren without KFOR escort – Association of Kosovo Serb Returnees
- World news
- US Government to start housing credit program in BiH – US ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller
- RS Association of Pensioners sends protest letter to Petritsch because he adopted amendments to RS Law on Pension-Disability Fund (PIO); pensioners say he overstepped his mandate as High Representative by ignoring position of RS National Assembly
- RS Confederation of Syndicates President Cedo Volas informs BiH Council of Ministers, BiH Independent Trade Union and International Conference of Free Syndicates that his syndicate has annulled protocol on co-operation with BiH Independent Trade Union because it represents itself as the representative of all BiH workers
- Head of RS Police Syndicate Radovan Pejic says syndicate reached agreement with RS Interior Minister Sredoje Novic on police officers receiving second part of vacation pay and September salaries by 27 November
- Economy
- International Food and Beverage Fair opens in Banja Luka
- Sports and weather

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00:31 An SDA press release issued Wednesday in response to US

Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller's statement that support for certain Bosniak parties will decrease by a few percentage points at the end of the counting process labeled the ambassador's declaration as inappropriate for a diplomat. The SDA went on to ask whether such comments are paving the way for election engineering and has protested to the [OSCE](#) because the organization has not yet announced the number of tendered and absentee ballots. The SDA feels the [OSCE](#) should have announced those numbers before it starting counting ballots.