OHR RTRS News Summary, 20 November 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- OSCE announces it will release final election results Tuesday 21 November
- SDS Presidency carries out analysis of preliminary election results in closed-door meeting in Bijeljina Monday (00:12)
- All-Croat National Congress during Monday meeting in Mostar says it is ready for dialogue with IC on concept of complete, constitutional and real equality for Croat people in BiH; Congress also assesses EASC decisions as irrational and unfounded (00:28)
- Barry, in interview with Glas srpski, says possibility exists that Party for BiH-NHI-SDP-SNSD Coalition will be formed at BiH state level (00:46)
- RS teachers to receive September salaries at end of November if cash flow into RS budget is adequate – RS Education Minister Nenad Suzic
- Office of International Brcko Supervisor states it cannot tolerate demands for separate education system because school buildings in Brcko District are public property and everyone has the right to use them
- It is important for RS and BiH Federation entities to complete laws on labour and social welfare protection and harmonise them at state level – Gligoric and Assistant Director of International Labour Organisation for Europe and Central Asia Herbert Schahrenbroch
- EU foreign ministers reach agreement on draft resolution that should be adopted at EU Summit in Zagreb on 24 November
- Yugoslavia officially establishes diplomatic ties with Slovenia on Monday – Yugoslav Government

- Democratic Socialist Party headed by Milorad Vucelic, a former SPS member, established in Belgrade on Monday
- US KFOR soldier commits suicide in south-east Kosovo – US KFOR Contingent
- World news
- Possible second round of RS presidential elections to be held; Sarovic now has exactly 50% of vote but percentage is decreasing – Barry to Belgrade-based BETA news agency (00:46)
- Mirko Sarovic and Tihomir Gligoric send greetings to RS Interior Ministry on day of patron saint of RS police officers, Archangel Saint Mihajlo
- Prijedor night club owners protest SFOR/IPTF operation last week in Prijedor when 34 girls were arrested; Milorad Milakovic, a night club owner, says he refused to pay for monthly protection racket amounting to 20,000 marks to certain IPTF official named David, who was head of mission in Prijedor three months ago; owners block Banja Luka-Laktasi road two hours to protest operation
- Banja Luka Public Security Center (CJB) orders three-day jail detention for Aleksandar Kajkut, who is suspected of attempting murder, to investigate allegations
- Pair of explosions in Brcko over weekend injures two; in another incident, two illegal immigrants, presumed to be Turkish nationals, found drowned in Sava River – UN spokesman Coffman
- Databases being installed in RS Payment Operations Bureaux (SPP) so that direct investment into enterprises will be possible as of 22 November – RS privatisation Agency
- Fourth international conference "Market Economy, Harmonious Development and Prosperous Future" to be held 23-24 November in Banja Vrucica near Teslic
- Sports
- Weather

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In an interview with the RS daily Glas srpski, OSCE Head of Mission Robert Barry stated that he rejected Haris Silajdzic's request to abolish the BiH entities because it is unconstitutional. Barry also rejected Ante Jelavic's request for the establishment of a third, Croat entity in BiH, Glas srpski reported. Barry also said BiH membership in Europe would solely and exclusively depend on what the newly established legislative and executive authorities would be like. "It is possible that a coalition composed of the Party for BiH, NHI, SDP and SNSD will be formed at the BiH state level. Such a coalition would be positive" Barry said. Concerning Republika Srpska, he said that a government of experts led by Mladen Ivanic could possibly abide by an agenda to join Europe.