

OHR RTRS News Summary, 31 October 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- “BiH Citizens have a very good lawyer in me. I support existence of RS, and human rights of BiH citizens as well” – Petritsch at meeting with Gacko municipal authorities (00:54)
- OHR believes provisions on two-year ban on purchasing [selling] apartments in BiH Federation problematic because they present kind of discrimination against returnees – Stiglmayer (00:27)
- Jelavic says Croat referendum will be held, regardless of possible consequences and punitive measures against HDZ or him (00:30)
- Petritsch meets with IDIS officials in Srpsko Sarajevo, says only state can call referendum, not political parties (00:33)
- Initiative of Croat parties for referendum has no legal basis – [OSCE](#) spokesman Luke Zahner (00:49)
- RS healthcare workers to go on general strike starting 1 November
- RS Railway workers start general strike on Tuesday due to unpaid salaries since August – RS Railways strike board head Rade Bojanic
- RS to receive \$90 million from [World Bank](#) for energy sector – [World Bank](#) Resident Head of Mission to BiH Joseph Ingram at separate meetings with Petar Djokic and RS Deputy Finance Minister Gordana Cenic (00:51)
- Official report on fire in Maglic sawmill not made public on Tuesday, as it had been announced it would – Maglic sawmill management
- Radisic and Raguz discuss methods to improve functioning of work of BiH common institutions (00:30)

- BiH common institutions can expect international assistance only after draft laws now in parliamentary procedure adopted – Kretschmer at meeting with Gligoric (00:28)
- Petritsch brings two decisions extending deadlines for filing orders for execution of decisions already approved by housing commissions in both entities – Milisic (00:38)
- Sarovic visits Srpski Brod authorities, says oil refinery in Brod has exceptional economic potential (00:41)
- Construction of housing units and increasing employment are priority tasks of RS Government in future – Dodik at meeting with Srpsko Gorazde authorities (00:21)
- Norway provides DM 43 million in humanitarian aid to Yugoslavia – official Oslo
- Kostunica schedules session of Yugoslav Supreme Defence Council in Podgorica for 1 November – Kostunica's military advisor
- Serbian Public Prosecutor Dragisa Krsmanovic and Serbian Constitutional Court President Basa Govedarica tender resignations, demanded by SPO and supported by DOS, before establishment of Serbian provisional government
- DOS will not participate in Yugoslav provisional government because their request for resignation of head of Serbian security service Rade Markovic was not respected – Djindjic
- Rade Markovic tenders resignation to Serbian Government – Tanjug reports quoting unofficial sources
- Serbian deputy interior ministers have document showing that former Belgrade daily Dnevni Telegraph editor-in-chief Slavko Curuvija was murdered by order of Serbian state security service – SPO official Vljeko Stenic
- Montenegrin People's Party (NS) tells Yugoslav Government Prime Minister-designate Zoran Zizic they cannot participate in future federal government but suggest Zizic include politically unaffiliated experts

in government this party fully trusts

- DPS-party Montenegro Executive Board President Miodrag Vukovic calls on Montenegrin Liberal Alliance (LS), Democratic Alliance of Albanians (DSA) and Democratic Union of Albanians (DUA) to hold inter-party consultations on current political processes in Montenegro
- World news
- Dusko Tadic, convicted of war crimes committed in Prijedor in 1992, transferred from The Hague to Germany, where he will serve out his 20-year prison sentence – International Court of Justice in The Hague (00:24)
- RS Commission for Missing Persons has exhumed over 20 bodies of new-born infants and severed body parts of Serb adults in Sarajevo Lav cemetery – Commission member Slobodan Avlijas
- Families of former SRT cameramen, Sasa Kolevski and Goran Pejcinovic, lay wreaths on their graves marking fifth year of their tragic death on Mt. Ozren
- Sports
- Weather

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High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) met with the representatives of the NGO IDIS in Srpsko Sarajevo on Tuesday. Petritsch said only the state can organize a referendum, and not individual political parties. He called on the Croats to respect established institutions, abide by the Dayton Peace Agreement and participate in the implementation of this peace agreement. He added that there would be no political propaganda on Election Day, 11 November, and that he would insist on the equality of all the people in BiH, Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks. Petritsch also stressed the significance of NGO IDIS in the creation of positive change in BiH.

Initiative of Croat parties for referendum has no legal basis
– [OSCE](#) spokesman Luke Zahner (00:49)

OSCE spokesman Luke Zahner told a press conference that the initiative of BiH Croat parties headed by the HDZ to hold a referendum does not have legal foundation. He said parties that want change should respect the procedure for the adoption of amendments to the constitutions of the BiH entities and BiH. Zahner said parties should direct their attention to the current issues of interest to voters that include employment, fighting corruption, education and preparations for BiH integration into Europe. The [OSCE](#) says the EASC has removed Borko Reljic, a DNS candidate running for the RS National Assembly, due to his participation in demonstrations of Serb students in Brcko. The [OSCE](#) assessed Reljic's support for the demonstrations as a violation of the Dayton Peace Agreement.