OHR RTRS News Summary, 7 November 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- RS pensioners hold protest rallies in Banja Luka and Bijeljina, blocking traffic one hour; pensioners' delegation meets with RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic; protest rallies are also held in Mrkonjic Grad, Serb Sarajevo, Bratunac and Srbinje
- US presidential elections held on Tuesday
- RS Prime Minister Dodik comments on his Monday visit to Belgrade; he met with Patriarch Pavle, new Yugoslav PM Zoran Zizic, Yugoslav parliament speaker Dragoljub Micunovic, Zoran Djindjic, mayors of Nis and Belgrade and members of OTPOR movement to discuss establishing special relations, elections and cooperation (04:00)
- USAID donates office equipment to RS Securities Commission worth KM 125,000 (01:34)
- Dodik signs Memorandum on Participation of Energy Sector Workers in Privatisation Process with RS Association of Workers in Energy Sector
- Dodik meets with representatives of 40 NGOs from across RS and BiH
- Dodik meets with delegation of Knezevo Confederation of Associations of National War of Liberation Veterans (SUBNOR) (00:10)
- Petritsch and Steering Board of Peace Implementation Council appeal on BiH citizens vote for leaders who advocate rule of law, economic reform and fight corruption – OHR (00:55)
- Election Appeals Sub-Commission (EASC) assesses that HDZ BiH violated PEC Rules and Regulations with its election slogan 'Opredeljenje ili Istrebljenje' (Determination or Extermination); EASC also rules, Party for BiH did not

violate Dayton peace agreement but it must publicly explain its campaign slogan 'BiH bez entiteta' (BiH without entities) - <u>OSCE</u> spokesman Luke Zahner (01:15)

- EASC removes first candidate of SPRS election list Ostoja Knezevic because SPRS obstructed work of auditing team examining election campaign financing of parties – <u>OSCE</u> spokesperson Pearse McCorley (00:13)
- Party for BiH press release explaining its campaign slogan 'BiH without entities'; says that after BiH Constitutional Court decision on constituents of all three people throughout BiH, BiH entities are not in accordance with BiH Constitution (00:39)
- All-Croat National Congress will respond if <u>OSCE</u> undertakes severe measures against certain BiH Croat parties, for example, 'eliminates them' [from political life] – All-Croat National Congress Vice President Petar Milic (00:29)
- BiH Presidency member Zivko Radisic visits Trebinje Municipality, expresses dissatisfaction with RS Government relationship toward east Herzegovina region (00:13)
- RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic says that "harmonising life of refugees and displaced persons is key to normal life in Brcko District"
- RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik visits Prijedor Municipality; Dodik opens local road between Nisevici and Omarska, he also opens new Pensioners' Home in Prijedor (00:46)
- BiH Civil Affairs Minister Tihomir Gligoric meets with Swiss ambassador to BiH Wilhelm Schmidt to discuss cooperation between Switzerland and BiH, and upcoming BiH general elections (00:25)
- International Mediator for BiH Christian Schwartz-Schilling visits Brcko and meets with International Brcko Supervisor Gary Matthews and Brcko Mayor Sinisa Kisic; Schwartz-Schilling says implementation and not revision of Dayton peace agreement is necessary (01:12)

- RS Justice Minister Cedo Vrzina congratulates Momcilo Grubac on election as Yugoslav Justice Minister (00:11)
- BiH Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Refugees Nikola Spiric congratulates Zoran Zizic's election as Yugoslav Prime Minister (00:18)
- Yugoslavia will officially join <u>OSCE</u> membership on 10 November (no other details given)
- Yugoslav Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic meets with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fisher and holds talks on future mutual co-operation
- Prisoners rioting in three Serbian prisons in Sremska Mitrovica demanding better living conditions; riots in Pozarevac and Nis that started late on Monday are continuing unabatedly due to poor conditions in those prisons as well
- World news
- Banja Luka University celebrates 25th anniversary of establishment
- Sports and weather