

## **OHR RTRS News Summary, 15 May 2000**

### **News Headlines**

- RS Government adopts report on the work of its ministries
- RS Government does not comment on statement of Yugoslav Information Minister Goran Matic that the RS is destabilizing Yugoslavia – RS Deputy Premier Djuradj Banjac
- Graham Hand comments on Matic statement
- Opposition rally held in Belgrade
- Three enterprises sold at public auction in Banja Luka
- 80 citizens register daily for privatization process in Banja Luka, Sarajevo and Tuzla – RS Privatization Agency
- Dodik meets with SFOR Commander Ronald Adams, no public statement issued
- Cooperation between SFOR and RS Army very constructive and useful – Milovanovic and Adams
- 44 victims of bus accident near Kakanj buried
- Djokic, Petritsch and Barry send condolences to families of bus accident victims
- Montenegrin Prime Minister Filip Vujanovic sends condolences to families of victims of bus accident
- Commemorative service JNA soldiers killed in Tuzla in 1992 held in Tuzla
- International Conference on Southeast Europe held in Tokyo, Japan
- BiH Presidency still supports Gligoric nomination for chairman of BiH Council of Ministers – Radisic at meeting with French, Greek and Chinese ambassadors to BiH
- Objections to Gligoric's nomination for chairman of BiH Council of Ministers are of personal nature – SPRS Main Board
- Mladic Ivanic ready to accept nomination as chairman of BiH Council of Ministers – PDP Vice-president Branko Dokic
- Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina President Nikola Spiric believes that BiH House of Representatives will not resolve issue of chairman for BiH Council of Ministers at 16 May session
- Bosko Perošević buried in Novi Sad
- Serbian police arrests 28 members of Otpor (Resistance) movement, including journalists and citizens – BETA
- Patriarch Pavle appeals to Serb prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica prison to end their hunger strike
- Trials of Serb prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica scheduled for 6 June – UN
- Trial of 21-year-old Kosovo Serb in Gnjilane postponed
- ICTY continues with exhumations in Kosovo
- Yugoslav Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic meets with Duma speaker Gennady Seleznev
- World News
- OSCE, SFOR and BiH entity armies (RS and BiH Federation) organize experimental aerial observation flights in Rajlovac
- RS Syndicate of Miners and Metal workers will end strike if they are paid back-salaries
- Brcko Firefighters' Brigade announce strike if they are not paid back-salaries
- 5,000 laid-off Serb and Bosniak workers in Livno Canton will be fired on 5 May because their employment (contract) expires then – BiH Federation media
- Una-Sana Canton professors on strike due to unpaid salaries
- Tuzla Kreka coal miners announce strike due to unpaid salaries
- Overhaul hydro-electric energy system starts on the Trebisnjica River
- IMC fines Croat Radio Mostar (HRPM), RTV Una-Sana Canton and NTV Hayat – (same as IMC press release)
- Predrag Popovic's book 'They Don't Forgive,' on the last confession of the late Daily Telegraph Editor-in-Chief Slavko Curuvija,' presented in Banja Luka

- Theater Festival ends in Trebinje
- Sports
- Weather
- Serb prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica reject Orthodox Patriarch Pavle's appeal to end their hunger strike
- Serb Orthodox Church Holy Synod to hold session on 16 May in Belgrade

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### **Graham Hand comments on Matic statement**

UK Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand commented on the 14 May statement of Yugoslav Information Minister Goran Matic. According to Hand, Matic said "mercenaries from the RS travel to Yugoslavia in order to kill its citizens and destabilize the country." Hand believes that all the destabilization in Serbia is coming from Belgrade. Hand said that the situation in Serbia is catastrophic, people are being gunned down in the streets while the Serbian economy is falling at the speed of an express freight elevator. Hand concluded by saying that if they are looking for the cause of their problems, they should look for it in Belgrade.

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### **Trial of 21-year-old Kosovo Serb in Gnjilane postponed**

"The first trial for the alleged commission of war crimes in Kosovo convened but was soon postponed because the lawyers of Milos Jokic did not appear. The 21-year-old Kosovo Serb, Milos Jokic, is charged with allegedly committing genocide. As the Gnjilane Court reported, the trial would convene on 22 June. Jokic is accused of murdering one person and ordering the murder of another."

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