

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 11 May 1999

News Headlines

- Interpol issues international arrest warrant for Fikret Abdic
- BiH House of Representatives discusses 1999 budget
- Preparations for upcoming Donors' Conference only point on agenda of BiH Council of Ministers
- Kauzlarich and Klein disappointed by Forum of BiH Federation session
- Protests in Beijing against NATO dissipating
- Russia accepts G8 plan for solution of Kosovo crisis
- Schroeder in Beijing to pressure China not to obstruct Kosovo peace efforts
- Schroeder meets with Djukanovic and Serbian opposition politician Djindjic
- EU Foreign Ministers discuss Kosovo crisis in Bremen
- No evidence of Serb forces withdrawing from Kosovo
- NATO will not stop bombing until Yugoslavia fulfills all five demands
- Collated report on Monday night's NATO activities in Yugoslavia
- Heavy fighting between KLA and Serbian forces around Djakovica
- State Department issues report on systematic raping of Albanian women and other war crimes committed by Serbian forces in Kosovo
- 26 bodies of Albanian civilians found burned outside of Malisevo
- UNHCR receives only half of funds promised for Kosovo humanitarian crisis – Ogata
- Council of European Parliamentary Assembly delegation discusses BiH chances of becoming member of Council with Prlic and Bicakcic
- OHR concerned with effects of crisis in Yugoslavia on RS economy and plans to meet with donors in order to help RS budget and prevent fiscal crisis in RS – Stiglmeier
- Poplasen not authorized to promote high ranking officers in RS Army, as he did on RS Army Day – SFOR
- Women and Mothers of Srebrenica demand truth about 10,000 missing men from Srebrenica
- 50 war invalids block road M-17 in protest against late pensions
- Chairman of BiH Federation Ministry for Search for Missing Persons Amor Masovic failed to submit report on costs of exhumations on several occasions – OHR
- Turkish Journalists and Authors Foundation honors Izetbegovic for his contribution in developing friendship between two countries
- New Italian Ambassador to BiH hands credentials to Prlic
- Two Journalists of Rijeka-based Novi List beaten up in West Mostar by Croats with different political views – Klein
- IMC condemns attack on journalist and demands attackers be punished
- Dieter Woltman named Deputy Head of OSCE Mission to BiH
- Bozidar Matic new President of BiH Arts and Science Academy
- Forum of Croat People in BiH to take place in Sarajevo 13 May to inform High Representative of reason for discontent of BiH Croats – Stiglmeier
- Exhumation of Croats from mass grave in Bugojno
- BOSS objects to forced eviction of refugees with temporary tenant rights
- Croat side still not allowing reconstruction of mosque in west Mostar – Mostar Mufti Ef. Smajkic
- Council for Implementation of Peace Agreements in BiH to hold session in Brussels to decide on date for next Donors' Conference
- Representatives of Dutch Embassy in BiH visit RTV BiH
- RS police seize 14 kilos of marihuana near Bileca

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Kauzlarich and Klein disappointed by Forum of BiH Federation session

The Forum of the BiH Federation took place in Sarajevo on Tuesday in the facilities of the OHR and US Embassy. The Law on BiH Federation TV was one point of the agenda, crucial for deciding when the next Donors' Conference will be held, US Ambassador Richard Kauzlarich stated. An intense discussion over this issue caused the press conference scheduled to be held afterward to be postponed three times. Deputy High Representative Jacques Klein said he was disappointed that, after a great deal of hard work, the obstructive nature of one of the parties hindered the ability to find solutions to a number of issues. "Mr. Covic could not see fit to sign documents we had negotiated. This is a disappointment for me personally, and sad for the people of BiH" Klein stated. Kauzlarich stated that this was the most disappointing Forum in the last two years. "We were so close to agreement on virtually all subjects, only to find at the end that there is no willingness on the Croat side to sign the document" Kauzlarich stated. BiH Federation Prime Minister Edhem Bicakcic stated that he signed both documents, which he believes to be a good basis for further progress in the BiH Federation. Deputy Prime Minister Dragan Covic voiced disagreement with Kauzlarich's opinion that the Forum was a failure, because, Covic stated, "he did not sign the document because of the single word 'unitarization.'"

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