

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 1/5/2005

TV news broadcast on April 30, 2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Hitchner on Dayton Agreement	Hitchner on DPA	Anniversary of killed citizens in Brcko
Child pornography in BiH	HDZ on Croat Presidency member	Dokic update
Human trafficking debate	BiH law on civil military service	Hitchner on DPA
DNZ congratulates 1 st of May	Issue of VAT implementation	Attempted murder in Zenica

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
<i>No signal</i>	Fire in Zenica	Hitchner on DPA
	Car accident in Tesanj	A man died of the bomb explosion
	Shooting in Zenica	Three boys died in a car accident
	13 persons arrested after shooting	Basic Court in BL on mediation

Note: No papers were published today due to May 1, International Labour Day.

Political developments

<p>Chairman of Dayton Peace Agreement project Bruce Hitchner, stated that this agreement is not sufficient for BIH membership in EU</p>	<p>RHB, TV Pink, BHT1, RTRS – Chairman of Dayton Peace Agreement project Bruce Hitchner, who is currently visiting BIH, stated that this agreement is not sufficient for BIH membership in EU. He feels that BIH needs to implement reforms so authorities in it would become more functional.</p>
<p>Resolution on Dokic's resignation will be announced after holiday</p>	<p>BHT 1 – The Chair of BIH CoM Adnan Terzic stated that resolution on BIH Minister of Communication and Transport Branko Dokic's resignation would be announced after holiday. Dokic is accused of abuse of office while being RS Minister of Communication. Terzic added that in this case they would not wait for HR Paddy Ashdown's interference.</p>
<p>Opposition in BiH is reorganizing within their parties for forthcoming elections in 2006</p>	<p>BHT1 Report by <u>Vanja Filipovic</u> – Opposition in BIH is reorganizing within their parties for forthcoming elections in 2006. LDS has elected new leader Lamija Tanovic. Leader of SDP Zlatko Lagumdzija reorganised the Board in the party. New coalitions among democrats are planned. Leader of BH Democrats Vedran Dodik said that coalition is impossible since parties have problems within their managements.</p>

<p>Public in BIH does not react on the difficult situation in their country</p>	<p>RTRS Report by <u>Sinisa Mihailovic</u> – Every day situation in BIH is getting more difficult, but the alarming fact is that BIH Public does not react at all on the more criminal activities in the BIH institutions. For the leading experts in this area, the ruling officials are to blame as well as the previous regime. Instead of reacting for increasing prices and decreasing salaries, for extremely large taxes on various goods, BIH public acts like they don't have a care in the world. Tanja Topic, a political analyst, said that in the countries where there is a lot of injustice people are acting apathetic. She added that another reason for apathy lies in the acts of International Community in BiH when HR to BiH removes from the office officials that were elected by the citizens.</p>
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<p>Security/war crimes/defence issues</p>	
<p>13th anniversary of killed citizens was organized on Saturday in Brcko District</p>	<p>BHT1 Report by <u>Mirela Cosic</u>, FTV – bring feature on ceremony that was organized to mark 13th anniversary of killed citizens when a bridge was blown up in Brcko District. Brcko District Mayor Mirsad Djapo said that finding the truth should be their priority.</p>

<p>CS MoI members have arrested 13 persons, after shooting on Ilidza</p>	<p>FTV – Sarajevo Cantonal Interior Ministry arrested thirteen persons after the shooting near hotel “Casa Grande” at Ilidza [time of the incident was not mentioned]. Five persons have been taken into custody. The target was Danijel Stanic, who was one of participants of the incident which occurred last week in Sarajevo settlement of Grbavica. MoI also arrested the group lead by Ramiz Delalic over the arms possessing in a separate action. <i>“Thirteen persons had been arrested and after processing, many of them were released, while five of them have been taken into custody”</i>, stated Sarajevo Police Commissioner, Himzo Selimovic.</p>
<p>Issue of BiH law on objection of conscience and civil military service</p>	<p>TV Pink <u>Zeljko Mandic</u> – The report brings a feature on BiH law on objection of conscience and civil military service. The draft law has been developed by a taskforce, consisted out of representatives of BiH Campaign on objection of conscience, OHR, Council of Europe, OSCE and UNDP, and it had been submitted to BiH Council of Ministers. Adoption of the law presents another Council of Europe’s term BiH has to meet. The deadline, by which the law should have been adopted, expired several days ago, therefore it is expected from BiH Council of Ministers to include the issue to an agenda. There are approximately 150 persons in FBiH who are serving civil military service.</p>

Economic issues

Privatisation of “Energopetrol”

TV Pink Jovanka Nina Stevanovic – BiH petroleum distributors warn that if FBiH Government is to nominate Croatian “INA” and Hungarian “Mob” as partners in reconstructing “Energopetrol” from Sarajevo, foreign companies would take a lead in BiH petroleum market. As in accordance with EU laws, no company can own more than 30% share at a market of a foreign state, which is going to happen if “INA” is to be nominated. FBiH Petroleum Group Chair **Muhidin Alic** says that BiH needs “Energopetrol”, and that the Association supports privatisation, but it prefers another partner to be nominated, for the sake of competition. Commission in charge of nominating the partner has informed that all those who have submitted offers would be treated equally.