

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 03 May 1998

Sarajevo – (Union of the BiH Social Democrats) The UBSD has decided at its Congress today to change the name to The Social Democrats of BiH. The inviolable leadership of Selim Beslagic has been confirmed as the head of the Party. Sejfidin Tokic was chosen as President of the Main Party's Council. The Congress has chosen deputy Chairmen from the Bosniak, Croat and Serb people as well as women. Selim Beslagic pointed out that this Party is a follower and the legal heir of Ante Markovi's Reformat Party. He described the party's program and membership as an authentic evidence for all people in BiH that they can live together. The aim of our party was and will be a struggle for: A unified BiH, a secular BiH, for social justice, democracy and maximum defence of the human rights, Beslagic said in his speech.

There were many discussions about possible unification of the BiH Social Democrats and the SDP. The final stance is that unification will be made when the two parties start discussions on an equal basis. (There follows Tokics's explanation of the party's program and footage of the Congress quests' greetings).

3:00

Vares – Bad equipment in the Information Centre for Refugees in the municipality Vares, could very much damage the work of this institution. Not only has the Center no computer, it has not even a telephone. Local authorities who are fighting with the consequences of recently lifted sanctions, cannot help with equipment.

1:00

Tuzla – A problem of accommodating refugees who cannot return

to their own houses, is evident in all parts of the Federation. The Cantonal sessions lately spend most of their time discussing this problem. The provisional housing contracts for seven thousand, five hundred refugees are expiring in Tuzla in this year, while around 17 thousand refugees from Bijeljina municipality living in Germany, are returning. More and more Serbs are announcing return to their homes in Tuzla. This problem could partly be solved if refugees from other cantons and municipalities, would leave houses and flats where they now live and go back to their homes which have been for a long time repaired. Instead of returning to their own houses, half of them are occupying apartments which belong to some body else.

1:30

There follows a report on the situation on Kosovo.

Sarajevo – A three day visit of Alija Izetbegovic to the Una – Sana Canton was a real mission of confidence and reconciliation and forgiveness, an anchor said after several mistakes in the TV transmission of the visit TV piece. Estimating the effects of his visit, Izetbegovic said that he was returning from Krajina with more optimism for the firm decisiveness of the Krajina people that the destiny of this part of the country is in a unified and democratic BiH. The real solution is in the opening of return doors in all parts of our country, Izetbegovic said. The Croats must come back to Kakanj and Vares, the Bosniaks to Pocitelj and Banja Luka, the Serbs to Bosanski Petrovac and Kljuc, etc

2:30

There follow international news.