OHR BiH TV News Summary, 12 April 2000

News Headlines

- BiH Parliament House of Representatives adopts Law on Council of Ministers
- BiH Federation House of Representatives adjourns session due to lack of quorum
- Barry informs EASC of SDA protest in regard to ballotcounting procedure – Tanya Domi
- <u>OSCE</u> without reservation rejects all SDA allegations concerning regularity of out-of-country vote-counting process
- <u>OSCE</u> announces election results for another 37 municipalities, visual presentation of newest election results shown
- BiH Federation Privatization Agency informs that 143 companies will be included in large-scale privatization process
- Benetton to privatize Sarajka Department Store
- Workers of Krupatrans end their strike
- Report on Tuzla Dita detergent company current situation in production and export-import
- Report on to-date production achievement in BiH Federation flour milling industry
- Hombach visits Zagreb and meets with Mesic and Racan to discuss Stability Pact implementation
- General Clark awarded with two <u>NATO</u> medals, one for BiH and the other for Kosovo
- World news
- 8th anniversary of RBiH Army to be denoted on Saturday
- OHR Mostar Regional Office Head Finn Lynghjem accuses heads of three Mostar Croat-majority municipalities of directly obstructing unification of two water-supply

systems in that town, which could cause the loss of WB reconstruction loan

- Election results must be implemented as soon as possible so that certain pressing problems can be resolved expediently – SDP press conference
- SDS will be open for dialogue with all parties in RS, including the Sloga Coalition, in order to form RS local authority in the best possible manner
- Cavic announces that he will initiate private libel suit against Dodik due to investigation Dodik initiated to prove Cavic's guilty for recent incident during Borac-Igokea basketball match
- NHI can be satisfied with its election results Ivo Zivkovic, NHI presidency member
- Liberal-Social Party (LSP) BiH satisfied with its election results – press conference
- US Government and IC provide funding to de-mine additional 230,000 square meters of BiH Federation territory
- BiH Museum of History to exhibit BiH currency collection, from 1918 to the present
- Sculpture of Mujo Hrnjica, a historical personage and hero of epic poems, which was completed in 1993 and stored in a Bihac warehouse, is unwanted
- Ingrap Company from Hadzici soon to be put on privatization sale tender
- HN Canton Government adopts regulation obliging all employees in the Canton to pay income tax for education and culture, HN Canton Trade Union requests its abolishment
- Bosniak refugees return to their pre-war homes to Janjari and Atmacici, Ugljevik Municipality
- Posavina Canton adopts new cantonal coat-of-arms and flag at session in Domaljevac
- 'There are still many obstacles to the full functioning of the BiH Federation Army, a key one is laws on national service in the Army'- Army General Rasim Delic

tells a press conference on the occasion of Army Day

- Ganic meets with BiH Federation cantonal representatives to discuss current issues
- Livno Canton Justice Minister Borjana Kristo suspends Jakov Dujic, Livno Municipal Public Prosecutor, on the basis of an OHR request

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BiH Federation House of Representatives adjourns session due to lack of quorum

The BiH Federation House of Representatives started a new session that was adjourned at a certain point due to a lack of quorum. A TV BiH journalist comments: "Delegates have again shown a high level of personal irresponsibility and they are an example of the shameful work of the BiH Federation Parliament (...) Most of the time, the BiH Federation House of Representatives works without a quorum. Usually, almost half the required number of delegates do not attend sessions. Those who do come, use the parliament's podium more to satisfy their own vanity than discuss the house agenda. In the end, they themselves do not know what they were talking about. It seems, as if they have accomplished much when in fact, in practical terms, they have done nothing. The parliament looks more like an informal and idle gathering of people than a parliament" said the TV BiH journalist commenting on the work of the BiH Federation parliament.

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