

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 13 June 2000

## News Headlines

- Funeral of Syrian President Hafez el-Assad
- It is not time to give up on BiH – Barry testifies before CSCE
- BiH is too strong to die and too weak to function as normal country does – Silajdzic's testifies before CSCE
- Orucevic and Tomic meet with Ambassadors of Turkey, France and Hungary to discuss reconstruction of Mostar Old Bridge
- Strike in Zenica Coal Mine continues
- Workers of Celic-based Frigos factory end their start after reaching agreement with management
- Sarajevo Canton Privatization Agency Steering Board adopts new statute
- BiH Foreign Trade Minister Mirsad Kurtovic meets with Croatian Agriculture Minister for talks on trade between BiH and Croatia
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- Promotion of book containing photographs of personal belongings of victims of Srebrenica tragedy, which should help in identification process of these unidentified people
- Izetbegovic meets with Saudi Arabian Ambassador to BiH
- BiH Central Bank opens office in Brcko
- SDA suggests that OSCE-led PEC changes election rules regarding P2 Form for Absentee Voting
- Alternative Council of Ministers (AMV) BiH asks IC to exert pressure on large-scale state-owned companies in BiH, and demands transparency in their work
- Election of Tusevljak was part of SDA plan to buy votes of Serb delegates in BiH Parliament to help elect

Izetbegovic's successor – DNZ

- Sarajevo Canton police investigate attack on Slobodna Bosna journalist Edin Avdic
- TV BiH now reads entire Krister Thelin statement on BBC Warriors
- Sports
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## **News Summary**

### **It is not time to give up on BiH – Barry testifies before CSCE**

The US Congressional Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) held a discussion in Washington on Tuesday about BiH's future and the Dayton Peace Agreement. [OSCE](#) Head of Mission to BiH Robert Barry testified along with General Wesley Clark, Ambassador James Pardew, Haris Silajdzic, Selim Beslagic and Milan Trbojevic. In his testimony, Barry emphasized the progress made in minority returns in the first quarter of this year and the results of IC pressure on local officials to implement property laws. Barry predicted that the trend of changes that had started with the local elections would continue in the general elections this year. "It is not the moment to give up on BiH, to proclaim a protectorate and stop looking for BiH leaders that would take responsibility for their country" the [OSCE](#) Head of Mission to BiH asserted. (01:40)

### **BiH is too strong to die and too weak to function as normal country does – Silajdzic's testifies before CSCE**

The key failure in Dayton Peace Agreement implementation is the failure to enable refugee returns, which was the cause of all other problems, Party for BiH President Haris Silajdzic stated in his testimony before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in Washington. "The West has been insisting on elections in BiH for the past 5 years, but never really created conditions for fair and free elections"

Silajdzic asserted. He added that nationalist forces now have more power in two-thirds of BiH than they did in 1996. It is unacceptable to hold elections in the RS in the absence of 750,000 of its citizens. The [Dayton Agreement](#) needs to be modified and harmonized with the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe and the European Convention on Human Rights, Silajdzic concluded.

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### **TV BiH now reads entire Krister Thelin statement on BBC Warriors**

TV BiH was the subject of an IMC Enforcement Panel discussion following complaints on its broadcasting of the BBC TV documentary 'Warriors' in the pre-election period running up to local elections in April. In its decision presented on 22 May, the IMC Enforcement Panel ruled that TV BiH did not breach of the IMC Code of Broadcasting Practice by airing 'Warriors'. Nevertheless, the IMC complained because its press release was not presented in full on TV BiH, so that TV BiH now reads the statement of IMC Director General Krister Thelin in its entirety (full statement read).

02:02 (This excerpt is taken from the daily report of the IMC-led Joint Media Monitoring Group (JMMG)).