OHR BiH TV News Summary, 13 May 2000

News Headlines

- 43 persons die, 11 injured in tragic bus accident near Kakanj, investigation is underway – TV BiH reports from the scene of the accident
- Names of those killed and injured in tragic bus accident read on the air
- TV BiH footage of accident site and statements by survivors
- Izetbegovic goes to Zenica hospital to visit those injured in bus accident
- TV BiH live interview with Zuhdija Rovcanin, the Zenica-Doboj Canton Interior Minister and Bakir Ljubovic, chief investigative judge on the scene, at the bus accident near Kakanj
- Mesic expresses condolences to Izetbegovic, families of those killed and injured, as well as BiH citizens following Kakanj bus accident
- Klein expresses condolences following bus accident in Kakanj
- Bicakcic, Lagumdzija, Head of the Islamic Community Ceric, Orucevic, Mujezinovic, Kebo, Belkic and other senior BiH officials and political parties express condolences to families of victims of bus accident
- Muslim pilgrims participate in traditional Mevlud prayer in Blagaj Teki
- HB Canton Deputy Governor Niko Babic killed in car accident near Livno
- World news
- President of Vojvodina Executive Council Bosko Perosevic assassinated at Novi Sad fair
- Radisic tells Banja Luka-based ATV that he will stand by

his nomination of Tihomir Gligoric as chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers
- SDP will not make compromises that would stop needed changes when it takes over authority in municipalities
- Party for BiH Executive Board condemns attack on Women of Podrinje Group during their visit to pre-war homes and cemeteries in Bratunac Municipality
- GDS holds press conference
- Economic Prosperity Party (SPP) warns that no-one in Zenica is taking care of around 10,000 laid-off workers
- Association of Mostar DPs says that engagement of international organizations is necessary to resolve refugee-return problem
- Association of Srebrenica and Podrinje insist that Srebrenica Municipal Assembly supports proposal on Potocari site to bury victims of Srebrenica massacre
- TV BiH interview with Silajdzic on possible coalition between Party for BiH and SDA
- The search for Fadil Bajraktarevic, accused of the murder the Palin couple – footage from Slovene POP TV
- Report on bus accident and statements by survivors

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TV BiH interview with Silajdzic on possible coalition between Party for BiH and SDA

Party for BiH President Haris Silajdzic, in an interview for TV BiH, discussed whether his party would enter into any coalitions or remain independent. “I said that there would not be any coalitions, it is not needed. We will remain independent and we will support solutions that suit us and our party’s platform” said Silajdzic. He said that he is not interested in any government posts, and added that the upcoming BiH General Elections look more like a struggle for power to him, than for BiH. Silajdzic explained that this would be the “struggle for power for a specific piece of territory” which is probably the “desire (design) of the

Belgrade regime: for us to turn to ourselves and look at one another’s faults.” Silajdzic commented on elections held up to this point in BiH: “What gives us the right to have elections, three times up to now, when we have a million-and-a-half citizens out of their homes. The Dayton Peace Agreement specifies certain pre-conditions that have never been fulfilled” he concluded.

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