

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 15 April 1999

## Headlines

- According to footage from plane, there are no indications that NATO executed attack on refugee convoy – Pentagon
- Brussels admits hitting refugee convoy by mistake, but Milosevic's policy is to be blamed
- UK accuses Milosevic of being directly responsible for bombing refugee convoy in Kosovo
- Kosovo war may last until summer, possibility of large casualties realistic – Clinton administration
- France alerts 2,000 soldiers, heavy artillery and 15 tanks for possible Kosovo peace force
- Serb forces continue shelling near Albanian border – OSCE
- Live report from Podgorica – NATO bombs in retaliation to Yugoslav Army in Bar shooting at [NATO](#) planes, military targets hit
- Zlatibor and Ovcara RTS transmitters targeted by NATO on Wednesday
- 1,000 Kosovars seek refuge in Macedonia, border police try to turn them away
- Albania also facing large refugee flow – UNHCR
- Milosevic is war criminal and endangering stability in area – George Bush
- Arbour leaves open possibility of Milosevic to be indicted by ICTY, she confirms presence of Arkan in Kosovo
- ICTY examines allegations of Tudjman responsibility for war crimes in BiH
- BiH Army 7th anniversary celebrations
- Izetbegovic visits three Srebrenica men during visit to

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- Round up of BiH Army 7th anniversary celebrations throughout BiH
- SFOR denies plane crash in Bijeljina-Pale area
- OHR would welcome joint stand by BiH officials on air strikes on Yugoslavia or any other issue
- Bicakcic and Dodik meet in Lukavica, agree to ask for IC help with refugees
- We will react against any possible use of BiH territory by NATO – Dodik
- Federal Ministers and Bicakcic face drop in budget revenues
- 7th session of BiH economic committee
- SDA on OHR decision to invalidate permanent flat ownership
- If OHR decision is partially implemented consequences will be negative for those unable to return to their homes – Halilovic
- BiH Center Coalition supports OHR decision
- SDP BiH unwilling to comment on OHR decision until reading entire decision
- HNS supports Westendorp decision, crucial for BiH since return and economic revival depend on it
- SDA presents survey of work by SDS Municipal heads. Buzin, Zivinice, Visoko and Zenica receive high degree of negative evaluations
- Jahic announces two sessions of SDA main board for 16,17 April
- OHR and OSCE fully support IMC decision
- Roundup of greetings for BiH Army 7th anniversary
- Bishop Vinko Puljic holds commemorative service for 36 Croats exhumed from individual graves in Bugojno area
- Halting joint institutions boycott most important condition for entering European Council – Prlic
- Sinisa Kistic elected new Brcko Mayor

[ICTY](#) examines allegations of Tudjman responsibility for war

crimes in BiH

The Hague Tribunal has began an investigation into allegations that Croatian President Franjo Tudjman was responsible war crimes in BiH, as claimed in a report by 1861 HSP President, Dobroslav Paraga. Paraga explains that the motivation for his action was the most horrific attempt in recent history to destroy and displace Croats in BiH and place Bosniaks in concentration camps, as well as dividing BiH, all of this in cooperation with Milosevic.

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SDA on OHR decision to invalidate permanent flat ownership

The SDA issued a public announcement stating, "the OHR decision to invalidate permanent flat ownership will be acceptable only if implemented throughout BiH. The SDA will deliberate on this decision soon. Disrespect for the OHR decision would bring into question the next Donors' Conference for BiH. If the conference is rescheduled, it would be of no help to the entire BiH situation, housing circumstances or returns to BiH."

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OHR and OSCE fully support IMC decision

The OHR and the OSCE fully support the IMC decision to suspend Pale-based Channel-S until further notice. This channel may be shut down because of their frequent use of inflammatory language, stated OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer. If the IMC decision is not respected, the OHR has many options at its disposal. The OSCE commented that Channel-S has performed numerous violations of the PEC Media Rules and Regulations, and not respecting the IMC decision would show their unwillingness to respect basic democratic media standards.

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