

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 16 May 1999

News Headlines

- Interruption of [NATO](#) strikes would give Milosevic feeling of victory – Vedrine
- Clark ready to use 24 Apache helicopters stationed in Albania
- Pentagon and US administration still hesitant regarding use of Apache helicopters
- [NATO](#) bombs Prizren, Pec, Belgrade, Pozarevac and Novi Sad – Serbian media
- Serbian forces use Kosovo Albanian refugees as human shields – Shea
- [NATO](#) believes Milosevic used Kosovo refugees in Korisa as human shields
- Serbian media reports part of Yugoslav Army withdrawing from Kosovo after “doing their job with dignity and honor”
- [NATO](#) campaign continues – Albright and Cook
- BiH Presidency passes law on customs policy for increased taxes on goods imported from Croatia
- Circle 99 discusses implementation of Sarajevo Declaration
- Hajric informs of refugee return statistics at Circle 99 session
- Two-way returns in Tuzla-Podrinje Canton progressing
- SDP demands Westendorp abolish BiH Federation Forum conclusions
- HRT rebroadcasts should be suspended during establishment of BiH Federation TV – Thelin
- Congress of BiH Election Commissions concludes in Vogosca
- [IMF](#) Mission Head meets with Dodik and informs [IMF](#) will

- continue firm and consistent work in RS
- RS National Assembly to discuss preparations for upcoming Donors' Conference and RS budget at session scheduled for 18 May
- Regular bus service Bijeljina-Zenica beginning 17 May
- Report from Cannes Film Festival

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Hajric informs of refugee return statistics at Circle 99 session

Advisor to BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic and President of the Steering Board for Sarajevo Declaration Implementation Mirza Hajric participated in the recent Circle 99 session and spoke of Sarajevo Declaration implementation. Hajric informed that 14,000 refugees have returned to Sarajevo. He said, "if 78,000 refugees from Sarajevo Canton do not start to return to the RS and places under HDZ control in the BiH Federation, then the whole return process will be slowed." He assessed that RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik received money for promises that he would return 70,000 minority refugees to the RS, but the results are very "thin" adding that the situation is the same regarding minority returns to the area of west Mostar.

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SDP demands Westendorp abolish BiH Federation Forum conclusions

The SDP demanded that High Representative Carlos Westendorp abolish BiH Federation Forum conclusions regarding TV BiH property, specifically the property of the future BiH Federation TV. "The decision which transfers all TV BiH property in BiH Federation territory to the future BiH Federation RTV represents the abolishment of TV BiH and a direct violation of BiH Parliament conclusions" says the SDP.

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HRT rebroadcasts should be suspended during establishment of BiH Federation TV – Thelin

IMC Director Krister Thelin stated that during the process of forming BiH Federation TV, rebroadcasts of HRT should be suspended. He explained that the Erotel Company would not be part of BiH Federation TV, adding that there is a possibility for (Erotel) to become a commercial station with programming that will serve the Croat community.

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