

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 17 May 1998

Mostar – We shall move the HDZ Headquarters from Mostar to Sarajevo, Ante Jelavic, the newly chosen party president told BiH TV after the Fifth HDZ Assembly meeting was over. He added that the HDZ party is expected to be transformed. New political winds in the party were felt in a brisk discussion during last night's session with the presence of an unbroken telephone line between Mostar and Zagreb. Therefore Zagreb was not surprised with the voting results when one of the streams in the Party turned a deaf ear to the clearly defined wish of Zagreb to choose Bozo Ljubic as party president. Although the neighbouring country sent its representatives Pasalic and Cesic to request members of the meeting to vote for Ljubic as well as to ask the candidate Ante Jelavic to withdraw his nomination, the voting results were different. Ante Jelavic did not withdraw his nomination and was chosen as president. This was hailed by a long lasting applause. Some media in Croatia said that a real drama was going on in Mostar yesterday between 20:00 and 1:00 hour in the morning. Some others appeared with the titles Disobedience towards Tudjman after Susak's death.

I think that none of the candidates should have withdrawn his nomination. We should have had more candidates, Jadranko Prlic, told the news. Talking to the Assembly, after the voting was over, Ante Jelavic referred first to Tudjman's envoys. He asked them to give his greetings to Tudjman along with the message that the Croats and the HDZ were always, are now and would always be loyal to him.

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Sarajevo – Ibrahim Spahic was chosen as old new President of the GDP (Citizens Democratic Party) at the Third Annual

Meeting held in Sarajevo. GDP party is coming out with a clear message to continue to defend the same multi-ethnic character of the BiH society which it was defending when it was established, Spahic told the news.

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Cancari, near Zvornik – The Hague Expert Team has started exhuming the remains of the Srebrenica victims in mass graves 24 km from Zvornik. Kelly Moore, UN Spokesperson said that the bodies found were exhumed from the joint mass grave which was at the execution place and were transported on lorries to the other grave site.

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Prijedor -Preceded by a joint posthumous ceremony, the bodies of those exhumed earlier, 12 Croats and 2 Bosniaks, were buried today at the Greda cemetery near Prijedor. Footage of the victims followed by the names of the killers. The number of the mass graves has still not been determined.

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Sarajevo and Tuzla – These two towns marked the anniversary of the fights crucial for the development of events in BiH at the beginning of the aggression in 1992.

Rahic – Brcko brigades which defended the regions in Posavina were celebrating today.

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