OHR BiH TV News Summary, 19 April 2000

News Headlines

- BiH Presidency fails to agree on new composition of Council of Ministers
- EU officials Solana and Paten visit BiH
- BiH House of Representatives holds session
- World news
- OSCE not sure that final results of municipal elections will be ready for presentation by Thursday
- The Hague Tribunal temporarily releases Miroslav Tadic and Simo Zaric
- HN Canton Interior Ministry forms police task forces to arrest five Mostar individuals suspected of war crimes
- HDZ is responsible for division of Mostar – ICG
- Zenica workers demand resignation of Zenica-Doboj Canton Governor and entire cantonal Government
- Private entrepreneurs in Sarajevo will by business premises they use for 1 DM – SDP BiH
- SDP BiH will negotiate post-election cooperation in Tuzla with Party for BiH
- James Dobbins congratulates SDP BiH on good election results
- HDZ BiH will become modern and popular party after undertaken reforms – Jelavic
- HDZ BiH Ilidza Board protests HDZ BiH Presidency decision for dismissal
- OSCE Mission to BiH should insist on refugee returns before organizing any more elections – Party for BiH
- Amount of IC aid to municipalities in RS will depend on their contribution to refuge returns – Petritsch
- BiH Federation, RS and Croatian Chambers of Commerce delegations meet in Zagreb

- BiH Central Bank profited 4 million DM in 1999
- BiH Jews celebrate Pasha
- Cardinal Puljic serves holy mass ahead of Easter holidays
- Luzanski sends Easter greetings to Catholics in BiH
- Series of six small earthquakes strikes Banja Luka on Wednesday morning
- Viewers in Una-Sana Canton cannot watch TV BiH due to storm
- Sports
- Weather
- Bicakcic meets with representatives of German company DEBIS for talks on reconstruction of Sodaso Company in Tuzla
- Bicakcic chairs session of BiH Federation Board for Reconstruction
- Petritsch opens Center for European Studies at Banja Luka University
- Brcko District Assembly to hold first working session on 26 April
- BOSS welcomes OHR decision to force officials in BiH to resign from some of their other duties
- 9 May to be celebrated as Day of Prison Camp Inmates in BiH
- Zenica marks Day of Civilian Victims of War
- Zenica police receive false threat of bomb in Catholic School Center
- Zenica Doboj Canton holds session
- European Regional Association for Cooperation 'Dunav-Drava-Sava' holds first session in Hungary

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HDZ responsible for division of Mostar – ICG

"Five years after the Dayton Agreement, Mostar is still a divided city and the HDZ BiH is the single most responsible entity for this" the International Crisis Group (ICG)

concluded in its report ‘Mostar – Chances for Progress’ issued on Wednesday. “The International Community has invested over 200 million Euro in Mostar so far, but its inefficiency is also partly to blame for the such situation” ICG Director in BiH James Lions stated. “The HDZ BiH constantly obstructed all efforts by the IC and the Bosniak side” Lions stated, adding that institutions of the illegal Herceg-Bosna still exist. “If we cannot unite Mostar, we cannot unite the BiH Federation or BiH, which means that, if we do not unite Mostar, the Dayton Agreement will fail.” He suggested that the IC put economic pressure on the HDZ BiH and the illegal “third entity” and force them to unite Mostar. Lions asserted that the Bosniak side can also be held responsible, but in comparison with the HDZ, responsibility is minor.

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