

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 20 May 2000

News Headlines

- 24 killed and some 20 missing in Black Sea boating accident
- Publication of Tudjman's secret documents on crimes in Ahmici proves aggression on BiH
- BH Press and HABENA announce coalition between HDZ and SDA
- RS parties struggle to agree on candidate for Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers, options are Mladen Ivanic, Radomir Lukic and Spasoje Tusevljak
- Silajdzic writes to Petritsch, criticizing IC-imposed privatization
- Privatization Monitoring Committee reports that privatization in BiH was temporarily interrupted at end of April
- Bicakcic invests his certificates in 'Bonus' funds
- Seven days since tragedy near Kakanj, still no conclusions as to cause of accident
- Izetbegovic and new Head of Croatian Helsinki Board Dr. Izet Aganovic discuss human rights and position of minorities in Croatia
- Control at BiH borders to increase due to increase in smuggling and illegal border crossings – Croatian Interior Minister Sime Lucin
- Sarajevo Center Municipality holds constitutive session
- SDP member Hakija Uzicanin elected head of Tesanj Municipality and HDZ member Jozo Vukoja appointed head of Prozor-Rama Municipality
- BiH intellectuals discuss returns to RS
- SGV will ask for more resolute support of OHR, [OSCE](#) and [UN](#) for BiH Constitutional Courts decision on

constitutionality of all nations in BiH – SGV President Mirko Pejanovic in Tuzla

- Bosniak independent Radio Hayat receives threatening letter
- Albright and [EU](#) Chairman planning US-Europe action to further encourage revolt against Milosevic
- Belgrade regime condemned at Adriatic Sea conference
- World news
- Several flats in Rogatica empty and awaiting for pre-war tenants, who are willing to return if security is guaranteed
- Eighth anniversary of devastation of Zetra
- Businessman Hamdija Hodzic building mosque in Lukavica, BiH Islamic Community does not favor his project
- Cannes Film Festival to end on Sunday
- Sports
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Publication of Tudjman's secret documents on crimes in Ahmici proves aggression on BiH

Tihomir Blaskic's lawyer Ante Nobile confirmed receipt of a secret document from the Croatian President Stipe Mesic. The document proves that the former Croatian leadership knew the real truth behind the crimes in Ahmici. Zagreb daily Jutarnji List claims that Mesic gave this document to Nobile and that five perpetrators of crimes against Bosniaks in Ahmici received new identities from the Croatian Interior Ministry to ensure a safe existence free of prosecution. Nobile claims to know these people, saying he even met some during a 1993 investigation. He believes that it would have been better for the document to be presented to the [ICTY](#) prosecutor before its release in Croatian media. Blaskic also believes that these documents can influence his case, since they contain detailed descriptions of the crimes in Ahmici, the names of five perpetrators and transcribed conversations between the late

Franjo Tudjman and his closest associates. No one in Croatia seems to be wondering how much these documents can alleviate Blaskic's 45-year prison sentence.

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BH Press and HABENA announce coalition between HDZ and SDA

BH Press and HABENA news agencies reported that the SDA and HDZ BiH reached an informal agreement on constituting the structure of municipalities in which they share authority. Let us say that such a coalition has never been mentioned because it was inconceivable. The only person that replied to our invitation to comment on the issue was SDA Vice-president Sulejman Tihic. The others seem to have developed amnesia. "The HDZ is a party without which it is hard to establish rule in the BiH Federation, especially in mixed cantons or those with Croat predominance" said Tihic. "Therefore, the SDA is engaging in certain agreements, formal and informal, necessary agreements, with, among others, the HDZ. Should we not enter an alliance with the HDZ, it would be impossible to implement election results." He denied that the relationship is a coalition, saying that a coalition demands much more. Tihic said that the SDA, meaning the CD Coalition, will enter such an alliance with the HDZ in HN and Central Bosnia Cantons for a total of some 24 municipalities.

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Bosniak independent Radio Hayat receives threatening letter

Bosniak independent Radio Hayat in Tuzla received an anonymous letter, in which its employees have been threatened because of the nature of the program and the influence of certain institutions on the editorial policy. The BiH Association of Journalists issued an announcement demanding that authority institutions of Tuzla Canton, the [OSCE](#) and the IPTF begin an immediate investigation and take extra measures for the protection of employees.

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