

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 23 May 2000

## News Headlines

- IC officials comment on BiH reconstruction, security, return, increasing pluralism, but give warning in regard to strengthening common institutions, functional economy and quickening refugee return
- BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic explains new approach to BiH that the IC is deliberating on during Brussels session of Peace Implementation Council Steering Board
- BiH Presidency member Alija Izetbegovic comments on new measures of Peace Implementation Council
- BiH PBS Establishing Board to issue public vacancy announcements soon
- Petritsch replaces Head of BiH Federation Privatization Agency Stiepo Andrijic and issues decision amending banking laws in both BiH entities
- Canton 10 Governor Ivan Ivic and Prime Minister Mirko Mihaljevic replaced by High Representative Petritsch on Monday
- Privatization will hopefully go for the better after Andrijic's replacement – Adnan Mujagic, the Director of BiH Federation Privatization Agency
- Head of SDA Caucus Almir Alikadic demands resignation of BiH Federation President Ejup Ganic at session of BiH House of Representatives
- Ganic says that he did not really listen to Alikadic's reasons for his resignation and has always worked in the best interests of the people and will continue to work
- Bihac-based Trgovina Company workers protest over unpaid back-salaries, which are blocked because the government has closed the company's accounts

- Sarajevo independent truckers protest demanding better treatment and end to illegal labor
- Drazen Erdemovic, freed one year before completing his five-year sentence for war crimes by The Hague, appears as protected witness in General Krstic trial at the [ICTY](#)
- World news
- Agreement signed forming united Brcko syndicate
- Existence of Tuzla University Faculty of Economics threatened because professors will be evicted from the apartments they currently reside
- Sports
- Weather

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### **BiH Presidency member Alija Izetbegovic comments on new measures of Peace Implementation Council**

Alija Izetbegovic, in his address to the PIC Conference in Brussels, said that the establishment of institutions for Euro-Atlantic integration should be a priority along with refugee return, economy reform and the better functioning of BiH common institutions. "We are responsible for ensuring the implementation of property laws, the decisions of the BiH House of Human Rights and other competent institutions. We accept the principle of aid conditioned on refugee return as long as High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) will accept the obligation of exercising his mandate with an even-handed standard throughout BiH (...) The Madrid Declaration ordered the establishment of institutions without delay and extinguishing the existing parallel institutions (...) Significant steps have been made to establish the BiH State Border Service, the institution of the State Budget Auditor, the IMC and several other necessary institutions." Izetbegovic reminded of Petritsch's decision of 30 June 1999 establishing the BiH Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and appointing 6 of 9 members on the PBS Establishing Board. He concluded that the deadline for the establishment of BiH PBS Radio and Television

was 1 January 2000, and that its establishment is not even close to happening yet.

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### **BiH PBS Establishing Board to issue public vacancy announcements soon**

The BiH Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Establishing Board will soon publicly announce vacancies for the positions of BiH PBS Personnel Director, PBS Director of TV Programming and PBS Radio Director. This was decided at Tuesday's session of the Establishing Board. The Board also decided to discuss the PBS BiH adoption of a quality concept of public service broadcasting. The Establishing Board decided that the PBS should, in accordance with the High Representative's decision, submit a request for membership in the European Broadcasting Union.

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