

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 24 May 1999

## News Headlines

- Yugoslav Army may be destroyed within two months – [NATO](#) General Short
- Report on results of [NATO](#) bombing of Yugoslav electric utilities
- Scharping visits Macedonia
- 80 men killed near Vucitrn – Kohaditore journalist
- 7,000 refugees cross Albanian border at Blace
- Macedonian authorities try to expel refugees to Albania
- British Government to send war crimes investigation team to Macedonia and Albania – Robertson
- Clinton approves CIA secret plan for destroying Milosevic authority
- 'You're losing' – Albright message to Milosevic
- [NATO](#) will return refugees without Milosevic approval – Robertson
- [EU](#) to increase financial assistance for Macedonia – Scharping
- Fischer to meet with Albright
- Chernomyrdin to meet with Talbott and Ahtisaari in Moscow
- Milosevic addresses letter to Saddam Hussein
- BiH Federation made progress in human rights – BiH Ombudsmen report
- BiH Federation Government publishes Westendorp decision on suspending validity of temporary and permanent solutions on apartments
- Srebrenica Municipal office in Tuzla requests OHR, [OSCE](#) and RS institutions for extension of deadline for returning tenant rights
- OHR holds press conference on views for implementation

of Sarajevo Declaration

- 40% of funds from Donors' Conference should be allotted to RS – Dodik
- Bicakcic visits Zenica-Doboj Canton and discusses economic action for canton
- Eight persons found not guilty of terrorism in Bugojno, sentenced for destruction of property
- Exhumation of bodies from Serb Sarajevo mass graves conducted without IC presence
- Identification of dead bodies to take 20-25 years – Masovic
- Izetbegovic meets with Luxembourg Foreign Minister
- Head of Gorazde Canton Liberal Party dissatisfied with financial support to canton
- LBO claims SDA started rumor
- SPP asks IMC to take action against Zenica authority
- Kljuic addresses letter to Separovic regarding Abdic extradition
- Goods from Yugoslavia treated same as goods from other countries – Director of RS Customs
- SIMES workers request urgent resolution of their status with regard to privatization

## **News Summary**

### **Exhumation of bodies from Serb Sarajevo mass graves conducted without IC presence**

Five expert teams from the BiH Federation exhumed 250 bodies from seven mass graves discovered in the RS and one in the BiH Federation over the last 18 days. In Serb Sarajevo, five expert teams at four mass graves and several individual graves exhumed 110 victims. President of the State Missing Person's Commission Amor Masovic stated that now they "are exhuming a 4th mass grave in Serb Sarajevo, without (the presence of) international representatives, the Contact Group Ambassador or Ms. Stiglmayer, even though this is also Sarajevo as it was at the Lav cemetery. The only difference is that this is a matter

of four mass graves and at the Lav cemetery, there were only individual graves." Masovic stated that, as was the case with all mass graves in the Sarajevo area, it is absolutely clear and can be proven that mass graves were partially dug earlier and bodies removed from them but he does not know for what purpose.

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### **LBO claims SDA started rumor**

LBO President Muhamed Filipovic stated at a press conference that there is no satisfactory and rational plan for economic, political and social development in BiH. Filipovic stated that the paradox is that voters persistently vote for the same people and the opposition is responsible for this because it is not united. Filipovic denied claims that Tuzla Canton Prime Minister Hazim Viskalo left the SDA for the LBO, saying that the report is false and was launched by the SDA and that "the LBO is not a party that accepts trash."

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### **SPP asks IMC to take action against Zenica authority**

The SPP sharply condemns "the attacks by Head of Zenica Municipality Ferid Alic on journalists in Zenica by trying to turn them into your servants." The SPP expects the IMC to take energetic action on preventing pressure on the media by handing down the appropriate penalties, not only verbal warnings and public condemnation.

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### **Kljuic addresses letter to Separovic regarding Abdic extradition**

LS Party President Stjepan Kljuic, in a letter sent to Croatian Minister of Justice Zvonimir Separovic, said "Zagreb's persistent protection of Fikret Abdic at any price

is not only a political failure but a move that brings potent animosity toward Croatian policy from the International Community. Abdic should be held responsible for what he did to the people in BiH and not in Croatia."

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