

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 27 May 1999

## News Headlines

- The Hague indicts Milosevic, Ojdanic, Milutinovic, Sainovic and Stoiljkovic
- 63 members of US House of Representatives request Clinton do everything he can to charge Milosevic as soon as possible
- US Government sends The Hague all needed documents for Milosevic indictment, but does not reject further contact with him – Rubin
- Charges against Milosevic counterproductive – Sergey Lavrov
- [NATO](#) will continue collecting evidence of war crimes committed in Kosovo – Shea
- Human Rights Watch satisfied with charges against Milosevic
- Leader of British Liberal Democrats Paddy Ashdown ready to testify against Milosevic
- Chernomyrdin to arrive in Kosovo
- Charges against Milosevic support BiH charges of genocide against Yugoslavia and Serbia – Izetbegovic
- Belgrade regime is leader of great and ethnically clean Serbia and responsible for death and expulsion of hundreds of thousands of people and for entire region lagging – Silajdzic
- Charges against Milosevic show nobody in this territory is immune to The Hague Tribunal – Prlic
- Charges against Milosevic open same door for those who welcome these charges today – Lagumdzija
- IC will seek new negotiators for final resolution of Kosovo crisis, which can seem in short term as complication of current situation, but long term will

simplify situation in region – Ganic

- [Dayton Agreement](#) will not be preserved because Milosevic was one of mediators and sponsors, of course agreement will stay, but as agreement between Bosnians, role of Milosevic and Serbia will not be recognized and will be considered illegal – Filipovic
- Process against Milosevic will prove his crimes in Balkans, and this is the time for Serbs to reject fascist policy of Milosevic – Kljuic
- [NATO](#) aircraft continue strong campaign against Serb troops in Kosovo
- Collated report on results of [NATO](#) bombings
- [NATO](#) commanders gets permission to attack most sensitive targets in Yugoslavia
- [NATO](#) achieves record of largest number of sorties in campaign to date
- KLA initiates large operation near Albanian border
- Serbian forces bomb village of Tropoj, on Albanian border
- 800 Albanians leave Kosovo on Thursday
- Pact on Balkan Stability could be signed by end of June – Fischer
- BiH Council of Ministers adopts draft on regulation of debts to Paris Club of Creditors and agreement on regulation of BiH pre-war debt to EC social fund
- BiH Federation Government holds session
- RS Government discusses security situation in RS
- Srebrenica group should openly defend themselves – Ganic addresses to RS Minister of Justice
- Westendorp forbids authority bodies of both entities to freely distribute state property
- Westendorp addresses letter to Ferid Alic
- SDA press conference
- Silajdzic presents new political initiative for establishing stability in region and integration of BiH
- DSP considers BiH Federation Government responsible for

35,000 pensioners possibly losing pensions

- BiH Republicans condemn refusal of ruling parties to discuss position of youth at session BiH Federation Parliament
- HDZ Youth appeals for registration for upcoming elections
- Schwarz-Schilling expresses regret because Croat representatives did not sign agreement on return of all displaced persons
- SDA Mostar Board requests OHR proclaim Schwarz-Schilling agreement as theirs and dismiss Croat leaders responsible for obstruction
- Representatives of international organizations supporting return to Mostar inform of intensified reconstruction of Croat houses
- 2,500 Bosniak workers want to return to their company in Stolac
- Two-day exhumation process of Croats ends in Bugojno
- Delegation of Sarajevo Canton and Gary Kasparov pay respects to victims of massacre in Ferhadija Street
- Fourth anniversary of BiH Federation Una-Sana Canton
- Even though there were no victims in attack on two houses near Zvornik, inhabited by [SFOR](#) members, [SFOR](#) considers this terrorist and well-planned act
- Preparations for EUROSONG
- 20 girls from BiH participate in World Super Model contest

## **News Summary**

### **BiH Federation Government holds session**

The BiH Federation Government agreed on two law articles on TV channels and the transfer of property of the current TV BiH at Thursday's session. Article 16 of this law predicts that this future TV outlet will broadcast on two channels, one using the Croat language and the other Bosniak, but both will be available throughout BiH. The second article in question was

related to the property of the current RTV BiH. A new solution offers that, within a 6-month deadline, the current TV would transfer part of the property needed for BiH Federation TV under conditions to be agreed upon. BiH Federation Minister of Education Fahrudin Rizvanbegovic recommended support of this law, saying that it is not perfect, but reflects the current situation. According to Rizvanbegovic, for one-year of production by these BiH Federation TV channels, approximately DM 60 million is needed, which is unrealistic. The Government also discussed a draft law on amnesty and supported Dragan Covic's reorganization of the Finance Ministry, where he is expected to dismiss lead people in the tax and customs administration.

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### **Westendorp addresses letter to Ferid Alic**

High Representative Carlos Westendorp addressed a letter to Head of the Zenica Municipality Ferid Alic, expressing deep concern over his behavior towards some journalists in the municipality and violations of all standards in free media. The [OSCE](#) appealed to municipal authorities to restrain from encroaching on freedom of media.

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### **SDA press conference**

SDA President Alija Izetbegovic stated at a press conference in Bihac that the fight against crime must continue, adding that the current authorities have made some mistakes, but not strategic mistakes. Regarding the extradition of Fikret Abdic, Izetbegovic stated that Croatia should extradite him to BiH because he is charged for his acts in Bosnia.

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