

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 28 May 1998

BiH Presidency held a session today. Issuing of the new BiH currency and liquidation process of the BiH National Bank were main subjects of the session. Central bank Governor, Nicholle presented new currency and announced its issuing for June 15.

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CoM held a session, discussing the matters of the Law on Privatisation of Banks and Enterprises in BiH. CoM Cochairman Silajdzic said that this law would enable entity parliaments to adopt the legislature that will not be discriminatory and that will assure maximal transparency and public responsibility. CoM also unanimously adopted HR proposal to establish a commission that will supervise the privatisation process. Location of the CoM offices was also discussed with the presence of Ambassador Schumacher.

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Presidency member Zubak met with HR Westendorp, discussing the matters of implementation of joint insignia and drivers' documents, as well as BiH TV restructuring and recent HDZ Congress. OHR also presented the new passports. The main difference between Federation and RS passports will be in inscription order on its cover, which will be in Latin in the Federation, and in Cyrillic in RS. The price of passports should be 30 KM + 10 KM taxes. Schumacher said that issuing of new passports will start at beginning of July and added that conditions were created that BiH citizens may travel abroad. Old passports will be valid until December 21 1998.

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BiH Financial Forum meeting was held today in Sarajevo. Central bank Governor, Nicholle said that the new currency

will be issued on June 15, and will mean economic reunion of BiH.

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Serbian Army and police again attack in Kosovo, in the area between Prizren and Orahovac. World institutions are still adopting the document on resolving the crisis and making plans about possible actions. Belgrade says that they will not allow NATO presence.

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NATO member countries, ministers of FA decided at today's meeting in Luxembourg that military experts will make plans for possible allocation of troops in Albania and Macedonia in the case of escalation of Kosovo crisis. Ground-air exercises will be carried out in Albania, and already scheduled manoeuvres in Macedonia will be expanded. European Council today in Strasbourg adopted the document on resolving the Kosovo crisis. FRY is expected to solve regional matters including Vojvodina and Sandzak.

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FLASH NEWS – SFOR confirmed apprehension of Milojica Kos, indicted for war crimes committed in BiH. NATO announced that 600 more Italian and Argentina policemen will be engaged in order to assist in refugee return project.

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An organised group of Bosniaks visited Prozor for the first time today. Returnees immediately started house reconstruction and expressed the hope that everyone will return to their places of origin. SFOR and IPTF supervised return.

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Federation Prime Minister Bicakcic met with Federal MUP Minister Zilic. It was said that a great progress was achieved in distribution of new registration plates on the area of BiH Federation.

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