OHR BiH TV News Summary, 3 May 2000

News Headlines

- Reconstructed bridge over Sava River, near Bosanska Gradiska, on the border between BiH and Croatian, opens
- New phone switchboard in Brka, near Brcko, opens
- Issue surrounding World Bank credit line for reconstruction water-supply system in Mostar complicating
- RS National Assembly holds session, deputies discuss report on the work of the RS Government
- Serbian Orthodox Church gives 17 Orthodox shrines to the Montenegrin Orthodox Church
- World news
- OSCE Mission to BiH initiates Help-Line Campaign to protect the rights of journalists on World Press Freedom Day
- Frankfurt and London stock exchanges to integrate
- British Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand and Edhem Bicakcic open seminar for future brokers and dealers
- Livno textile company Perla is one of the few BiH companies in the textile industry sector that is working well
- Ganic responds to SDA Main Board recommendation that he tenders his resignation as BiH Federation President, but says he will not resign from this post
- Tuzla Canton Governor Tarik Arapcic says he will formulate his final position and announces possible resignation as governor after SDA Presidency session
- Zenica Impeko Company workers on strike
- Brcko professional firefighters union to strike because of nine unpaid back-salaries
- Bratunac hospital workers stop strike

- Explosive device planted under the bus with which Bosniak refugees traveled to the Bastasi settlement, near Banja Luka, to visit their pre-war homes
- Lagumdzija meets with US officials Robert Frowick and Thomas Miller
- Tokic says that current nationalist concept in BiH has to be reexamined due to the extremely difficult situation in the country and high-level of crime
- World news
- Kosovo news
- Slovene Parliament elects new Prime Minister
- Around 112 Bosniak refugees from Zepa return to their pre-war homes, many more are still waiting to return
- BiH Association of WWII Veterans (SUBNOR) prepares exhibition of Josip Broz 'Tito' photographs
- Commission for Real Property Claims reminds that 18 June is the final deadline to submit claims to return apartments in the RS
- The Hague Tribunal investigators start investigating location of possible mass grave near Mount Velebit
- BiH journalists denote World Press Freedom Day – TV BiH reports

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OSCE Mission to BiH initiates Help-Line Campaign to protect the rights of journalists on World Press Freedom Day

The OSCE organized a press conference on 3 May, World Press Freedom Day. According to OSCE research, around 62% of BiH journalists have experienced intimidation and interference, as well as pressure from some political parties while doing their job. Due to all of these reasons, the OSCE initiated a campaign for the protection of journalists' rights. OSCE spokesperson Tanya Domi informed that the aim of the campaign is to provide assistance to journalists who find themselves in situations when they are prevented from doing their job by those who are afraid of a free and independent media. A

significant increase of pressure on journalists was registered during the pre-election campaign period of the recent BiH local elections.

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BiH Association of Journalists General Secretary Enver Causevic informs of the situation regarding the status of BiH journalists. He stated that no BiH journalist has been imprisoned or punished in any way. Borka Rudic, the Secretary of BiH Independent Union of Professional Journalists, stated that there are no laws in BiH that could protect journalists and upon which media can rely. Rudic, giving an example, mentioned the rough attack on journalists in the Livno Canton.

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