

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 4 May 1999

News Headlines

- Interruption of strikes approved if Milosevic satisfies four conditions Chernomyrdin-Clinton
- TV Novi Sad facility suffers significant damage after NATO strikes
- NATO targets Belgrade, Nis, Kraljevo, Valjevo (two injured), Nis and Podgorica on Tuesday
- Milosevic and Yugoslav Army Commander briefed on Army status
- Yugoslavia against stationing of NATO troops in Kosovo, but our obligation is to respect UN resolutions – Draskovic
- Basic Serbian interest is for immediate end to NATO strikes that destroy Serbia – GSS Goran Silanovic
- SRS leaderships calls for continuation of war, Yugoslavia is embryo of resistance to aggressive American Nazism
- Serb forces report another surge of banishment in Podujevo region
- Military analysts find no western force liability for Savina Voda incident – Brussels conference
- Serb forces kill 40 and take 300 hostage in Verboc village – Kosova press
- 1,200 Yugoslav citizens killed and 5,000 seriously wounded by NATO actions – Jovanovic for CNN
- KLA destroys Yugoslav Army ammunition truck, four Serb soldiers killed in Kastrik
- Albanian residents and KLA in Lapa area exposed to chemical weapons
- Our mission is to attack, degrade and, if Milosevic persists in his actions, destroy the means he values so

greatly – Clark

- France prepared to increase participation in NATO strikes by 25%
- Germany approves deployment of 1,000 soldiers to Macedonia and Albania, Parliament must ratify
- Blair speaks to Romanian Parliament regarding situation in Yugoslavia, calling on Yugoslavs to overthrow regime
- Romano Prodi proposes international conference on Balkans to delegates of EU Parliament
- 821,000 refugees from Kosovo so far – UNHCR
- UK, Italy, and other European countries to accept more Kosovar refugees
- Date of Donors' Conference depends on all three sides meeting set conditions, OHR will not support extension of passport expiration date – spokesperson James Ferguson
- BiH Council of Ministers discusses procedure for receiving Kosovo refugees, Silajdzic demands better treatment from IC
- Association of Fallen Soldiers' Families and Invalids demands explanation of ongoing delay in receiving pensions
- Brcko expected to bring many improvements, especially in economy and returns
- 19th anniversary of Tito's death
- Prlic discusses mines at Mozambique conference
- Ganic and Rehn discuss consolidation of multiethnic police in Cantons eight and ten
- Three-month trial period for Stolac police results in great progress
- OSCE commences training local officials for voter registration, aiming to transfer election activities to local level
- European liberals call on Council of Europe and European Union to propose new ways of incorporating Southeast Europe into EU – Kadic
- HNS press conference

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Brcko expected to bring many improvements, especially in economy and returns

Bosniak Member of the BiH Presidency Alija Izetbegovic met with Brcko Supervisor Robert Farrand, who informed him of the current Brcko status. The latest Brcko model is expected to bring many improvements, especially in regard to the economy and returns. Head of Brcko-Ravne Municipality Mijo Anic said that the only unsatisfied people he encountered are refugees and locals occupying other people's homes. The current issue is return to Bukvic, Cerik and Vucici villages, which, before the war, were occupied by 900 families. Brcko Mayor Sinisa Kistic stated that the organization of permanent returns is necessary. Head of BiH Federation part of Brcko Munir Jusufovic guaranteed better living conditions to all returnees from the RS, saying that a large number of people will be employed and others will receive assistance. So far, 460 houses have been renovated and 150 more will soon be completed, creating an opportunity for an equal number of Croat and Bosniak returns, as well as open two-sided return. Next year is expected to be the real year of return to Brcko.

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