OHR BiH TV News Summary, 5 April 2000

News Headlines

- Border crossing between BiH and Croatia and bridge in Bosanski Brod, financed by USAID, open
- Petritsch says BiH needs to fulfill three conditions to become member of European Council
- I am obsessed with idea of adapting Dayton Agreement – Petritsch
- EU and African leaders resolving problems of Africa at summit in Cairo
- Arrest of Krajisnik is violation of legal norms and authorities of Peace Forces – Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Roundup of Kosovo events
- Yugoslav Army in Montenegro is dispersing
- Del Ponte meets with Racan in Zagreb
- Mesic visits Macedonia
- World news
- Frowick visits Mostar to express support to property returns and advise local politicians to become more involved
- Peaceful protest of DPs in Orasje due to difficult social status
- Orthodox priest Sava Lazinica begins Serb returns to Glamoc
- International organizations hold press conference in Mostar to discuss reconstruction of water supply system
- Banovici Coal mine invests two million DM in water purification system
- Elektroprivreda reconstructs electricity networks in Gorazde area
- Representatives of Defense Ministries of BiH Federation

and RS discuss issue of apartments owned by military
- April 5 Police Day celebrated in Sarajevo
- Halil Brzina assumes duty of new Commander of 1 Corps of BiH Army
- War invalids from Cazin and Sanski Most receive donation of 13 Skoda Felicias
- Due to technical reconstruction in Ploce Port, fuel delivery temporarily stopped
- Representatives of NOR ’41, 45 and Odbramebeni Rat ’91, ’92 lay wreathes at barracks Marsal Tito and Vraca on 55th anniversary of Sarajevo liberation
- Dr. Senid Kobaslija winner of Walter Engel award
- Silajdzic’s book “On the Road to a Modern State” promoted in Sarajevo
- Reis-el-Ulema sends greetings to Muslims on 1421 Hidzra new year
- Weather
- Sports
- Annual session of Regional Association of DPs from Tuzla
- Expelled persons from Brcko hold peaceful protest in Tuzla, discontent with implementation of return process, and address letter to Farrand
- Hoffman and Klein request Premier of Zenica-Doboj Canton Vehid Sahinovic establish special police and judicial authority in Zepce by 14 April
- 8th anniversary of HVO celebrated in Stanislav Baja Kraljevic barracks in Mostar
- Barry denies allegations regarding OSCE slogan “Vote for changes”
- General Vincent Cuderoi appointed new Commissioner of IPTF
- BiH Federation extradites Mulud Mugelan to France
- New water supply system opens in Bosanski Petrovac
- Earthquake in Herzegovina measures 4.5 on Richter Scale
- Culture

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Petritsch says BiH needs to fulfill three conditions to become member of European Council

At a session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council, High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch said that there are three conditions which BiH must fulfill in order to become a member of the Council. Petritsch said that the conditions that could be fulfilled over night are the functioning of basic state institutions, such as the Government, Presidency and Parliament, the adoption of an election law and implementation of 40 articles of the Human Rights Law. Speaking of the Krajisnik arrest, Petritsch said that individual trials decrease the collective guilt of a nation.

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I am obsessed with idea of adapting Dayton Agreement – Petritsch

"I have been obsessed with idea of adapting the Dayton Agreement" stated High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch. "Even if I was once ready to accept it as a temporary solution, I am now aware of all its limitations." The international plan for immediate reconstruction and the strategy for reform stabilization in BiH are facing many problems, the most important of which are misunderstanding and rivalries between Americans and Europeans. "The Americans in charge of economic reforms forced their idea that improvements will start after privatization, but no one has realized the true statistics of the BiH economy" said Daniel Besson, Head of the OHR Economic Department. He added that a majority of already privatized companies belong to nationalist parties still operating along Tito's concept. "This year is crucial for the BiH economy" said French Consulate Olivier Andretic. "Deadlines for international support are expiring, the donors probably will not continue financial support and BiH urgently needs private foreign investments."

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Barry denies allegations regarding OSCE slogan "Vote for changes"

Head of the OSCE Mission Robert Barry officially denied that the OSCE slogan "Vote for Changes" is actually a message to the voters not to vote for the parties currently in power. Barry said that the decision to hold the general elections depends on the OSCE Permanent Council and that a decision could be made in May.

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