

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 7 June 2000

## News Headlines

- Petritsch critical of BiH Presidency nomination of Spasoje Tusevljak for Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers
- Izetbegovic did not inform OHR of his intention to resign from BiH Presidency – OHR spokesman Oleg Milisic
- Silajdzic has no intention of running for BiH Presidency
- Mostar Mayor Safet Orucevic says he has no ambition to change his seat in Mostar for one in the BiH Presidency, and plans to end his political career in Mostar
- Bicakcic would accept nomination for BiH Presidency if the SDA decides this
- Election of Tusevljak as BiH Council of Ministers Chairman indicates the existence of a coalition between nationalist parties in BiH – SDP BiH
- Election of Tusevljak as BiH Council of Ministers Chairman is consequence of rule of nationalist parties – Liberal-Social Party (LSP) BiH
- BiH Women's Party criticizes Bicakcic's comments on Tusevljak's election as Chairman
- Election of Tusevljak as BiH Council of Ministers Chairman will do no good for Dayton Peace Agreement – SNSD Main Board member Stanislav Cadjo
- Foreign Ministers of BiH and Denmark meet in Sarajevo
- EC recommends that [EU](#) abolish import limit from Croatia, BiH, Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo
- BiH House of Representatives holds session in Sarajevo, adopts draft laws on medals and state archives
- Sarajevo Canton police arrest Milan Pandurevic, a war crimes suspect
- Amnesty International accuses [NATO](#) of war crimes it

- committed during its air campaign against Yugoslavia
- World news
  - Troubles with refugee returns on relation Kotorsko-Vozuca-Srebrenica – refugees and officials concur
  - Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry transfers some of its authorities to the BiH State Border Service
  - Communication technologies in BiH must be free of political influence and bureaucracy – IMC Director General Krister Thelin at closing of BIRE 2000 Fair in Sarajevo
  - Petritsch expresses concern over possible connection between SDA and Dnevni Avaz dispute with recent BiH Federation tax police inspection of the Dnevni Avaz printing office
  - Izetbegovic's office condemns tax police inspection of Dnevni Avaz carried out at four o'clock Tuesday morning
  - SDA denies allegations regarding link between tax police inspection and the Dnevni Avaz-SDA dispute
  - Sarajevo Klas bakery plans US export
  - BiH Federation Government sends aid to returnees in villages just outside Lopare
  - Belgrade violinist Stefan Milenkovic holds concert in Sarajevo
  - Croatian rock group Parni Valjak reunites Mostar by holding outdoor concert on the main thoroughfare Boulevard (a former main confrontation line)
  - Sports
  - Weather

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### **Petritsch critical of BiH Presidency nomination of Spasoje Tusevljak for Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers**

High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) met with the members of the BiH Presidency in Sarajevo on Wednesday and expressed his discontent over the procedure of electing Spasoje Tusevljak as new BiH Council of Ministers Chairman. Petritsch criticized

the BiH Presidency for taking more than 5 months to nominate a candidate for BiH Council of Ministers and, even after that period, they nominated the absolutely anonymous Tusevljak. The High Representative described the election procedure as unprofessional, adding that he would hold the BiH Presidency and BiH Parliament responsible for any eventual consequences. Petritsch will ask Tusevljak to present his work program for the BiH Council of Ministers. Petritsch concluded by saying that he would sanction obstructionism by Tusevljak. (02:32)

### **Silajdzic has no intention of running for BiH Presidency**

Former Co-chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers Haris Silajdzic rejected all speculation of him being Alija Izetbegovic's possible successor in the BiH Presidency after Izetbegovic steps down in October. In a press release issued in Sarajevo on Wednesday, Silajdzic explained that the election of Izetbegovic's successor in the BiH Parliament, instead of at elections, would be unconstitutional. "This would be one more in a series of deviations from the Dayton Peace Agreement that is leading toward the legalization of the results of the war and aggression [on BiH]" Silajdzic asserted. "There are still certain extremist nationalists and even terrorist political parties that are 'buying legality' under the patronage of the [OSCE](#). I have no intention of participating in such elections in the future and, by doing so, giving legality to certain political forces adhering to fascist (Chetnick) ideology" Silajdzic said the press release. (03:33)

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