

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 8 May 2000

News Headlines

- BiH House of Representatives holds session
- "White List" European Union publication, basic document for countries wanting to join [EU](#), presented in BiH Foreign Ministry by Prlic and Kretschmer
- Monsignor Jan Tauran, Vatican Foreign Minister, meets with Bicakcic
- Prlic meets with Deputy US State secretary for foreign affairs Beecroft to discuss more successful functioning of central state institutions
- Beecroft meets with Bicakcic to discuss strengthening of economy
- BiH Federation Privatization Agency, international representatives and Una-Sana Canton officials discuss effects of privatization process in BiH at meeting in Bihac
- [OSCE](#) delegation meets with Radisic and Dodik
- World news
- Expert teams led by BiH Commission for Search for Missing Persons interrupt exhumations completely because Federation Finance and Justice Ministries did not give them necessary means
- President of CD Coalition Caucus in BiH Federation House of Representatives Almir Alikadic resigns because he was not proposed by party President (SDA) for party's new Presidency
- Liberal Party will not cooperate with ruling parties in 21 municipalities where it has delegates, regardless of whether they are CD Coalition or SDP
- LBO says time between municipal and general elections is lost time

- Radic accuses RS Ministry of Religions of not resolving issue of rebuilding destroyed religious sites in proper manner
- BOSS sends 9 May greetings, day of victory over fascism
- 22 war invalids in Tuzla Canton receive cars
- Registration of citizens for privatization process of companies in RS to be concluded on 19 May and will not be extended
- Around 200 Serb refugee families willing to return to pre-war homes in Donja and Gornja Bocinja, Josevac
- BiH Federation Ministry for Refugees and DPs donates first convoy of construction material to Bosniak returnees in Kotorско
- Tuzla Canton budget decreasing
- World Day of Red Cross denoted
- [ICRC](#) organizes exhibition following Day of Red Cross in Sarajevo
- Culture
- European workshop to be held at University of Sarajevo until 11 May
- [EU](#) Ministers approve Euro 20 Million of aid for Montenegro
- 500 Yugoslav Federation officials expected to work for Montenegrin Government
- SDA Presidency rejects Bicakcic resignation
- OHR and [World Bank](#) welcome establishment of joint Mostar water supply company Administration Board
- European Commission to ensure 1,145,000 Euro for entity customs
- Five BiH innovations awarded at third international invention convention in Budapest
- Tuzla Cantonal Assembly holds session
- Problems in nominating head of Tesanj Municipality, SDA, SDP Party for BiH cannot agree
- Report on two old women that survived incredible living conditions in village of Obradovac
- Report on increasing number of suicides in Tuzla Canton

- Cardinal Puljic visits village Grebnice due to problems in construction of church

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The BiH House of Representatives held a session in Sarajevo on Monday. TV BiH journalist reported that the delegates did not declare themselves on the appointment of the Council of Ministers Chairman. This showed that the biggest problem of the delegates is to agree on the agenda. Five hours, including three breaks, were needed to confirm the delegates' determination to discuss the adoption of previous session statutes. In the text given to delegates at the beginning of the session, four priorities were highlighted; economic reforms, development of joint institutions, refugee returns and fighting corruption. At Mirko Banjac's suggestion, confirming the Council of Ministers Chairman appointment was taken off the agenda. Haris Silajdzic withdrew six of the seven draft laws that he suggested until he receives an opinion from the OHR. The delegates disagreed over the BiH Presidency's inappropriate relation with its House of Representatives. Nor was there room for the analysis of the work of the IMC and the constitutional basis for its existence in Monday's discussion. The session was interrupted during a discussion on the statute and a continuance was scheduled for 16 May. This was another pale edition of the BiH House of Representatives. Although it formally meets, it seems that this state, except the Government, has not had a state parliament for a long time now. Because of this, it is very probable that the High Representative will be the one to decide on all essential issues for BiH in the future as well.

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