

OHR Local News Issues, 25 May 1997

Tuzla – May 25 has become the saddest day in the century long history of the town of Tuzla. Two years ago on 25 May, members of the former Yugoslav Peoples Army and SDS terrorists committed an awful crime against Tuzla's youth. The aggressor's grenade, fired from Mount Ozren, killed 71 and wounded 130 citizens, mostly young people who were gathering every evening at a well known spot in the town's centre. Their families and friends laid flowers on their graves followed by commemoration and other expressions in honour of the tragic event.

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Bradina – On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of liberation of the Bradina region, a traditional festive rally was held in this town, attended by the citizens from Konjic and surrounding municipalities and representatives of the military, political, cultural and religious life of the Hercegovina – Neretva Canton. Ejup Ganic, BiH Federation Deputy President, talked at the Central ceremony. We Bosniaks, the majority people in this region, will never let BiH be divided, Ganic said and added that we shall take care that democracy develops not only where the democratic authorities are already present, but help the other regions with this issue.

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Sarajevo – On the occasion marking the Day of Youth and 105th anniversary of Josip Broz Tito's birth, The City's Cantonal Veterans' Federation, together with the City and BiH Forum of the Young, organised a meeting attended by freedom fighters from both wars, young people and citizens. By laying down flowers on a statue of Josip Broz, this date was deservedly celebrated by paying homage to the killed soldiers, anti-

fascists and victims of the fascists' terror.

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Block of international news focused on elections in:

- Iran: Seyed Mohammad Khatami, former Iranian Minister for culture, free minded, religious intellectual and tolerant politician, surprisingly won 61 per cent votes at the presidential election.
- France: The first round of the early Parliamentary elections took place, today.
- Poland: Eight years after the fall of the iron curtain, Polish people voted for the new Constitution.
- North Italy: The citizens of Padania went to the ballots to decide if this part of their country should be independent,
- Zagreb – Due to his very strong criticisms against the Croatian Government, the Association of the former Croatian political prisoners (All HDZ members), demanded from the Government that they pronounce Peter Galbraith, former American Ambassador to Croatia, persona non grata,
- Benjamin Netanyahu, Premier of Israel, announced that building of the controversial Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem, will be stopped.
- London – Bill Clinton will speak before the British Cabinet, on Thursday.

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The Protocol on the establishing of Cantonal police powers in Hercegovina – Neretva Canton, should be signed tomorrow in Mostar. The Protocol should have been signed on May 22 in Sarajevo, but the Federal officials, due to the differences of the SDA and HDZ stands, could not agree on all details.

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BiH refugees living in Austria, can stay in this country until

30 June 1998, but if they choose to leave the country before 31 August 1997, they will receive financial support by the Austrian Government, BiH Press informs.

Sarajevo – Association of the Traffic Faculty organised a student rally in front of the old BiH Assembly's building to express students' dissatisfaction with the present situation in the high school system.

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Summary SRT News

Sipovo – For the last five years, we have been the witnesses of the act of sacrificing the truth about the former BiH by means of a special war, and the time has finally come to stop this process,' the SRT journalist said, announcing the visit of the RS President of BiH Presidency, Krajisnik, RS Prime Minister Klicakovic and the US Embassy Charge d'Affaires Parmley to Sipovo today. Krajisnik reiterated that there are no plans for exchanging this town, and its future lies within the boundaries of the RS. Krajisnik also said that media blockade must be broken by establishment of a local radio and state radio and television which would provide an objective information about all of the interior problems. He appealed to Sipovo residents to be patient because the international community wants to help, but sometimes this takes time. Parmley thanked the RS for organising this visit, adding that all three sides must respect and implement the DPA equally, whereas the international community and the USA in particular will do their best to help.

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8th session of the RS National Assembly will be held at Jahorina tomorrow. MP's will discuss the RS Government Report on its work between December last year and May this year, the report on further proposals for the basis of the RS economic policy for 1997, as well as the report on implementation of the Special Parallel Ties between the RS and FRY. The SDS MP's Club also discussed these, as well as other issues at its

session held in Pale today.

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Banja Luka – The strikers' board of the food production company 'Levita' from Gradacac [the main supplier for the RS Army] met RS Prime Minister Klinkovic in order to try to work out the conditions for stopping the strike.

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Pale – anniversary of the NATO attack on Serbs – Two years have passed since the NATO attacked Serb military positions, openly interfering with the BiH war and formally taking the Muslim and the Croat side. The western alliance evaded Russia while deciding on the attack, which upset the balance of forces and powers in the world. According to the VRS and a team of medical experts, the NATO used bombs that contained uranium, which could leave serious long-term consequences on plants, animals, and humans [file pictures of bombing and young people singing].

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World news:

SDA HQ attacked Croatia for its activities in the Una-Sana Canton, including its assistance to former leader of Muslim rebels, Abdic, with regard to the upcoming local elections, Muslim radio Sarajevo reports.

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