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Receiving this year's individual 6 April prize [in honor of the day of liberation of Sarajevo 1945], today for extraordinary contribution to the BiH country's defence, its spirit, democratic development in BiH and the world, personal courage and high mindeness, Alija Izetbegovic said that this prize should have been awarded to a soldier at the front line and he himself deserved much more the second, collective 6 April prize for staying in Sarajevo together with other citizens in its besieged town. This town must also never forget 6 April 1945, when fascist were thrown out of this town, he pointed out. The receivers of the collective prize were the citizens – defenders of Sarajevo, soldiers and civilians –dead, as well as those still living – for the miraculous defense of Sarajevo during the aggression in recent war.
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The collective 6 April price received Dr. Midhat Haracic, Sarajevo Canton Governor in the name of Sarajevo citizens. (This is first time after the war that the prize has been awarded).
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A Sarajevo Canton and SUBNOR (Association of the soldiers from the Peoples Liberation War) delegation placed flowers at the Eternal Flame Monument, and with a minute of silence showed honour for the killed soldiers in the Peoples Liberation War and victims of the recent war between 1992 and 1995.
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The 6 April is also a Day of the BiH Police and BiH Ministry for Internal Affairs. Together with the Patriotic League and The Green Berets, police were the only organised armed force

which in April 1992 withstood the aggression on our country.
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Celebrations of 6 April in Zenica – Doboj Canton: The Police Day was marked by setting up a plate with the names of killed policemen, solemn speeches and with the sport events in Canton. The SDA party congratulated, on the occasion of the Day of Police, all members of the Ministry for Internal Affairs and policemen, their holiday pointing out the contribution they made during the war and their important work in the peaceful days to protect the rights of our citizens.
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Following is a short description of the chronological events prior to the 6 April 1992 and the events which followed afterwards.
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Zlatko Lagumdzija was elected a new the SDP party president (100:37 against Durakovic)
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BiH is the most interesting part of the Europe in which nations and religions of this country are meeting, Otto von Habzburg, Pan-European Union President and EU MP, told Press Conference at the end of his visit to Sarajevo. He pointed out that he was leaving our town, and that BiH will soon become a part of the united Europe – for which achievement he will work hard.
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Pope John II called on pilgrims to join him on his first visit abroad this year – his long-postponed journey to Sarajevo next week. By God’s wish I will be in Sarajevo to meet people of that town. Pope described Sarajevo as a symbol of our century, since it was destroyed in the dramatic battle, but opens perspective for the new hope.
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Three children were killed by the mine explosion, near Ilijas, by Sarajevo.
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A grenade hit a monastery in Kraljeva Sutjeska, damaged a wall and injured a policeman
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Summary SRT News

Trebinje – The greatest cultural event in the RS, ‘Ducic’s Evenings of Poetry’, will start this evening. [Jovan Ducic is a great Serb writer and poet who warned Serbs about what could happen to them if they are not unified, i.e. if they keep on trusting Muslims and Croats – according to SRT news broadcast some time ago.] This is the second time this event is celebrated in the free RS. The organising board of the Evenings elected the new chairman [Zukovic] who replaced the late Nikola Koljevic, a great Serb, novelist, and ‘Shakespearologist’. 5:00
The world media about the RS:

It is well known that HR Deputy Steiner is a distinguished member of the lobby which fully supports Muslim policy against the Serbs. While in Berlin, Steiner passionately said that the arrest of former RS leadership is a precondition for a democratic society, indirectly accusing the RS for violation of the DPA. He didn’t mention any problems in the Federation, although the current situation in Mostar is more serious than ever. He delivered his speech before Muslim refugees in Germany and got a frantic applause in return.
2:00

Brcko-Mostar issue – What is the connection between Brcko and Mostar, since they received the same treatment when local elections are concerned? Brcko remained Serb after the Award, whereas Mostar is becoming more and more divided. What is the similarity between those two towns, when Mostar is the city

where Croats and Muslims are being evicted every day and the current situation is about to reach its climax, and Brcko, where the similar national tensions or possibility of international conflict do not exist? Why does the international community, prior to Farrand's arrival, underline Brcko as a critical spot. There are no reasons for international community to be afraid of Muslim massive and illegal inhabiting the region and cutting the RS off. Since Brcko is extremely important target, for it's the only way out to the Sava river and, since the US troops surrounded the area, it is certain that international community wants to increase tension in town for the purpose of having full control over it, and justifies deployment of international police forces, which was also HR Bildt's intention when insisting on IPTF control [without any participation of RS police]. Facts above prove the US great interest in this region. However, the OSCE decision to postpone elections in these two towns can also be understood as their fear from election results and forced reconciliation and return of refugees which didn't bear fruits in Mostar.

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