OHR RTRS News Summary, 16 May 2000

News Headlines

- Izetbegovic does not support Gligoric's nomination for chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers because he believes that the IC does not support Gligoric
- Gligoric says he will attend the BiH House of Representatives session on 17 May and that Radisic did not change his mind in regard to nominating him
- BiH Presidency and BiH House of Representatives are responsible for the election of a new chairman for the BiH Council of Ministers – OHR spokesperson James Ferguson
- After meeting with UK Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand, Petar Djokic says that Gligoric is still serious candidate for the chairman's post of the BiH Council of Minister
- SNS expects that Radisic will not follow steps of Poplasen in nominating chairman-elect of the BiH Council of Ministers
- SNSD says that the Chairman of the BiH Council of Minister must have good relations with the RS Government
- Petar Djokic schedules 11th session of RS Assembly for 29 May, adding that the first agenda item is RS Government report
- BiH Presidency, RS and BiH Federation Governments meet with US Special Envoy for Economic Issues in Southeastern Europe Richard Sclar
- OHR welcomes harmonization of RS and BiH Federation Laws on Banking — OHR spokesperson James Ferguson
- Dodik and Montenegro President Milo Djukanovic to go to Brussels to discuss <u>EU</u> support for reforms in RS and Montenegro

- RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic denies claims by his Yugoslav counterpart that the RS is destabilizing Yugoslavia
- 300 parcels of land allocated in Brcko District to refugees and displaced persons of all three BiH constituent peoples
- 30 Bosniak families visit their families in Brcko
- 50 refugees who live in Yugoslavia visit their homes in Bosanska Krupa
- Izetbegovic says that he will not run again for the BiH Presidency in upcoming general elections
- <u>OSCE</u> concerned over attacks on Posavina Canton Governor
 Vukovic <u>OSCE</u> Head of Mission to BiH Robert Barry
- Public registration of shares in state-owned companies in BiH Federation starts on 2 June
- Session of Serb Orthodox Church Synod takes place in Belgrade
- 1,000 Serbs protest again in Kosovska Mitrovica on postponement of trials of Serbs and Gypsies (Roma) imprisoned in Kosovska Mitrovica prison
- 42 Kosovo Serb prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica on day 35 of their hunger strike
- Yugoslav Committee for Cooperation with the <u>UN</u> protest over statement of Pec Joint Administration Head Ceku that Kosovo Serb cannot return to this town
- Serb house in Binca village, Kosovo, destroyed
- Yugoslav Foreign Minister Jovanovic and Russian counterpart Ivanov meet in Moscow and agree that <u>UN</u> Resolution 1244 on Kosovo must be implemented
- US says that it supports opposition protest rally in Belgrade
- French Foreign Ministry says that protest rally in Belgrade shows resoluteness of democratic forces in Serbia
- Serbian Interior Ministry arrests group suspected of kidnapping Dragan Nikolic 'Jenki' in Smederevo
- **ICTY** is verifying the alleged trip of Yugoslav Defense

Minister Ojdanic to Moscow because the Russians should have arrested him

- World news
- <u>UNHCR</u> organizes competition for schools in the RS and BiH Federation
- Municipal Assembly councilmen must disclose information on their property assets – <u>OSCE</u> spokesperson Pearse McCorley
- SPRS denies that Radisic tendered his resignation as SPRS president
- Biljana Plavsic is still SNS President SNS spokesperson Barasin
- We are close to reaching an agreement with the PDP on the Banja Luka City Assembly – SNSD Main Board member Mazalica
- DPS President Radic claims that BiH Federation Law on Apartments is discriminatory because owner must live on the property two years before selling it
- Dragomir Ljubojevic appointed Head of Bijeljina Municipality
- Dr. Simo Bajic dies today in Banja Luka
- Sports and weather
- Radisic says that he will propose a new candidate for chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers
- Izetbegovic discusses problems in BiH with the members of the BiH Diplomatic Corps
- Yugoslav Association of Refugees and DPs sends protest letter to Petritsch because he did invite them to attend meeting with other BiH refugees associations scheduled for 17 May
- Bodily remains of Kosovo Serb Petar Topoljski, a <u>UN</u> employee, found in Kosovo
- World news
- Meeting between airport officials and other domestic and international organizations on security at the Sarajevo Airport takes place in Srpsko Sarajevo
- Cultural festival 'Dani Matice srpske' ends in Banja

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 Festival 'The 20th Century – The Century of Film' takes place in Srpsko Sarajevo