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- BiH Presidency to nominate candidate for BiH Council of Ministers Chairman on 22 May
- Radisic to hold more consultations before BiH Presidency session – SNS spokesperson Ostoja Barasin
- Dodik denies Radisic claims
- Dodik comments on Ivanic
- OHR suggests Radisic nominate Kondic or Kremenovic for BiH Council of Ministers Chairman – BETA
- Krstic trial to continue on 22 May
- Court proceedings on temporary release of Galic postponed at defense's request – BETA
- <u>ICTY</u> President Claude Jorda demands official explanation from Russian authorities on Yugoslav Defense Minister Dragoljub Ojdanic visit to Moscow
- Opposition parties hold protest rally in Belgrade
- Police disperse protesting Serbian opposition members Sunday Telegraph
- <u>EU</u> ministers expected to widen list of Yugoslav officials banned to travel to <u>EU</u> countries – BETA
- BiH Federation Government grants 10,000 KM to Livno Cantonal Court for exhumations in 2000
- <u>UNHCR</u> accuses Croat authorities of not allowing Bosniak returns to west Mostar and discouraging Croat returns to east Mostar
- Sontheim tells HB Canton to implement agreements on multiethnic police, judicial reforms and property laws
- USAID ends project of reconstructing electricity network in Cipuljic, Bugojno – ONASA
- Serb and Gypsy prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica end hunger strike and accept being tried by international

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- Pec Court expected to sentence 145 Djakovica Albanians charged with terrorism – BETA
- 67-year-old Zoran Danic injured near Pristina KFOR
- Two separate attacks on Serb-owned houses reported in Orahovac – BETA
- 20 KFOR soldiers physically beat three Serbs who violated police curfew in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Hombach to visit Montenegro
- World news
- Activities of RS Commission for Valuable Papers
- Bratunac Technical Remount Institute announces general strike for 23 May
- RS innovators design Unistorm, machine that decreases risk of injury while clearing mines
- Zepter International holds third assembly session in Banja Luka
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Dodik denies Radisic claims

Sloga Coalition Chairman Milorad Dodik denies BiH Presidency member Zivko Radisic's claims that an agreement has been reached to narrow the list of candidates for Chairman of the Council of Ministers from ten to three. Dodik claims that Radisic again used a good meeting to bring an incorrect conclusion. He added that, during consultations, it was agreed to continue talks on the same issue on 22 May. As Dodik understood the session, the final proposal would be a result of an agreement among the parties and coalitions. In his opinion, it would include the composition of the entire Council of Ministers. Dodik is surprised that Radisic concluded that they decided on three candidates. According to Dodik, Sloga's proposal is very compromising and suggests that the present Council members remain constant and the planned broadening include candidates from other parties. Dodik is sorry that his presence at the meeting was misused. He concluded that he does not know which three candidates are in question.

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Dodik comments on Ivanic

Commenting on the possibility of PDP President Mladen Ivanic making a bid for BiH Council of Ministers Chairman, Dodik said that Ivanic's name is being mentioned often. Dodik added that Ivanic should finally declare whether or not he would accept a nomination so that others could form an opinion of him.

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