OHR RTRS News Summary, 23 May 2000

News Headlines

- Peace Implementation Council (PIC) Conference taking place in Brussels
- Zeljko Samardzija, BiH delegation member at the PIC Conference, says that participants stressed successes in implementation but are dissatisfied with slow pace of implementation
- Besides BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic, only four other foreign ministers are participating in the PIC Conference
- Yugoslav Government protests because it was not invited to attend Peace Implementation Council Conference in Brussels
- BiH Presidency nominates Spasoje Tusevljak as chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers
- OHR carrying out check of Tusevljak to see whether he fulfills conditions for nomination – OHR spokesperson Milisic
- SNS against nomination of Tusevljak SNS spokesperson Barasin
- Nomination of Tusevljak proves that SDS and SPRS are in symbiosis – SNSD senior official Cadjo
- Cooperation between <u>SFOR</u> and RS Army, and BiH and RS institutions is good – announcement by Radisic's cabinet
- Radisic meets with Hungarian Ambassador to BiH Kalman Kocsis in Banja Luka
- <u>OSCE</u> says that 80% of municipal officials have presented disclosure of property assets
- Formative session of Banja Luka City Assembly should take place on 5 June – acting Banja Luka Mayor Crnadak
- Doboj Municipality President-elect Ninkovic cannot take

office - PEC

- SDA Caucus in BiH Federation House of Representatives calls on Ganic to resign
- Petritsch dismisses BiH Federation Privatization Agency Steering Board President Andrijic because he obstructed privatization process
- Petritsch and Barry dismiss Livno Canton Governor Ivic and Prime Minister Mihaljevic due to obstructionism
- Petritsch issues decision amending banking laws in both BiH entities
- Bratunac Military Overhaul Center on strike
- KFOR arrests three Serbs because of allegations by Albanian villagers that they are members of Serbian secret police, but releases them soon after
- <u>SFOR</u> arrests suspect in murder of Aleksandar Jovanovic
- Kosovo Serb National Council Executive Board Head Momcilo Trajkovic resigns
- Kouchner condemns decision of Nis Court sentencing group of 143 Kosovo Albanians from Djakovica
- Thaci says he will resign if Kouchner does not address Djakovica citizens protesting Nis Court's sentence to 143 Albanians from Djakovica
- Albanians fire shots at Serbian police patrol in buffer zone on administrative border between Kosovo and Serbia
- Students block main Belgrade thoroughfare Revolution Boulevard and organize protest rallies throughout the city
- 230 activists of Otpor movement, opposition parties and journalists detained by Serbian police over the past eight days – BETA
- <u>EU</u> adds 13 and removes 12 names from blacklist of Yugoslav citizens banned entry into <u>EU</u> countries
- World news
- <u>EU</u> donation to Montenegro to be used for the construction of Herceg Novi-Trebinje highway
- Agreement on unification of syndicates in Brcko signed on Tuesday

- Sports and weather
- Petritsch says that he has received support in Brussels to implement the three top priorities in BiH
- BiH PBS Establishing Board job announcement
- Commission for Real Property Claims (CRPC) informs citizens that only original documents and certified copies are considered valid documents
- Greek Ambassador to BiH Manzuranis visits Sipovo
- Banja Luka Faculty of Electrical Engineering Dean and Project '89 Company sign contract on construction of international scientific research center
- UNMIK tells prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica prison on hunger strike that charges against them will be reexamined
- Montenegro and Albania establish direct telecommunication link – Montenegrin Government press release
- World news
- Serb choir 'Jedinstvo' holds concert in Banja Luka
- Russian theater troop Glas from Moscow participates in Theatre Festival 2000 in Banja Luka

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Doboj Municipality President-elect Ninkovic cannot take office - PEC

The OSCE Provisional Election Commission has decided that Milan Ninkovic cannot be the President of the Doboj Municipality, said OSCE spokesperson Pearse McCorley. He said that in 1997 the Election Appeals Sub-Commission (EASC) decided that he could not attend sessions or participate in the authority of this municipality due to obstructionism. Decisions made by the EASC do not have a time limit and are still in force, said McCorley.

BiH PBS Establishing Board job announcement

The BiH Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Establishing Board has decided to issue public vacancy notices for three leading positions in this organization. Vacancy notices were issued for Business Manager, Director of TV Programming and Director of Radio Programming, the OHR announced. The Establishing Board decided, in accordance with a decision of the High Representative, for the BiH PBS to start the implementation of its international functioning and obligations and apply for membership in the European Broadcasting (Radio Diffusion) Union.

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