

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 29 May 2000

## News Headlines

- February pensions to be paid on 30 May
- Tenth RS National Assembly session takes place in Banja Luka
- RS National Assembly discusses and refuses proposed Law on Compensation of War Damage
- RS deputy Prime Minister informs deputies that Government backs proposed Law on Compensation of War Damage
- During visit to [ICTY](#), Dodik says international forces should arrest Karadzic and Mladic
- Most important change in RS is preferential voting – Barry
- Cavic says voters need to be educated
- DSP General Secretary Radojicic says maps of electoral units does not look natural
- SNSD Main Board member Jovo Rodic says SNSD supports new rules
- SNS supports changes if they are going to improve responsibility of deputies – SNS spokesperson Barasin
- SPRS General Secretary Ilic says until new law is passed, elections need to be held according to existing laws
- SDA high official Tihic says new rules leave room for corrections of voters' will
- New rules infer new territorial division of BiH – Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina President Nikola Spiric
- SDP BiH does not accept [OSCE](#) proposal to divide electoral body into numerous units
- SRS pleads for idea that RS be one electoral unit – SRS

RS Main Board member Miroslav Lazic

- Delegates requests BiH Presidency state whether it supports Tusevljak
- Stiglmeier says Tusevljak is probably not going to be elected
- Izetbegovic's advisor Mirza Hajric says problem is that process of election is controlled by SDS
- Radisic advisor Samardzic says attempt to discredit Tusevljak is foolish game of people from BiH, not IC; commenting on video of Tusevljak and Karadzic, says it was shot while Karadzic was legitimate RS leader
- SPRS supports Tusevljak and Dodik does not, despite fact that he was for Tusevljak at consultative meeting – SPRS General Secretary
- Rules of tender privatization to be accepted by 2 June – RS Privatization Direction Deputy Director
- Association of Families of Fallen soldiers and Brcko District Fighters' Association to stop any unjustified evictions
- Bodies of four Iranian immigrants found near Srbac
- International experts estimate that 450 million KM is being saved in private houses in BiH
- Several thousand workers sue Zenica Steel Factory
- Croatian Statehood Day to be celebrated in Livno Canton
- Fire in Kosevo Hospital
- Milosevic opens bridge in Novi Sad
- Small number of citizens and students at protest rallies in Belgrade today
- Belgrade Court has not decided on takeover of Studio B
- Serbian opposition delegation meets with Russian Foreign Deputy Minister Avdejev in Moscow
- International police arrest Albanian accused of murdering three Serbs
- Oliver Ivanovic requests Kouchner allow prisoners from Kosovska Mitrovica to be judged by international judges
- Albanians rob enterprise owned by Kosovo Croat
- Serbian Orthodox Church protest against UNMIK decision

- to ban use of Decani Monastery land
- World news
- SPRS Main Board nominates Gligoric and Radisic for SPRS President
- Sports and weather

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### **During visit to [ICTY](#), Dodik says international forces should arrest Karadzic and Mladic**

During a visit to the [ICTY](#), RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik stated that Karadzic and Mladic should be arrested by international forces. He said that he discussed strengthening trust and cooperation with [ICTY](#) officials. As a good step in that direction, he announced that hearings will be conducted by the [ICTY](#) in the RS and that an [ICTY](#) office will open in Banja Luka. The RS is planing to draft a law on cooperation with the [ICTY](#). According to Dodik, in order to strengthen the [ICTY](#), it is necessary to strengthen the court's independence, show that it is not a political court and emphasize individual responsibility for each crime. Dodik stated that the inmates with which he spoke told him that they are ready to take responsibility for their crimes but are afraid of political ramifications.

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