

OHR RTRS News Summary, 3 May 2000

News Headlines

- RS National Assembly continues 10th session
- RS National Assembly discusses realization of Assembly conclusions from previous sessions
- Reconstructed bridge near Gradiska opens for international traffic
- RS Association of Journalists sends greetings to reporters on 3 May – World Press Freedom Day
- [OSCE](#) organizes Help-Line Campaign to assist journalists and protect their rights
- Dodik sends greetings to journalists on 3 May
- International Commission for Protection of Journalists publishes list of 10 top enemies of journalists throughout the world
- No reason to celebrate 3 May, World Press Freedom Day – Belgrade independent media
- RS Government must participate more actively in work of the Commission for Missing Soldiers and Civilians – the Commission for Missing Persons
- 23 families of fallen soldiers and war invalids receive keys to apartments in Ugljevik Municipality
- Trebinje police raise charges against two persons from Niksic, Montenegro, for theft of four Golf vehicles
- Assassination of Sveto Jotic happened one day after an explosion in Borik quarter of Banja Luka and both acts are the deeds of Belgrade criminals – UN/IPTF spokesman Alun Roberts
- SNS Main Board discusses the work of the ongoing 10th session of the RS National Assembly
- PDP satisfied with its election results – President Mladan Ivanic at a session of the party's Main Board

- DSP to enter Sloga Coalition – DSP Vice-president Igor Radojicic
- Commemorative service for victims of Ustashe genocide to be held on 7 May in Donja Gradina, part of the Jasenovac Concentration Camp complex
- [ICTY](#) ends exhumations in Obradovica Varos and starts new exhumations in Brusani village, near Gospic, Croatia – BETA
- Croatian courts will be allowed try certain war crimes cases – [ICTY](#) Chief Prosecutor Del Ponte
- Serbs in northern Kosovska Mitrovica hold protest demanding to return to their homes
- Bomb explodes in Kosovska Mitrovica, no injuries reported – KFOR
- Serb National Council of Kosovo demands resolution to problems concerning search for missing persons in Kosovo
- Commission for Return of Serbs to Kosovo holds inaugural session in Gracanica, Kosovo
- Yugoslav Committee for Cooperation with [UN](#) member Jovica Jovanovic detained by KFOR since he refused to be photographed – KFOR
- [UNHCR](#) plans to suspend activities in northern Kosovska Mitrovica if attacks on its staff continue – McNamara
- Serbian Assembly elects members of the Parliamentary Council of the Yugoslav Republics
- World news
- Sports
- Weather
- RS Constitutional Court holds session in Banja Luka
- UNESCO organizes seminar on independent information in war zones – BETA
- Consistent implementation of [UN](#) Resolution is very important for Kosovo – ICG
- Thaci says he is not responsible for increasing violence in Kosovo
- Banja Luka journalists Zeljko Kopanje receives award from Norwegian Association of Writers for Freedom of

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RS Association of Journalists sends greetings to reporters on 3 May – World Press Freedom Day

The RS Association of Journalists sent greetings to all RS journalists and editors on 3 May, World Press Freedom Day. Association President Branislav Bozic said that journalists in the RS unfortunately do not have a good legal and general ambient to carry out their professional work. In his opinion, two fundamental laws will be needed to reach these goals: a law on free access to information and a law on information. However, he said, even with the atmosphere, as it is, RS journalism is progressing quickly. Bozic believes that such regulations would protect journalism from centers of political, financial and other power. Bozic added that journalists must show maximum professionalism and human solidarity in order to protect themselves and journalism in general. Bozic concludes that only a free and unbiased media can guarantee the democratization of society.

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