OHR RTRS News Summary, 9 May 2000

News Headlines

- Djokic lays wreaths on monument to victims of WWII in Vukosavci, near Lopare, on 9 May, International Day of Victory Over Fascism
- Sydorsky organizes reception in Sarajevo on occasion of 9 May
- Serbia denotes Day of Victory Over Fascism
- Serbian police arrest independent media journalists, Otpor members and opposition party officials
- Serbian opposition postpones rally in Pozarevac due to arrests
- Serbian Independent Association of Journalists holds protest rally in Belgrade after arrests
- Agreement on voluntary employment of returnee police officers in both entities signed in Sarajevo
- RS Interior Minister holds press conference on agreement signed in Sarajevo
- Agreement signed in Sarajevo huge step in democratization and establishing multiethnic BiH – Klein
- International organizations hold press conference in Sarajevo
- Roundtable 'BiH and Euro-Atlantic Integration' held in Sarajevo
- OSCE spokesperson Pearse McCorley invites BiH citizens to check LEC voter lists for their names
- Political party representatives that won seats in Banja Luka City Assembly hold first consultative meeting
- SNSD holds press conference
- BiH House of Representatives did not discuss appointment of Gligoric as BiH Council of Ministers Chairman because Gligoric did not receive majority of votes – SNS

spokesperson Ostoja Barasin
- Marceta on incident in Drvar
- International organizations possess no information on incident in Drvar
- 33 persons indicted by ICTY still free – ICTY President Claude Jorda
- KFOR prevents conflict between Serbs and Albanians when Albanians try to enter northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica
- Kosovo remains within Yugoslavia – Ortugno
- Situation in Klokot, Vitina tense after murder of Serb – KFOR
- Serb convoy stoned in Pozaranje, near Vitina, one person injured – KFOR
- 20 wives of Kosovska Mitrovica Serb prisoners go on hunger strike – BETA
- Kosovo Council and Kouchner condemn murder of former KLA Commander Ekrem Redza
- World news
- Jasenovac conference participants visit Donja Gradina
- Spiritual Academy held in Serb Sarajevo on occasion of Serb Orthodox Church celebrations
- Air Srpska forbidden to fly to Yugoslavia
- Miljevina Mine workers on strike due to unpaid salaries
- Sports
- Weather
- Serbian opposition parties and student resistance movement Otpor agree on joint action against Belgrade regime – BETA
- Milosevic accuses Serbian opposition of treason
- European parliamentary socialist parties condemn arrests of politicians and journalists in Serbia
- Zagreb police prevent incident of ultra-rightists during protest against celebration of 9 May, Day of Victory Over Fascism
- RS and BiH Federation Red Cross offices hold session with ICRC in Sarajevo

- Kosovo budget should be agreed upon with Yugoslav authorities – Serb National Council representative Rada Trajkovic
- 200 Serbs live in Pristina under KFOR protection – British KFOR

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SNSD holds press conference

SNSD Main Board member Stanislav Cadjo stated at a press conference in Banja Luka that the BiH House of Representatives did not discuss the appointment of Tihomir Gligoric as BiH Council of Ministers Chairman because Gligoric did not receive a majority of the House votes. Cadjo believes that the Sloga Coalition wants to concentrate RS authorities into a close circle with the appointment of Gligoric. He added that this shows that the party places its own interests above the interests of the RS. He also believes that the appointment of Gligoric is politically incorrect, because Zivko Radisic was elected to the BiH Presidency as a Sloga member, which is why he should have supported the Sloga candidate. Asked why SNSD members never talked about political irregularities within the SPRS when it was within Sloga, Cadjo said that there was correct cooperation with the SPRS for some time, but that the break occurred due to certain political issues. Cadjo did not want to mention which issues those were, but said that they are already well known. Commenting on the constitution of local RS authorities, Cadjo said that the SNSD made no agreements with the SDS or SDP. Asked whether the SNSD would support the SDS candidate for Banja Luka Mayor, Cadjo said that the SDS would have to look for support from some other parties.

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Marceta on incident in Drvar

Reacting to an ONASA report from 8 May, which states that the

first attempted eviction in Drvar resulted in a group of Croat refugees attacking Drvar returnees, the President of the Association of Drvar Citizens, Mile Marceta, stated that the latest incident occurred on 28 April. According to Marceta, the neighbors of Dragan Rodic reacted when Rodic entered his house, which was abandoned at the time. Marceta added that all Drvar citizens applied for the return of their apartments or houses, but since there have been no evictions, none of the positively resolved requests were carried out. Marceta pointed out that the HDZ might want the present occupants to remain in Serb houses, but that they are aware that such a thing is not possible.

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