

OHR SRT News Summary, 24 May 1998

Headlines

- 23 Political Parties and 1 Independent Candidate registered for the forthcoming Elections in RS
- Djukanovic and Bulatovic supporters crossing swords at Montenegro Pre-Electoral Scene
- Agricultural Fair finished in Novi Sad with the record number of 500,000 visitors
- Misunderstandings in Federal MUP on Croatsians' Rejecting the New License Plates

The latest information before tomorrow's completion of registration of parties, coalitions and independent candidates for the forthcoming elections, states that there will be 63 candidates in total. In contrary to the previous elections, this time it will also be possible to register alliances of parties which had already registered. Like the previous ones, these elections will be held under supervision of the PEC and the OSCE, only without funding for the participants.

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The decision of the RS NA on obligatory displaying of the Serb national symbols at public meetings in Srebrenica, was welcomed by all the parties in that municipality, despite the fact that the HR, Carlos Westendorp passed the decision on banning of hoisting of the RS flag and the RS anthem at public meetings. Therefore the international representatives "...gave in to the blackmails of Muslim councilors..." who demanded this decision.

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Montenegro Airlines will establish regular air traffic with the RS, starting from tomorrow. Montenegro planes will

regularly fly to Banja Luka on Mondays.

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Albanian terrorists attacked the members of the Yugoslavian Army two times yesterday, and several terrorists were killed, while some of them were arrested. A Serb police officer was kidnapped in an attack close to Pec.

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The misunderstanding in the Federal MUP on the new license plates has developed into a confrontation between the Muslim and Croat officials, accusing each other for mutual disrespect of the decisions brought by the HR. In a letter addressed to the HR, Mehmed Zilic, Federal Minister of Internal Affairs complained that he had no authority in the Croat controlled areas. Croat authorities in BiH are refusing to implement the HR decision on issuing of single license plates, and they are supported by the Minister's Deputy, Croat Jozo Leutar.

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