

OHR SRT News Summary, 5 May 1999

- Greek convoy of the “Doctors of the World” bombed near Urosevac.
- An announcement of even stronger attacks on Yugoslavia louder than diplomatic activities.
- [NATO](#) uses the territory, infrastructure and air space of BiH for the aggression on Yugoslavia – Zivko Radisic warns the Security Council chairman.
- RS Government provided 300,000 Marks for apartments for the families of fallen soldiers in Nevesinje.
- St. George’s Festival of children’s songs “Banja Luka 99”, organised by the RS Pedagogy Institute and SRT, to be held tonight.

Chairman of the BiH Presidency Zivko Radisic sent a letter to the [UN](#) Security Council chairman Dennis Revaki, warning him that BiH territory is being used in the [NATO](#) aggression against Yugoslavia, without approval of the constitutional institutions.

After the passenger buses, even a convoy of humanitarian aid was bombed in Kosovo. The convoy belonged to the Greek branch of the “Doctors of the World”. There were no casualties, and the representatives of this organisation could not confirm who opened fire on the convoy. The Belgrade media reported it had been the [NATO](#) airforce, but [NATO](#) denied this.

Correspondent from Pristina: The [NATO](#) airforce shot a missile at the humanitarian convoy of the “Doctors of the World”, near Urosevac. During the day, the towns of Malisevo and Lebane were bombed, and also the areas surrounding Pristina.

Correspondent from Belgrade: TV “Politika” reports the attacks on Nis and Svilajnac. The correspondent of “Politika” reported

attacks on Kraljevo and Raska. "Tanjug" reports that a [NATO](#) plane which flew in from the direction of Visegrad was shot down near Bajina Basta. Uzice was also attacked. Power outages continued during the night.

CNN reported of an attack on the Greek humanitarian convoy. The Greek ambassador could not confirm who attacked the convoy.

Secretary-general of the International Journalist Federation Aiden White met in Belgrade with the Steering Board of the Serbian Journalist Association. White condemned the bombing of RTS buildings in Belgrade and Novi Sad.

The highest FRY official demanded urgent cessation of the bombing and diplomatic dialogue with the [UN](#).

Vienna's "Courier" published parts of an interview with the Yugoslav foreign minister, Zivadin Jovanovic.

Spokesman for the FRY foreign ministry Nebojsa Vujovic said today the issue of an international presence in Kosovo should only be resolved by direct negotiations between the FRY and the [UN](#).

The Montenegrin Assembly speaker Svetozar Marovic met with officials of the Assembly and the Government who reiterated their dedication to the Resolution on Peace, adopted by the Montenegrin parliament.

Montenegrin PM Filip Vujanovic said the "masters of war and peace" should stop the bombing. He emphasised that when he speaks of "masters of war and peace", he also means the ones in Belgrade.

Russian special envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin said the [UN](#) will take part in further negotiations on Kosovo.

US president Bill Clinton visited the [NATO](#) HQ in Brussels for talks with Javier Solana and Wesley Clark. Clinton and Solana

agreed to intensify the air strikes against the FRY.

Clinton asked the defence minister William Cohen to consider releasing two captured Yugoslav soldiers.

After returning from Washington, the Russian special envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin stated that Russia and the US are starting to find a common language regarding Kosovo.

Russian defence minister Igor Sergeyev said Russia will reconsider the agreements on conventional arms, should [NATO](#) air strikes against the FRY persist.

[NATO](#) supreme commander Wesley Clark announced intensifying air strikes against FRY troops in Kosovo, "Reuters" report and "Srna" carries.

British foreign minister Robin Cook said the G8 leaders will try to reach a draft proposal for Kosovo at their meeting in Germany tomorrow.

UN secretary-general Kofi Annan asked for permission for the [UN](#) team to come to the FRY and assess the situation pertaining to the return of Shqiptar refugees, "Srna" reports.

UN special envoy for human rights Jiri Dinstbier again spoke against the bombing of the FRY, while the [ICRC](#) president Cornelio Somaruga said the [NATO](#) bombing brought too many mistakes causing the deaths of civilians, "Beta" reports.

China thinks the [UN](#) should have an important and constructive role in solving the Kosovo crisis, but no solutions should be imposed upon the FRY.

London's "Independent" states that [NATO](#) air strikes are essentially an American attack against the FRY.

General Walter Jertz confirmed at today's press conference the loss of an Apache helicopter. Two crewmen were killed. Jertz rejected the possibility that it was [NATO](#) who attacked the

Greek humanitarian convoy, saying that [NATO](#) does not attack civilians. Jamie Shea thanked the parliament of Bulgaria for permission to use its air space for the attacks against the FRY.

The French foreign minister's special envoy, Michel Fouchet met today with Petar Djokic, Milorad Dodik and Mirko Sarovic to discuss the situation in the FRY and the RS.

RS Government held a session in Banja Luka today. Economic and social issues were discussed.

BiH Presidency members met with the Italian president Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, after holding their regular session.

SRS held a press conference today.

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