

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 10/7/2006

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Glas Srpske	They want to have documents that do not exist [<i>BiH Constitutional Court considers Paravac's appeal re BiH lawsuit vs. SiCG, see OHR BiH Media Round-up: July 9, 2006</i>]
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War crimes proceedings and cases

Hunger strike of war crime prisoners in Banja Luka	<p>RTRS – Posters with information on hunger strike of war crime prisoners from Tunjice prison in Banja Luka have appeared around this town on Sunday. The RS Ministry of Justice confirmed for RTRS that 6 prisoners have entered a hunger strike on 30 June due to ICTY's sentence to Naser Oric, Srebrenica wartime commander. Oric has been sentenced to 2 years of prison by ICTY because he failed to prevent the murders and tortures of captured Serbs from December 1992 until March 1993. BHT1 – According to the posters, prisoners stopped drinking water on 4 July. RS Government confirmed it has undertaken measures in order to solve this problem. Dnevni List pg 2 'Prisoners' rebellion' by <u>Anja Krajinovic</u> – article reads that on 1 July further 10 prisoners started a 'selective' hunger strike meaning they only eat some meals. PINK, Hayat, EuroBlic pg RS2 'War crimes convicts on hunger strike' by <u>Srna</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'War crimes convicts on strike over sentence to Oric' by <u>N. Moraca</u>, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Revolt over sentence to Oric' by <u>V. Janjic</u>, Vecernji List pg 2 'War crime convicts on hunger strike' by <u>R. I.</u> – also covered.</p>
Trial to 7 RS Army officers accused of crimes in Srebrenica to start on 14 July in ICTY	<p>PINK – Trial to 7 RS Army officers – Vujadin Popovic, Ljubisa Beara, Vinko Pandurevic, Drago Nikolic, Ljubomir Borovcanin, Milan Gvero and Radivoj Miletic accused of genocide in Srebrenica – will start on 14 July before the Hague Tribunal. Hayat, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Trial to officers of RS Army for Srebrenica' by <u>Beta</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Trial to seven RS officers for genocide starts on Friday' by <u>Onasa</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 9 'In Banja Luka, someone is bothered by truth again' by <u>Fena</u> – also carried.</p>
BiH Presidency member Paravac says decision of BiH CC on discussion re BiH lawsuit vs. ex SCG indicates possible secret- or outvoting	<p>RTRS by <u>Sandra Zrnic</u> – BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac feels that the issue of BiH lawsuit against Former Yugoslavia must be resolved through presentation of the facts. Commenting the decision of BiH Constitutional Court to decline his request for the Court to hold a public discussion on the issue, Paravac stated he asked for a such type of the discussion since he fears the decision of the BiH CC might be made by secret voting or majority of votes. <i>"I feel that BiH CC is once again starting the discussion in which there is no protection of vital national interest"</i>, says Paravac. He added that doubts are raised again by the fact that members of the BiH CC include high-ranking political officials. BiH Presidency President Sulejman Tihic stated that the fact that BiH CC is even considering Paravac's request goes to show that certain international power centres are exerting pressure to ensure the lawsuit is dropped. Tihic also reminded that BiH CC held several discussions regarding Paravac's request. Paravac on the other hand doubts Tihic's decision to withdraw his request on re-examining the constitutionality of the name RS. <i>"I feel that there is an intention for compensation in this delicate moment"</i>, says Paravac. PINK carried Tihic's statement.</p>
OHR: Presidency Chair is entitled to belief that some int. powers want to stop lawsuit, but Court will continue its work	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Presidency Chair has right to his opinion' <u>not signed</u> – The OHR Spokesperson, Ljiljana Radetic, commented the statements of the BiH Presidency Chair, Sulejman Tihic on the work of the BiH Constitutional Court, by saying that Tihic is entitled to his own opinion whereas judicial bodies are obliged to do their job. Tihic said on Sunday that the way in which the Constitutional Court discussed the demand of the Serb member of the Presidency, Borislav Paravac, related to the lawsuit against former SCG, indicates that some international power centres are exerting pressure to ensure lawsuit is dropped.</p>
ICTY secretary Holthuis to meet survivors of Grabovica massacre on Monday	<p>Dnevni List, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Death threats to survivors of Grabovica', by <u>Ljiljana Vidacak</u> – announces that secretary of the ICTY, Hans Holthuis, will be visiting Grabovica today (Monday) where he is to meet survivors of Grabovica massacre and family members of victims (BiH Army troops killed 33 Croat civilians on September 8 and 9, 1993). Representative of the Association of Croat victims 'Grabovica 93', Josip Dreznjak, says Croats of Grabovica are not happy with the fact that of 33 victims, whereabouts of 21 bodies is yet unknown, underlining that the Croat returnees to Grabovica still receive death threats.</p>

DL: Visit of ICTY's Holthuis shows there is hope justice will be served	Dnevni List , pg 2 'Finally Grabovica', by <u>Arijana Beus</u> – the author argues that today's (Monday) visit by ICTY secretary Hans Holthuis is a glimmer of hope that the justice will be served. In that context, <u>Beus</u> reminds that the ICTY has acquitted former commander of BiH Army, Sefer Halilovic , of command responsibility for the case, arguing that Halilovic did not have the effective control over the troops in Grabovica.
Former RS PM Klickovic: there were no organised crimes in Krupa in 1992	Vecernje Novosti pg 10 'There were no crimes' by <u>Vladimir Mitric</u> – In a lengthy statement to <i>Vecernje Novosti</i> , former RS PM Gojko Klickovic commented on the news that he would be indicted for war crimes as well, and he said he had initiated a meeting with then Deputy ICTY Prosecutor in February 2004, in which he explained to the Deputy there were no organised crimes in Krupa in 1992, which he had been held responsible for. Klickovic added: <i>'On that occasion, I answered all questions and it was clear there is no reason to talk about crimes of Serbs and it was concluded both sides had their victims'</i> .

Preparations for 11th Srebrenica anniversary

Conference on role of IC in fall of Srebrenica held in Sarajevo: UN SG Advisor says Britain and France "knew perfectly well what was happening" and covered up for it	BHT1 by <u>Armela Subasic</u> – As a part marking the 11 th anniversary of Srebrenica genocide, the conference entitled "International Community and Srebrenica Genocide" was held in Sarajevo on Sunday. The experts participating in the conference agreed that the role and responsibility of the International Community in Srebrenica genocide has not yet been made clear. Director of Institute for Investigation of Crimes Against Humanity, Smail Cekic , stated that the IC and UN are still not capable to prevent new war crimes, just like they were not able to prevent Srebrenica genocide, noting it is still happening in several African countries. The conference was open by the Advisor to the UN Secretary General, Diego Arria , who visited Srebrenica for the first time in 1993 when he was a member of the UN Security Council's Commission. In 1993, Arria was the first official who warned the UN that of possible developments and noted entire town was a concentration camp. Arria, who privately arrived to BiH to attend the memorial ceremony in Potocari, stated that, at that time, UK and France were in charge of control over the UN protected zone of Srebrenica. <i>"They perfectly knew what was happening and they made all efforts to prevent the world from knowing what was happening. This is the truth"</i> , said Arria after the conference. Arria underlined that Srebrenica represents the greatest case of covering up the truth in history of the UN, concluding it is a disgrace for the entire UN. Hayat - Arria added that the former UN SG Boutros Boutros-Ghali was well aware of the fact that the UN troops were not able to protect the citizens of Srebrenica, but he failed to do anything about it. French writer Sylvie Mateau , who published a book on Srebrenica genocide last year, argued fall of Srebrenica was expected concluding certain high-ranked French military commanders told her such development was 'obvious'. FTV – Arria concluded that the Srebrenica genocide can't be sanctioned, because UN doesn't have the mechanisms which would enable a lawsuit in this case. PINK – also covered.
Int with UN SG Advisor Arria: Terrorist attacks in world began after genocide in Srebrenica	Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Terrorist attacks in world began after genocide in Srebrenica' by <u>Sanita Rozajac</u> – In an interview for daily, Advisor to the UN Secretary General, Diego Enrique Arria , repeated his stances that world power [UK, France, Russia, USA and China] tried to cover up truth about genocide in Srebrenica. He noted: <i>"Terrorist attacks in world began after genocide in Srebrenica. This event provoked anger of Muslims around the world. They were bitter, for nothing was done for Muslims in Europe... We have to have in mind that Srebrenica did not happen in 24 hours. Even in 1992 [co-chairman of the Conference for the Former Yugoslavia] lord [David] Owen showed the map by which Serb part [of BiH] was about to inherit Srebrenica."</i> Commenting on ICTY sentence against Srebrenica wartime commander Naseroric , Arria stressed: <i>"Naser's leave for the Tribunale was compensation for [Bosniak wartime leader Alija] Izetbegovic. One Bosniak had to be in the Tribunal in order to war in BiH be shown as civil war."</i>

BiH Presidency Chair Tihic joins 'March of Death - Road to Freedom'	BHT1 - Around 1.000 participants of 'March of Death - Road to Freedom' marking the 11 th anniversary of Srebrenica genocide have arrived to Bujince near Bratunac. They are expected to reach Potocari on Monday. Chair of BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic joined the march near Nova Kasaba. FTV, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Tihic in the "march of death"' by V. Ra. also covered.
Sarajevo press extensively report on preparations for Srebrenica anniversary stressing tragedy of fall and responsibility of IC in it	Oslobodjenje cover splash 'The World would respond before Court', pgs 4-5 'The World would respond before the Court, after all' by E.Kokor- Daily carries two whole pages dedicated to Conference in Sarajevo ' <i>International Community and genocide in Srebrenica- did they know</i> ' and March of Death, as well as other activities dedicated to marking of 11 th anniversary of Srebrenica genocide. Among other things, it carries Activist of Association of families of Srebrenica genocide victims, Hasan Nuhanovic , stated at the conference that rising of the lawsuit against the UN is in process. <i>"That is the only thing we can do, to discuss this issue in court and that the indictee answers questions under oath,"</i> said Nuhanovic. Dnevni Avaz pgs 2-3 'Srebrenica is the biggest disgrace in history of the UN', mentioned on cover by Z.Persic- Beside the report on the Conference, DA also carries two entire pages, dedicated to Srebrenica anniversary.

Elections 2006, reforms and other political issues

SDP presents candidates and platform for October elections before 7000 supporters	FTV - At the Convention held on Saturday evening in Sarajevo, SDP presented its candidates and platform for the upcoming October elections. The Convention was attended by 7000 supporters, who were also addressed by the representatives of European leftist parties and head of the US Democrats via video link. SDP President, Zlatko Lagumdžija , stated that SDP has presented a programme which could lead BiH forward if the party wins the elections, a scenario in which Lagumdžija is convinced. Dnevni List pg 4 'Ready to fight injustice' by Erna Mackic - On the occasion, Lagumdžija said: <i>"This country has for too long been waiting for a fight against injustice, poverty, crime and war criminals."</i> RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Ready to win at the elections' by R. Rakic also covered.
RS PM Dodik visits Israel, says RS supports BiH's European path, disagrees with model of police reform, European principles not disputable	Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'RS accepts European path' by V. Popovic - RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik , and RS Government's delegation are paying a three-day visit to Israel, where they are holding talks on economic cooperation with Israeli businessmen and investors. Dodik on Sunday met with Deputy Executive Director of Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mark Sofer and noted BiH's determination is the most important for European path and added RS fully supported such path. With regard to police reform in BiH, Dodik said European principles are not questionable for RS, it is the model that is being imposed from Sarajevo that is disputable, since it does not respect the constitutional structure of BiH and does not allow RS to preserve its police as an organisational part of single structure. RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Bringing large investors' by Srna - reports only on the talks on economic cooperation, does not carry Dodik's statement on police reform.
RS PM Dodik: RS will soon withdraw from Police Reform Directorate	Dnevni List , pgs 8-9, mentioned on front 'Referendum is reality', by <u>Danka Polovina-Mandic</u> - carries an interview with the RS PM and leader of SNSD, Milorad Dodik . Questioned for how long RS representatives in the Police Reform Directorate will remain as observers, Dodik replies: <i>"We will be observers for a little while longer, then we will withdraw because we have significant objections to the work of the Directorate, which is not formed in accordance with the agreement (on police reform). A foreign national with a decisive vote sits on it, which is not foreseen by the agreement, of 11 members there is only one RS representative, whilst we have majority vote, and that is something that is unacceptable to us"</i> . Inset 'There will be no formation of para-police' - responding to the journalist's remark that he (Dodik) has been accused of forming para-police forces by preparing the Law on agencies for security of persons and property and private detective services, Dodik rules out a possibility that this is about establishment of an illegal police force, insisting it is about providing security services.

SNSD rejects accusations of SDS who claimed SNSD was exerting pressure on RTRS	Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'SDS continues battle for media, petroleum and primary mission' by V. Popovic, Glas Srpske pg 5 'False fighters for media' by N. G., Oslobodjenje pg 3 'SDS' ordered accusations' by Onasa – SNSD on Sunday rejected accusations of SDS's Ognjen Tadic who said SNSD was exerting a political pressure on RTRS [<i>Tadic told press conference on Friday it was obvious SNSD was exerting pressure on RTRS and SDS wants to free it of this pressure</i>]. SNSD says Tadic actually continues SDS's fight for its "holly trinity" – petroleum, media and primary mission and explains SDS had accused SNSD in order to present itself as a fighter for media free of pressures.
SBIH's leader Silajdzic: message of PACE Resolution is that we have to accept modern democracy	Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 5 'We have to fulfill obligations toward the Council of Europe' by Edina Sarac– In a page long interview for DA, SBIH leader Haris Silajdzic commented the Resolution by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe [PACE] denying he lobbied for its adoption. " <i>Simply, people who have recognized what is the key problem are sitting in PACE. SBIH's analysis from two months ago results with almost same [conclusions] as the Resolution. So, people have detected the problem,</i> " said Silajdzic. Talking about his meeting with the PACE Chair René van der Linden , Silajdzic stressed that it was emphasised that BiH has to fulfil its obligations toward the CoE, with which he agreed, adding that CoE and European Parliament's Resolutions are very similar to the one passed by US Senate. " <i>Message of all these resolutions is that we have to accept principles of modern democracy and because of that, this is mandatory for us...I have told him that after elections we would submit invitation for even larger presence of Venice Commission's experts, who can assist us in establishing new BiH Constitution,</i> " said Silajdzic. SBIH founder stressed "we" do not have to accept the resolution is " <i>we don't want to. If we don't want to be better off. It is up to us, as member of CoE, state which taken over the responsibilities to apply it.</i> "
HSP' Jurisic: entities are cause of Croat people's inequality	Oslobodjenje pg 3 'To abolish entities urgently' <u>not signed</u> – Candidate for Croat member of the BiH Presidency at upcoming elections, Zvonko Jurisic , stated that entity division within BiH has to be abolished, since it is a cause of inequality of Croat people. Talking at the Convention of Coalition for Equality [HSP Djapic- Jurisic and NHI], Jurisic stated: " <i>current establishment of BiH is economically unsustainable, absolutely unacceptable for the EU and entity division is in favour of Serbs in RS, who can decide on legal and constitutional way without other two constituent peoples on all issues, even if it wouldn't suit Croats and Bosniaks</i> ". Jurisic emphasised the low return level to the RS, stressing, " <i>RS name alone is a psychological barrier to return of Croats and Bosniaks</i> ".
RS PM Dodik maintains referendum is one of options for Serbs in BiH	Dnevni List , pgs 8-9, mentioned on front 'Referendum is reality', by Danka Polovina-Mandic – carries an interview with the RS PM and leader of SNSD, Milorad Dodik , in which he mostly repeats his earlier statements about organization of referendum in the RS. Namely, he insists that any insisting that the RS should be abolished will create a reaction among the Serbs, who will realize " <i>if BiH does not want us, the we are entitled to see how to proceed</i> ". He also repeats his earlier position that the Resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), which foresees abolishment of the entity vote in BiH Parliament, represents interference into BiH domestic issues and is targeted against the RS.
DA op-ed: BiH destiny can be decided upon only by its constituent peoples	Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Tadic's principles' <u>op-ed by Mirela Kukan</u> – Commenting on recent statements of Serbian President Boris Tadic given during visit to Sarajevo when he stressed that " <i>integral BiH is Serbia's vital interest</i> ", <u>Kukan</u> emphasises that only few days after i.e. as agencies carried on Sunday, Tadic wonders who could stop other ethnic communities to demand independency, if Kosovo would get it. This, according to <u>Kukan</u> , only shows Tadic has " <i>lost his illusive, democratic appearance</i> ". Author stresses that such statement is very dangerous, as Tadic now tries to connect BiH and Kosovo and it proves intentions of " <i>Greater Serb efforts to introduce referendum as practice</i> " in the countries of former Yugoslavia. " <i>However, all those advocating for splitting of BiH are intentionally forgetting that, unlike Kosovo, our state has no issues related to the status, since it is sovereign and independent [country] whose destiny can be decided upon only by its constituent peoples, and not only one, Serb, as Tadic desire. And naturally, only by consensus and compromise. Not by outvoting by any chance,</i> " concludes <u>Kukan</u> .

Representatives in state Parliament satisfied with what they have done during last four years	Hayat not stated – NTV Hayat investigates whether representatives in state Parliament are satisfied with what they have done during the last four years. All polled representatives – Momcilo Novakovic , Elmir Jahic and BiH House of Representatives Chair Martin Raguz – said that they are satisfied, stressing that more than 200 laws have been adopted since the beginning of their mandates. However, they were able to single out only two truly significant laws that they have managed to adopt during last four years: fiscal sector and defence reforms. Raguz underlined the defence reform, reform of indirect taxation, Value Added Tax introduction, reform of the whole intelligence and security system in BiH, but added that representatives still have a lot of work to do; according to HoR Chair, they still have to adopt laws in the fields of higher education, Public Broadcasting System and Service, and police reform.
NN op-ed: timing and way of HR's rehabilitation of removed politicians was bad	Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Rehabilitations' by Mirza Cubro – The author reminds High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling , in first six months of his mandate, rehabilitated almost every person his predecessor had removed and comments both removals and rehabilitations will leave consequences, especially now before elections. He also comments perhaps the current HR is trying to correct mistakes of his predecessor but both timing and way are quite bad. <i>'OHR had never revealed the criteria it respected when it was reaching decisions on removals, nor it revealed who and on base of which principles was deciding on rehabilitations'</i> , the author says. Cubro concludes by saying if any of the removed politicians had been violating the Dayton Peace Agreement, then OHR should have forwarded evidence to BiH Prosecutor's Office since it has a jurisdiction over processing of counter-constitutional activities.

Security issues	
Nezavisne Novine: three CIA airplanes suspected of transferring terrorism suspects have landed in BiH	Nezavisne Novine pg 4, announced on cover 'CIA airplanes landed three times to BiH' by M. Cubro – Despite denial of BiH authorities, CIA airplanes suspected of transferring terrorism indictees to some of CIA secret prisons in Europe have landed three times in BiH territory. <i>Nezavisne Novine</i> is in possession of the documents, which prove that BiH Directorate for Civil Aviation approved landing of CIA airplanes. BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanic said that BiH authorities could not confirm alleged secret flying over or landing of CIA airplanes since BiH authorities have no full competences over BiH air control. Council of Europe investigates CIA secret flights and prisons and asks from BiH to deliver report regarding this issue. On the basis of the list of CIA airplanes' registration plates that Council of Europe submitted to BiH, it is confirmed that three CIA airplanes have landed to BiH territory.
BiH Security Minister Colak: Audit of illegally acquired citizenships will be conducted according to laws; problem with police reform is election campaign	Vecernji List , pg 6 'We will not extradite into countries that have death penalty', by Zoran Kresic – carries an interview with the BiH Security Minister, Barisa Colak , in which he mostly focuses on the issue of audit of illegally acquired BiH citizenships. Colak insists that the commission in charge of the issue will carry out its tasks pursuant to BiH laws as well as international conventions, underlining that all persons who got the citizenship illegally will have to leave BiH. <i>"One has to note that we will not extradite persons into countries that have death penalties"</i> , said Colak. Inset 'Police reform getting politicized' – Colak was asked whether BiH will miss out <i>"on yet another train for Europe"</i> i.e. whether it will not sign the SAA due to obstructions of the RS in the police reform process, to which Colak replies BiH has been clearly told that the SAA will not be signed if the deadlines are not respected. <i>"The misfortune is that the deadline, the September 30 that is, comes in the midst of the elections campaign"</i> , underlines Colak.

MP in FBiH Parliament Josipovic (HDZ 1990) asks for police protections after receiving threats	Vecernji List , front pg splash 'He tried to kill me by going against me in car' and pg 3 'Death threat', by <u>Ana Drmac</u> – reports that Slavica Josipovic , an MP in the FBiH Parliament, has asked for police protection after receiving threats from one F. G. from Vitez, who has reportedly been harassing her in past 15 days. VL's unofficial information have it he is a member of criminal circles. Josipovic explains that she initially met him (F. G.) some 15 days ago when he asked from her to find a job for his wife, otherwise " <i>she could expect anything</i> ". Josipovic comments that she cannot rule out a political background to the case because she will be running for another term in the FBiH Parliament as an HDZ 1990 candidate (NB: she used to be in HDZ BiH)
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Economy and public administration

RS PM Dodik: Appointment of Nicholl to ITA should not have happened: key on distribution of revenues lies in fixed coefficients	Dnevni List , pgs 8-9, mentioned on front 'Referendum is reality', by Danka Polovina-Mandic – carries an interview with the RS PM and leader of SNSD, Milorad Dodik . Asked to comment on the appointment of Peter Nicholl , as the new Chairman of ITA Governing Board, Dodik says he is against appointments of foreigners and that the time has come for BiH nationals to assume offices. "(...) <i>there are no guarantees that Nicholl can lead us to any changes, because he cannot do a thing without the Fiscal Council and I think this is about lack of trust into local people</i> ", said Dodik. The RS PM insists the solution to distribution of public revenues lies in determining of fixed rates.
FBiH PM Hadzipasic: there is no will to reform public administration before elections	Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'There is no chance to reduce administration by elections' by <u>M.Kukan</u> – FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic told DA there are no chances for the reform of the public administration to be carried out before the October elections. Author notes this is a case despite this issue being a priority in making a progress toward the EU and the fact that Director of the EU Enlargement Directorate, Reinhard Priebe , emphasised it as one of key conditions for Stabilization and Association Agreement. " <i>A year ago we in the Government have raised the issue of decrease of number of ministries and we moved further with the initiative, but there was no interest for something like that to be carried out,</i> " said Hadzipasic. Emphasising that reducing administration is necessary, Hadzipasic stated there was no will for this process among the high-ranking officials. Inset 'Guilt of ruling parties'- Hadzipasic said party officials are preoccupied with other issues in pre-election period [while daily suggests the delay in the issue due to ruling parties, as indicated in the headline].

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Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on **10 July**

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Political issues	
Pre-election campaign in BiH: main goal remains the same – to alienate BiH peoples	Hayat by Asim Beslija – According to Hayat reporter, political parties spent last four years trying to strengthen their position for the coming October elections, adding that now when pre-election have been launched it has become even more merciless than before with a main goal to alienate BiH peoples from each other. As an example, reporter reminded of several recent incidents, such as the clashes after the Croatia-Brazil football game and the attack on imam in Mostar. <i>"This is the well-known recipe for calling on people to [stand up for] their national(istic) colours"</i> , explained BiH Parliamentary Assembly MP Sead Avdic . Reporter also noted that quarrel between RS President Dragan Cavic and RS National Assembly Deputy Speaker Sevket Hafizovic , regarding the ICTY sentence against the wartime commander of Srebrenica Naser Oric , was in fact aimed at potential voters, not at 'alleged' political opponents. <u>Beslija</u> stressed that Oric was a convicted war criminal, regardless of what Bosniaks might think of him. It was reminded that Croatian member of BiH Presidency Ivo Miro Jovic also made some statements that can be regarded as a part of pre-election campaign; as an example, reporter quoted his letter to OHR, in which he warned of constant mistreating of Croats in Canton Tuzla. <i>"One could expect that BiH citizens would respect those who have proven themselves as fighters for their rights, on all levels of authority"</i> , stressed Avdic; Hayat reporter concludes that, if they decide to take this advice, BiH citizens will have no one to vote for.
SPRS launched its pre-election campaign by holding public tribune in Potocari settlement in Brcko	EuroBlic pg RS9 'They expect 10 delegate's seats' by L. S. – SPRS had officially launched the pre-election campaign by holding pre-election tribune in Potocari settlement in Brcko. On this occasion, it was stated that Petar Djokic will be the list leader of SPRS for RS National Assembly (RS NA) in the election unit 4, while the list leader in election unit 2 for BiH Parliamentary Assembly will be Dragan Peric . Djokic stated on this occasion the party expects the forthcoming elections would mark a comeback of the socialists to the political scene and added the party expects to win 10 delegate's seats at the new composition of RS NA.
HDZ BiH's Covic: Talks on new constitution in January 2007	Dnevni List , pg 4 'Covic: state must be built by its citizens', <u>not signed</u> – During the public debate on current political situation in BiH organized by the HDZ BiH in Sarajevo last week, the party president Dragan Covic noted that he believed talks on (changes to) BiH Constitution would resume in January next year. <i>"We must know that BiH has to be built by its citizens because the engagement of international institution in our state so far has not resulted in a self-sustainable, both economically and politically-wise, BiH"</i> , said Covic. Finally, Covic reminded that the OHR will remain in first 6 months of 2007, underlining that (a new) constitution will be made during that time.

<p>OBN show hosts SBiH founder, SNSD leader who disagree over PACE Resolution and constitutional changes, but agree talks on const. reform must continue after elections</p>	<p>OBN 'Head to Head' current affairs programme <u>by Mato Djakovic</u> – TV show has hosted SBiH founder, Haris Silajdzic, and SNSD leader, Milorad Dodik. Commenting the Resolution on BiH recently passed by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Silajdzic said that document was of extreme importance for the state adding it could only improve situation. On the other hand, Dodik said that at this particular moment BiH did not need needed such document and that BiH should stick to compromise and consensus concept as the best way to solve issues. He continued to say that BiH citizens had to get used to a fact that the RS existence was not to be questioned adding that any insisting on abolition of this entity would only cause RS citizens' dissatisfaction and resistance. In terms of constitutional changes, Silajdzic said that he left the talks due to the fact that he could not support amendment by the RS representatives under which if BiH Presidency is not elected in three vote attempts, the Parliament should be dismissed which would leave entities as the only option. Dodik said that he also was not satisfied with a number of issued agreed upon during the talks, but that it was all a matter of consensus. Commenting talks of referendum, Dodik said that was a democratic tool not to be directed against anybody adding a number of issues in BiH are to be solved in deferent ways, such as dialogue or referendum. Dodik adds that two strong principles are being confronted here; the Helsinki one, advocating borders inviolability, and an UN charter which offers possibility on referendum. He adds that the RS should not insist on it, but if the RS institutions continue being depreciated, it would be a normal for it to happen. Both agreed that constitutional changes talks had to be continued after the October elections.</p>
<p>Serbian Foreign Minister Draskovic: Kosovo independence would impact region – no one could explain RS why they would not have such right</p>	<p>Der Spiegel 'We will not recognize independence of Kosovo' <u>by Renate Flottau</u> – Stating that Serbian authorities would not recognize Kosovo if it gains independence, in an interview for Spiegel, Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Draskovic adds that this option could also have significant impact on the region: <i>"No authority in this world could then explain Bosnian Serbs why they are not entitle to an independent state."</i> He also stressed that Russian President Vladimir Putin does not support independence of Kosovo: <i>"He told the Contact Group, without hesitation, that in case Kosovo is given independence, then one could not give any more guaranties that Caucasus, Karabakh and many other regions would also not follow... Is also questionable how the Turkish part of Cyprus would react on that. And what would happen with Catalonia, Basque or Scotland or with the status of Taiwan?"</i> Contact Group is the principal group of nations [including US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, and Russia] that monitors and supervises international policy in Kosovo.</p>
<p>HR op-ed: IC remains full committed to BiH as sovereign state with its territorial integrity even after OHR closure</p>	<p>Balkan Insight 'Don't Cheer Too Soon About OHR's Closure' <u>by Christian Schwarz-Schilling</u> – Commenting decision of Peace Implementation Council [PIC] to close the OHR by mid-June 2007, in his opening editorial for Balkan Investigative Reporting Network online publication Balkan Insight, High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling said that both alarm and euphoria are wrong reactions, which indicates lack of understanding of the significance of this decision. He explained that <i>"the international community [IC] remains fully committed to BiH as a sovereign state whose territorial integrity is guaranteed by international treaty"</i>, even when OHR is once closed. Schwarz-Schilling explained that IC would remain fully involved in BiH, with a reinforced engagement by the EU, through the work of an expanded EU Special Representative's Office: <i>"If there is a threat to peace and stability in BiH; or if there is a threat to peace and stability in the wider region, PIC will respond accordingly."</i> Underlining the importance for BiH politicians has to take over the responsibility, he noted: <i>"BiH will not be invited to join the EU and NATO by decree of the HR, but by its own efforts."</i> Concluding how real incentive for BiH authorities to speed up with the reform process is not to meet the EU requirements, but to improve living conditions of its citizens.</p>

Minister Halilovic: disputes about licensing and accrediting universities are a false dilemma	Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Instead of science, politics on faculties' by R.K.- Commenting on the higher education and Bologna process, BiH Civil Affairs Minister Safet Halilovic stated that there were many attempts to draft the law on higher education, but even the latest proposal law wasn't unanimously passed in Council of Ministers. He explained that his Ministry proposed a compromise solution, according to which financing, establishing, merging and cease of universities' work would remain at the entity i.e. cantonal level. At the same time Ministry proposed accreditation of universities to be transferred to the state level, while the licensing would remain at lower level, but at the session CoM decided for both processes to be carried out by an authorized Agency. <i>"I believe that disputes are about licensing and accrediting...in my opinion that is a false dilemma, since the law has accredited in advance all public universities in BiH. So we have strong opposition to something that would be current only in 2010 and until when strong reform steps would have to be made,"</i> said Minister Halilovic. At the end, Halilovic admits that law could be better, but at the same time he stressed that failure to pass this law would lead to further delays in higher education reform.
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Human rights, war crimes and defence reform

Deputy Ombudsman Amra Kazic in int. to DL: human rights in Mostar grossly violated; authorities doing nothing to rectify situation	Dnevni List pg 10 'Mostarians endangered' by Esmir Milavic - DL runs an interview with Amra Kazic , deputy FBiH Ombudsman in Mostar who points out that individual and collective human rights in Mostar are violated at every step but the authorities are doing nothing to protect these rights although that is their responsibility. Most vulnerable categories of the population, she says, are pensioners, the unemployed, returnees and Roma, and the fields in which humans rights are most violated are return, housing reconstruction, illegal construction, privatization, welfare, monopoly of state companies, education and security. Kazic points out that <i>'Ombudsman's conclusions on human rights were adopted by the City Council in October last year but nothing has been done to rectify the situation. On the contrary, there have been more and more riots in the streets in the last weeks induced by sporting events, which gives an image of a divided city'</i> . She emphasises the shameful privatization of large Mostar companies such as Hekom, Djuro Salaj and MI Soko whose employees are either treated horribly or even laid off wrongfully. Inset: 'Formerly a constituent people, Serbs have now become a minority'. Kazic says, out of 25000 pre-war Serb inhabitants of Mostar, a small fraction has returned so far and no significant progress has been achieved in terms of increasing their participation in the city authorities.
BIRN: clash between judiciary and truth commissions' authorities	Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Truth on crimes- a task for courts or commissions?' by Nidzara Ahmetasevic, BIRN Justice report- Daily carried article prepared by BIRN Justice Report, in which the author notices that establishment of BiH commission for truth and reconciliation was never agreed, however experiments were conducted through Commission for Srebrenica and recently established Commission for Sarajevo. Overall, author wonders whether the truth should be searched through local commissions or through the state one. Srdjan Dizdarevic , Chair of BiH Helsinki Committee, stressed that he is in favor of the state commission, which would work based on the facts, regardless of who the victims are. He also believes that local commissions can be politically manipulated. At the same time, SDS' MP in BiH parliament Momcilo Novakovic says that Srebrenica Commission was imposed, public demanded Sarajevo Commission, but nevertheless he deems that this should be the last local commission and that state one should be established. Author emphasizes that establishment of Sarajevo Commission has initialized demands for establishment of other local commissions as well; adding that work of commissions has clashed with the work of judiciary. This is the stance of some experts, but also of some former inmates and associations, which do believe that Commissions shouldn't be authorized to establish individual guilt and that this should be left up to courts. Inset 'Local commissions are Pandora's Box'- Head of BiH Investigating Documenting Centre, Mirsad Tokaca believes that establishment of Sarajevo Commission, as possibly some other local ones, is opening of Pandora's Box and some form of political manipulation.

VL: Future BiH Armed Forces to have 13 or 16 generals?	Vecernji List , pg 5 'BiH stays with 13 generals', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – arguing that after the war BiH had the most number of generals if one takes into consideration the ratio between the number of troops and number of generals, VL learns that the BiH Presidency is to take a decision on how many generals the future BiH Armed Forces (BiH AF) will have. VL notes that the current number of generals in the BiH AF is 13, whilst the BiH Presidency is to decide between two options – either 13 or 16 generals. VL's unofficial information also have it that some current generals will be retired and new generals promoted.
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Audits and economic issues

Report on the expenses of BiH Parliamentary Assembly	Hayat <u>not stated</u> – Only in 2005, BiH Parliament spent more than 8 million KM. Approximately 3.8 million KM were spent for salaries of BiH Parliament employees, 1.9 million KM were spent on behalf of compensation for employees' expenses, 525,000 KM for travel expenses, KM 157,000 for telephone and postage services, and KM 58,000 for transportation services and fuel. According to Hayat reporter, this information was published in the report of the Audit Office of BiH Institutions.
Feature on audit of privatisation: 2/3 of BiH citizens believe privatisation in BiH was proper	PINK by <u>Ljubisa Davidovic</u> – According to public opinion poll carried out by agency 'Prizma', over two thirds of BiH citizens believe that privatisation in BiH was not carried out properly. RS Government has already formed a Commission for audit of state capital privatisation in companies and banks, whilst similar commission is to be formed in FBiH very soon. Chair of RS Commission Borislav Bijelic stated that they already received 80 requests for audit. He stressed that 50% of the requests are acceptable thus meaning that the audit in these cases will occur. He also denied allegations that the Commission was formed as part of SNSD pre-election campaign.