

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 14/6/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 14 June

BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Riots in Mostar after football match	Live coverage of RSNA session
Reform Process Monitoring meeting	
RSNA discusses Law on Higher Edu.	

TV news broadcast on 13 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Pilgrims visit Ante Gotovina	Zelenovic before the ICTY	Investigation of ex-Yugoslav funds
HR on BiH Parliament's delegates	BiH Court will release Novalic	Zelenovic appears before ICTY
HSP on situation after elections	Trial to Mandic and others continues	Terzic visits ICMP in Tuzla
Croat Block on elections	HR pays visit to Germany	Deadline for elections registration

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Trial to Zelenovic commenced?	Zelenovic appears before ICTY	Dodik pays visit to Russia
35 bodies exhumed near Zvornik	Novalic released from detention	Zelenovic appeared before the ICTY
Sarvan on Mittal Steel situation	Terzic visits ICMP in Tuzla	Novalic released from detention
Economic-Social Council in session	Memorial for killed civilians in Mostar	Trial to Mandic and others continues

Oslobodjenje	Terzic said that they [SDA] should not count on him
Dnevni Avaz	Tihic pushes Terzic out?
Dnevni List	Illegal objects are being torn down [in Mostar]
Vecernji List	Sports related headlines
Slobodna Dalmacija	Headline on religious holiday
Nezavisne Novine	Russia advocates abolishing of the Bonn powers
Glas Srpske	Invitation to Russian investors [RS PM met Russian Foreign Affairs Minister]
EuroBlic	Broadcasts (of football matches) and betting-shops jeopardizing sessions [Football World Cup euphoria threatening to disturb the work of RS NA]
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Riots in Mostar after Brazil-Croatia football match: several injured, including police; one injured by firearm	BH Radio1 – Following last night's football match between Brazil and Croatia, riots took place in the streets of Mostar which resulted in injuries sustained by several persons, including some police officer. Herzegovina-Neretva Cantonal Interior Ministry confirmed that 26 persons were arrested. FENA – news agency reports that one person suffered serious injuries by firearm, six police officers were also injured and OSCE vehicles damaged. According to HNK Mol, the incident commenced after a group of supporter of the Croatian team took to the streets and started vandalizing property and vehicles at the Spanish square located in the center of Mostar, and than clashed with group of youngsters from Eastern part of the city.
Reform Process Monitoring team meets to discuss progress to signing SAA	BH Radio 1 – Fourth meeting of the Reform Process Monitoring team starts in Sarajevo on Wednesday to discuss progress in judiciary, social policy, education, ICTY cooperation, police reform and Public Broadcasting System [PBS]. Directorate for EU integrations Director Osman Topcagic said he expects the SAA to be initialed by end of year: <i>"When the [SAA] talks are in question, general remark is that we prepared well... I expect that we will reach initialing the SAA, i.e. to harmonize the text of the Agreement with EU by end of year."</i>

RSNA discusses law on higher education	BH Radio 1 by <u>Brana Markovic</u> – RS National Assembly has commenced the session today which also includes the discussion on the RS Law on Higher Education. Members of authorized Board submitted the report on state of education and proposed for the RS authorities to adopt this law before the BiH Parliament adopts the umbrella law.
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War crimes

ICTY's Nikiforov: ICTY did not open the investigation on intrusion of RS into Yugoslav monetary system; RS authorities expected to investigate this	BHT1 by <u>Boris Gagic</u> –ICTY Prosecution Spokesperson Anton Nikiforov confirmed that ICTY Prosecution didn't open the investigation on intrusion of RS authorities into the monetary system of former Yugoslavia in 1997, taking away 230 million former German marks [DEM] illegally. Nikoforov stated that he expects from RS authorities to investigate if these funds were used for protection and hiding of ICTY fugitives. He confirmed the case is very interesting for ICTY. When he was arrested for organised crime and protection of ICTY indictees in 2004, Momcilo Mandic claimed that he didn't finance Radovan Karadzic's hideout. However, he claimed that he had provided evidence on illegal intrusion of RS authorities into Yugoslav monetary system to the OHR. According to Mandic, in April 2005 he submitted documents on invasion of the payment operation system to the advisor of former High Representative Paddy Ashdown [name of the advisor was not stated]. OHR didn't confirm the possession of these documents. Former RS Finance Minister Svetlana Cenic said she helped Mandic to contact the OHR in Banja Luka. According to Cenic, Mandic's documents were to prove that illegally gained funds were used for protection of Karadzic. However, Cenic claims that the documents provided by Mandic didn't include any specific information. A commission tasked to investigate the entire case was established in 1998, but it fell apart already after its first session. RS Minister of Interior Stanislav Cadj o stated the Mol is investigating the case. Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'Tribunal wants to know if investigation would help in arrest of Karadzic' by <u>E.Sarac</u> – Nikiforov confirmed to daily that ICTY is "interested in importance of this and whether it could help in arresting remaining war crime fugitives, first of all Radovan Karadzic." Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Central Bank of Serba forwarded data to the Tribunal' by <u>P. Klinov and M. Kusmuk</u> – also carries Nikiforov.
Central Bank of Serbia forwarded to ICTY data on breach of RS into SRY monetary system	Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Central Bank of Serba forwarded data to the Tribunal' by <u>P. Klinov and M. Kusmuk</u> – Central Bank of Serbia told <i>Nezavisne Novine</i> it had forwarded to the Hague Tribunal the requested data on breach of RS into monetary system of former SR Yugoslavia in 1997, since there are certain suspicions a part of the funds taken on the occasion might had been used to help Hague fugitives. A commission that was established in 1998 found out RS Government had withdrawn approximately BAM 230 million from then SR Yugoslavian monetary system, but the Central Bank of Serbia claims that, as in accordance with data in their possession, no such large breach had been documented. RS Minister of Interior Stanislav Cadj o stated 'the RS Mol, as in accordance with its legislative obligations, is conducting orders of prosecutor offices in BiH upon all the issues including this one'.
Former RS PM Klickovic denies RS had ever breached into SRY monetary system	Vecernje Novosti pg 5 'Untruth down to the last penny' by <u>Vladimir Mitric</u> – Former RS PM Gojko Klickovic , who was RS PM between May 1996 and February 1998, said accusations with regard to breach of RS into former SR Yugoslavian monetary system, during which BAM 230 million or even BAM 370 million as some claim were taken, were groundless. Klickovic said there was no breach into SRY monetary system simply because there could not have been one since RS had never had its primary issue of money nor its Mint of money.

<p>Trial in case PB ES continues: Provisional Administrator Robinson testify on finances, says money used to aide PIFWCs at large, RS Govt took 1.2 from PBES</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Radan Skipina</u> – Trial to Momcilo Mandic, Milovan Bjelica, Milorad Govedarica and Mirko Sarovic, indicted for misuse of office and embezzlement in the ‘Privredna Bank East Sarajevo’, continues before the BiH Court on Tuesday. The Provisional Administrator of PBES, Toby Robison, testified on information on privatization and capitalization process. Robinson also talked about financial transactions deeming them as the “<i>classic [cases of] money laundry</i>”. Robinson informed about loans to companies that were approved by this bank without with guarantees, which were later used to purchase shares in this bank. She also testified on the payment this bank gave to the RS Government in the amount of 1.2 million former German marks [DEM] [the money was given in September 1997, when than RS PM Gojko Klinkovic, signed the decision giving RS Govt 1.2 million for ‘outstanding’ expenses which would “<i>Government use for expenses related to RS citizens indicted by the ICTY.</i>” Defence lawyers did not cross-examined Robinson stating they await for the respond from the BiH Prosecutor on the information that this institutions was submitted with the file on the alleged criminal activities in the PBES Provisional Administration “<i>also possibly related to the witness</i>”. If the Prosecution confirms the existence of such report, defence argues that the OHR Legal Representative would have to show up before the BiH Court and explain OHR’s decision for her diplomatic immunity to be partially lifted [to allow her to testify] The Court set deadline for the defence to prepare cross examination by July 3. Dnevni Avaz pg 12 ‘House at Trebevic sold at low price to aide Hague fugitive’ by <u>N.J.</u> – Robison claimed that PBES sold a house at Trebevic mountain near Sarajevoto aide of Hague fugitive. PINK, Oslobodjenje pg 2 ‘Hague fugitives were hiding in PBES house at Trebevic’ by <u>A.S.</u>, Dnevni List pg 6 ‘Sarovic was coming to hiding place of fugitives’ by <u>E.Mackic</u>, Nezavisne novine pg 4 ‘Hague indictees had been financed through PB ES’ by <u>A. Djozo</u>, EuroBlic pg RS3 ‘Defence checking up on denunciation against Tobi Robinson’ by <u>Srna</u> – also covered.</p>
<p>ICTY gives Zelenovic additional time to plea as he has not yet got defence attorney</p>	<p>PINK, Hayat, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Dragan Zelenovic refused to enter plea’ by <u>FENA</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 8 ‘Zelenovic postponed his plea’ by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 ‘Novalic released from custody’ <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Zelenovic postponed his plea’ by <u>Beta</u> – On Tuesday afternoon, war crime indictee Dragan Zelenovic appeared on for the first time before the ICTY Chamber, however in accordance to ICTY regulations he requested a postponement of the plea as he still doesn’t have a defence attorney. Zelenovic is indicted of torture and rape of Bosniak women in Foca in period 1992 – 1993. It is expected that he would appear before the Court in one month and if he pleads guilty, he will remain in The Hague , however if he pleads not guilty, his case would probably be transferred to the BiH Court .</p>
<p>BiH Court releases Novalic from custody, since BiH Prosecution failed to raise indictment</p>	<p>PINK- BiH Court decided to release war crimes indictee Midhat Novalic, from custody since BiH Prosecution hasn’t raised charges against Novalic within the set custody period. The Prosecution also did not request prolonging of custody for Novalic. BiH Court has already prolonged custody for Novalic from May 26 until June 12. Novalic was arrested on December 28, 2005 under suspicion that committed war crimes against civilians. FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 12 ‘Mithat Novalic released’, Nezavisne novine pg 6 ‘Midhat Novalic released from custody’ by <u>D. Mu</u> – also covered.</p>

CoM Chair Terzic visits ICMP in Tuzla ; says that BiH Institute for Missing Persons is being obstructed, but could be established by end of June	BHT1 by <u>Samir Kahrovic</u> – BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic visited the identification laboratories of International Commission for Missing Persons [ICMP] in Tuzla. Terzic stated that a significant progress has been made in past ten years on solving the problem of missing persons. He added that BiH authorities must take over the responsibility for finishing of identification process. Head of ICMP Kathryne Bomberger stated that the authorities shouldn't politicize the issue of missing persons, but help solving this problem. She invited entity PMs to visit ICMP and see how the process of identification goes on. Asked why the state Institute for Missing Persons hasn't yet been established, Terzic replied that this basically very simple issue which was politicized and obstructed. Terzic stressed that the Institute might be established by the end of June. [Note: Establishment of the Institute was agreed in August 2005, but following the appointment of the members, the RS Associations of Families of Missing Persons objected to Amor Masovic's appointment. The RSNA Igor Radojicic stated in March 2006 that he would task RS representatives in joint Institutions to investigate why this appointment was approved.] FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'Institute for search after missing persons deserves full support' by <u>A.Hadzic</u> , Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Highest level of expertise and professionalism' by <u>Fena</u> – also covered.
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Political issues: debate on referendum, reforms	
HR CSS in Germany : asks officials to mitigate visa regime towards BiH citizens	BHT1 – At the meeting with German Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble in Berlin, High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling asked for German assistance in process of liberalisation of visa regime for BiH citizens. Schwarz-Schilling stressed that the EU should mitigate visa regime for specific target groups in BiH, including businesspeople, students and scientists. This would be a first step to reduce visa requirements for all BiH citizens. Schaeuble stated that BiH achieved success in fighting organized crime, adding that Germany is ready to support starting talks on liberalisation of visa regime with BiH. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Germany supports more liberal visa regime with BiH' by <u>S.N.</u> – OHR stated that Germany supports more liberal visa regime for certain categories of BiH citizens. At the meeting with Schaeuble, the HR said that BiH achieved progress in implementing reforms that aim rule of law, specially stressing results of State Border Service [SBS], audit of BiH naturalized citizenships and reform of judiciary. Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Liberalisation of visa regime' <u>not signed</u> – HR said: <i>"EU must send positive signal to BiH citizens to encourage further development in progress of this country towards Euro-Atlantic structures."</i> FTV, PINK- The HR also met the Political Advisor to German Chancellor Christopher Heusgen to talk about reforms. RHB, Hayat, Dnevni List pg 5 'Schilling: Necessary for the EU to mitigate visa regime' <u>not signed</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Germany would support mitigation of visa regime' by <u>A. S.</u> – also reported.

<p>RS PM Dodik in Russia : If requests for abolishment of RS continue, entity should be given right to referendum</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Drasko Milinovic</u>- During his visit to Russia, where he attended the International Economic Forum, RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik informed Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov that frequent requests for the abolishment of the RS might influence the RS citizens to demand to be allowed to decide on their own destiny. Dodik said that the RS accepts BiH on the basis of partnership and that the RS wants to be the more developed part of BiH. Russian Federation believes that BiH achieved democratic improvements and that Bonn Powers of the High Representative should be abolished. He also informed Lavrov about RS stance on police reform in BiH. An outstanding issue of 100 million US dollars debt between BiH and Russia is an obstacle for Free Trade Agreement between two countries. RS PM said Russia expressed readiness to participate in the construction of gas pipe from Zvornik to Banja Luka. Lavrov was also interested in problems of the Russian company in mine 'Sase' in Srebrenica. Dodik informed Lavrov that problems occurred due to the loans that this mine has at 'Privredna bank East Sarajevo'. Russian Minister of Industry and Energy Victor Khristenko also met with RS PM and offered to deliver some equipment for the electricity plant to partly compensate for the Russian debt toward BiH. In following two days Dodik is expected to meet Russian businessmen. Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Russia supports abolishment of Bonn powers', Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'Invitation to Russian investors' by <u>Z. Markovic</u>, EuroBlic pg RS2 'Dodik: Moscow advocates abolishment of the Bonn powers' by <u>Srna</u>, Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 3 'Russia advocates abolishment of the Bonn powers' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> - also reports of the meeting.</p>
<p>RS President Cavic: Referendum option is hypothesis, nobody in the world would support destruction of BiH</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5, announced on cover 'Nobody in the world would support destruction of BiH' by <u>Nadja Diklic</u> - In an interview to daily, Dragan Cavic, RS President comments on latest political developments in BiH. On referendum story, he expresses his view it has a hypothetical character. He says issues of RS and Kosovo cannot be linked together since those are two issues for two sovereign states. He adds that abandoning of Dayton Agreement is a violent destruction of RS as well, which would bring BiH at the beginning, stressing: <i>"Absence of agreement inevitably leads to separatism and demands for referendum."</i> He stresses he sees not a single serious administration at the present time in the world that would be ready to support destruction of constitutional structure of BiH and entrance into uncertain epoch.</p>
<p>DEPOS asking RS PM Dodik to take clear stance on referendum issue</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Stela Junigic</u>- In a short statement, DEPOS said it expects from the RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik to express clear stance on referendum in RS. <i>"It is a time for the RS PM to take serious steps and if he really thinks what he says, it is logical that those parties that support the abolishment of the RS should not be a part of Dodik's Government"</i>, said Nedjo Djuric, Chair of DEPOS. Oslobodjenje pg 6 'To condition changes of the constitution with referendum' by <u>Fena</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'Many laws incomplete' by <u>V. Popovic</u> Inset 'Referendum to institutions', Glas Srpske pg 5 'On referendum before parliament' by <u>D. Mo.</u>- SRS will propose the RS National Assembly [RSNA] to adopt platform, which would refer to the possible referendum in RS. PDP believes that RSNA should not discuss the referendum. SRS "Dr. Vojislav Seselj" believes that privatization of the big strategic companies such as RS Telekom and oil refinery in Bosanski Brod should be done after the October elections. Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Dodik is misusing idea of referendum', Dnevni List pg 8 'Platform for referendum' <u>not signed</u>,- also reported.</p>
<p>PDP: no need for RSNA to discuss referendum, issue should not be used for pre-election purposes</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 6 'Objecting to discussion on referendum' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'There is no room for discussion on referendum at Parliament' by <u>V. Popovic</u> - Ranko Savic, PDP delegate at the RS NA, has stated there is no need that issue of possible scheduling of referendum should be discussed at RS NA, stressing RS should be preserved through investments in economy and employment, instead through cheap politics. He has stressed demands of some political parties (that RS NA should discuss this issue of referendum) are not justified, since BiH is ahead of elections, noting issue of referendum should not be used for pre-election purposes. He has added PDP will not make moves detrimental for RS, noting at today's session of Parliament, PDP will not support Proposed Law on obligations (stipulating transfer of powers from RS onto BiH).</p>

RS CoP Chair Kadric: state has a right to seek abolishment of entities, but entities are not entitled to succession	Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Kadric: State of BiH has a right to speak of entities' abolishment' – Reacting upon latest statements of RS Premier, Milorad Dodik (regarding referendum), Remzija Kadric , RS Council of Peoples Chair, has stated that the state and its institutions have a right to speak of internal organisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and hence abolishment of entities. He underlines that in line with BiH Constitution, entities have no right to secede or associate with another state. He says: <i>"Discrimination on all bases of non-Serb population is taking place in RS and state should seriously discuss this and reach decision on abolishment of entities, especially RS."</i>
SBiH leader Silajdzic calls on US Gov to support adoption of new BiH Constitution	Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Silajdzic demands support from US Government for new Constitution' by E.Sarac – At his lecture on American Enterprise Institute in Washington, SBiH leader Haris Silajdzic invited US Government to support adoption of new BiH Constitution that would be based on the same democratic principles and values that US and European democracies are based. In telephone statement for daily, Silajdzic said: <i>"I stressed that BiH needs new Constitution, based on principles of modern democracy, not on ethnic principles that cement results of ethnic cleansing, genocide and aggression."</i> Officials of US Congress, US State Department, National Security Council, Institute for Peace, Heinrich Boell Foundation and some other NGOs were present at the lecture. Silajdzic invited all relevant subjects in BiH to take part in making new Constitution. Dnevni List pg 7 'To base new constitution on principle of modern democracy' <u>not signed</u>
SNSD Simic: As Agreement on special relation with Serbia already functions, there is no need for Parliament to approve it	Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5, mentioned on cover 'Dayton gives us right for special relations with Serbia' by <u>Orijana Vukovic</u> – Commenting last week's visit of Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica to Banja Luka and talks on changes of Agreement on special and parallel relations between FR Yugoslavia and RS from 2001, SNSD Vice President Krstan Simic stated that Dayton Agreement <i>"set the original right to have special relations with neighbouring states... Although a clause in the DPA reads the confirmation of the document has to be done in BiH Parliament, it is functioning now and there is no need for [Parliament's approval]."</i> Replying to statements of BiH Presidency Chair Sulejman Tihic , and some other FBiH politicians, who said that such Agreement is without legitimacy, Simic noted that special relations would be in interest of all in BiH, and explained that the changes mentioned lately are only of technical nature following Montenegrin independence. Inset 'States build relations, not entities' by A.O., EuroBlic pg RS2 'Political splitting of hairs', announced on cover 'Sarajevo blocking agreement between RS and Serbia' by <u>Nedeljka Breberina</u> – Tihic told daily this Agreement is a relic of the past, adding it is up to state, not entity to build relations: <i>"Croatia realised it long time ago, now it is time for Serbia to [do the same]."</i> Tihic also noted there is a possibility to reassess constitutionality of this Agreement before the BiH Constitutional Court.
Changes to Agreement on Special Relations between RS and Serbia: RS politicians say there is no need for state institutions to approve it, F BiH politicians disagree	EuroBlic pg RS2 'Political splitting of hairs', announced on cover 'Sarajevo blocking agreement between RS and Serbia' by <u>Nedeljka Breberina</u> – With regard to the announcement of RS President Dragan Cavic and Serbian PM Vojislav Kostunica on changes to the Agreement on Special and Parallel Relations between RS and Serbia, BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic said entities have the right to establish special relations with neighbouring countries, as in accordance with the Constitution, and no consent of state institutions is needed. SDS's Momcilo Novakovic agrees with this statement. SDA's Mirsad Ceman and Party for BiH's Beriz Belkic too think BiH HoR should discuss and give assessment on the new Agreement. Inset 'SNSD: what about relations between F BiH Municipalities and Turkey?' – SNSD's Dusanka Majkic noted there is no obligation of the state institutions to give their consent regarding the Agreement, but <i>'if we were to split hairs, then we too might launch a discussion with regard to demand of certain F BiH Municipalities on admission to the union of Turkish Municipalities'</i> .

HR CSS critical of parliamentarians for blockade in work	RHB – The HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling stated on Tuesday that delegates at BiH Parliament have acted irresponsibly in regard to the key reforms intended for improving the living standard for BiH citizens. He noted that Parliament is the highest legislative body in a state without which there is no more democracy. Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘Irresponsible parliamentarians’, Dnevni Avaz pg 11 ‘Vanity of parliamentarians endangers adoption of line of reform laws’ by Fena – also carries.
DA op-ed on BiH Parliament blockade: HR lacks being more concrete	Dnevni Avaz pg 3 ‘State with stand-by democracy’ op-ed by Husein Orahovac – Commenting statement of High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling who condemned blockade of BiH Parliament, author agrees with his stance that “ <i>where Parliament is not working, democracy stops functioning.</i> ” Editorial argues that such stance is right but not helpful, adding that HR lacks being more concrete: “ <i>Schwarz-Schilling’s warning can have effect if the real perpetrators of BiH Parliament blockade [i.e. Serb deputies] recognize themselves in this warning, but not in the case that ‘blackmailers’ disregard it and remain at the their stances. Unfortunately, it seems that not will change, for both HR and BiH citizens.</i> ”
BiH Chief negotiator with EU Davidovic says BiH on half way of talks with EU on SAA	Dnevni Avaz pg 11 ‘The upcoming round is exactly a half way of talks with EU’ by <u>T.Lazovic</u> – In a statement to daily, Igor Davidovic , BiH Chief Negotiator with EU, says that the upcoming official round of talks with the EC (European Commission) on SAA talks – which starts tomorrow – will represent exactly the half of the planned talks, stressing: “ <i>I am satisfied with the dynamics and I am of the view that in technical regard we can complete talks by the end of year, while signing of Agreement is linked with progress in reforms.</i> ” The upcoming talks should discuss issues like freedom of movement and asylum. Davidovic adds that autumn should see more work about part of Agreement related to free trade. The next round of technical negotiations is scheduled for 28 July in Sarajevo. According to inset ‘Warning over slowness in reforms’, daily says BiH team can expect warnings from EC over blockade or slowness in reforms of police and PBS.
EC’s Priebe: EC concerned because of the reforms in BiH; Osman Topcagic: Blocked of parliament to be solved	Oslobodjenje pg 5 ‘European Commission concerned about pace of reforms’ by M. K S. – A meeting of the EC’s Reform Process Monitoring team is scheduled to take place on Wednesday and Thursday this week ahead of the fourth round of negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement. On Wednesday, the Directorate for European Integrations will brief the EC on the progress in the fields of border control, asylum, migrations, visa regime, combating organized crime and money laundry. On the second day, achievements will be discussed related to the implementation of 6 key priorities: cooperation with the ICTY, police reform, public administration reform, PBS reform, establishing a single economic space and the work of state institutions. Osman Topcagic , head of Directorate, was not willing to comment on the progress achieved but said he expects the ‘ <i>SAA negotiations to go ahead as planned and be finalized by year’s end</i> ’, and went on to say that ‘ <i>There are no reforms without laws being adopted and that is where the role of the Parliament is crucial. I can only hope the reasons for its blockade will be removed</i> ’. European Commission at this round of negotiations will be lead by Reinhard Priebe , who said that EC was concerned bout reforms not going ahead at a desired speed but failed to specify what particular fields were at stake.
DA int with SDS Cavic: Manner in which PRD discusses police reform cannot lead to acceptable solutions	Dnevni Avaz pg 5, announced on cover ‘Nobody in the world would support destruction of BiH’ by <u>Nadja Diklic</u> – In an interview to daily, Dragan Cavic , says he believes that the manner in which police reform is discussed at Directorate cannot lead to solutions that can obtain support at parliaments of both entities and state, underlining the importance of consensus instead of outvoting. He adds he had received many open threats during and after talks on police reform, stressing SDS has paid a big cost of pressures and barely survived.

Local authorities to be seriously warned over delays in police reform	Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Serious warning to BiH because of police reform' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – A collocutor from European Commission confirmed to <i>Nezavisne Novine</i> EU would today [Wednesday], during a session of the Team for Monitoring of Reforms in BiH, warn domestic authorities because of unacceptable delays in police reform. Spokesperson of EC Delegation to BiH Frane Maroevic said <i>'next official round of negotiations on SAA was scheduled for Friday, June 16. European Commission did not reach a decision to postpone the negotiations, but we are aware of delays in police reform. I think domestic authorities should be aware of this too'</i> . Chief BiH Negotiator Igor Davidovic stated police reform is not directly linked with the negotiations but it is a pre-requisite for signing SAA, adding there is no fear there might be any postponements.
BiH Presidency session scheduled for today – Montenegro 's independence not in agenda	Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Recognition of Montenegro is not on agenda' by A.M. – Daily reports that agenda of today's session of BiH Presidency does not include discussion on issue of recognition of Montenegro's independence. Ivo Miro Jovic , BiH Presidency member, explains to daily that they have failed to "agree on agenda" adding that Sulejman Tihic , BiH Presidency Chair scheduled session without this item. Jovic added they will try to solve this prior to the session. BHT1 – BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanic filed an official suggestion to the Presidency to recognize Montenegro, which was also urged by CoM Chair Adnan Terzic . FTV, Dnevni List pg 4 'Decision on recognition of Montenegro today' by <u>Lj.V.</u> – also covered.

Preparations for elections, parties internal disputes

BiH CEC deadline for applying for elections expired; eight coalitions applied most of them are Croat parties; only one coalition in RS	BHT1 by <u>Sanita Lisica Biberovic</u> – The deadline for registration of parties, coalitions and independent candidates for the October elections expired on Tuesday at 17:00. In next seven days, BiH Electoral Commission will control all registered parties and verify their registrations. Eight coalitions have registered for the elections, most of them consisting of Croat parties. Mario Grgic from HDZ explained that the Croat electoral body is the smallest in BiH. Therefore, HDZ intends to gather as many parties as possible. HDZ formed a coalition with HSP and HNŽ. HSP "Djapic-Dr. Jurisic" formed a coalition with NHI. HDZ 1990 formed a coalition with four other Croat parties. Coalition "Patriot Block" [BOSS and SDU] registered its candidates for all authority level. Only one coalition has been registered in RS – the coalition of Pensioners' Party and NDS. Hayat -Chair of the Central Election Commission Branko Petric told the press conference that Election Commission will revise the applications in next seven days. Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Applications for eight coalitions filed' by <u>L.S.</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Eight coalitions for general elections were registered' by <u>N. K.</u> , EuroBlic pg RS3 'Carefully to partnerships' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u> – also reported.
Croat Block rejects idea of coalition with HDZ; one of reasons relation toward the Catholic Church	Dnevni List pg 6 'Bacak: Covic is not man of his word' by <u>Dario Pusic</u> – President of Croat Block has decided to reject the possible coalition with the HDZ BiH and other parties, which was recently agreed at the session of the HDZ Presidency. Croat Block's deputy in FBiH Parliament Ivan Bacak told DL that they didn't want to jeopardise their integrity, since HDZ was close to accept their program, but didn't want to accept people behind it and wanted to influence personnel changes in the Block. Bacak explained that they are now going to establish coalitions with parties that failed to register to all levels, such as Ljubuski based HKDP. As main reason for rejection of the coalition he mentioned constitutional changes, stressing that Croat Block was advocating for Peoples' Constitution with three federal units. The second reason, says Bacak, are "series of actions by Dragan Covic [HDZ leader] during my membership in HDZ... It is known that our people left the HDZ because they were tricked and just like that Covic was prepared to sign anything and to deny [that same thing] tomorrow." He concludes that additional problems is HDZ attitude towards the Catholic Church. RHB, Oslobođenje pg 6 'Independently-to elections' <u>not signed</u> – Also carries that Croat Block would not found coalition with HDZ.

DL: HDZ BiH builds strategy by attacking the Church	<p>Dnevni List pg 7 'New attack of HDZs to Church' dignitaries', mentioned on cover by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> - DL article carries that at the last session of the HDZ Western Herzegovina Cantonal Board the Church high-ranking officials were assaulted, and the author notes that this criticising of the Catholic Church and its clergy is new strategy of the HDZ BiH and leader Dragan Covic, in an effort to decrease influence of the Church in everyday life, especially of those who are members of the party. Aware of the fact that they have lost the Church's and Cardinal, Vinko Puljic's support, Covic and others "have decided to openly fight them through public discussions and meeting of the local boards of the party and thus have the Church's influence to the minimum before the elections. Only this way, strategists believe, it is possible to save HDZ from full break up and loss of electoral trust " DL source from the Western Herzegovina Cantonal Board said the leading role in this campaign was taken by Velimir Jukic, lately becoming Covic closest ally. Jukic allegedly harshly criticises the Church, and claims "it is irrelevant", demonstrating this by the "fact" that Cardinal's latest visit to USA was "embarrassing". Same source claims some partisans did not like the accusations, however notes that HDZ Board in Grude has also accused the Church for being ignorant for status of Croats.</p>
HSP Djapic- Jurisic: prepared to stand up to both HDZs	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 12 'We will bring down both HDZ parties', mentioned on cover, by <u>Emil Karamatic</u> - In an interview to SD, Dr. Zvonko Jurisic, president of HSP Djapic-Dr. Jurisic, speaks about the forthcoming elections and his party's coalition with Kresimir Zubak'sNHI stressing that party members support the coalition and that the party membership has doubled in the last several days. Asked about the origin of the 'unnatural' coalition with NHI, Dr. Jurisic says he blames both HDZ parties for the poor standing of the Croat people and wants to restore its dignity by fighting crime, reverse criminal privatization and repossess illegally gained property. "We are not just accusing but telling the truth about the disastrous reign of HDZ in BiH...We are talking about both HDZ parties. These people broke the law on repossession of property and have been in power for fifteen years already. Only with NHI as a strong opposition party can we fight this evil...Remember, no one in our coalition has been charged with crime. There are many reasons for forming this coalition and I believe that our voters will recognize that and, in the end, we will hear the famous saying 'both are down', I mean both HDZ parties."</p>
SDA Vice President Terzic: SDA does not see me in the first echelon of list holders; I will not break unity of party, I am ready to accept that	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Tihic displaces Terzic?', pg 2 'Tihic's confrontation with disobedient' by <u>S.Numanovic</u> - Daily carries SDA faces with the internal disputes over the positions in the elections lists. Author notes that SDA leader Sulejman Tihic is trying to place party members loyal to him to the influential places, adding that his opponent at the last party's elections, Elmir Jahic, is on the other side fighting for his own position in SDA by taking places at the elections lists. Article carries that SDA Vice President Adnan Terzic is not satisfied with these internal conflicts to the extent he doesn't desire to be the SDA candidate. Inset 'Izetbegovic's position' - Article comments that although Tihic is not in favour of him, Bakir Izetbegovic, will be SDA list-holder for the state parliament. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Terzic: I have information that they do not see me in first echelon' by <u>S.N.</u> - Terzic stated: "I have information that, although the process is not over yet, people that take care about SDA personnel policy do not see me at the first echelon of list holders for the state parliament. In order to prevent breaking unity of the party, I am ready to accept such thing and not make any problems in this regard." Asked to comment whether Tihic is trying to get rid of him, Terzic noted: "there are perhaps some private issues in here. Main thing is that I neither want to talk on the subject nor raise the issue in the pre-election period." Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 3 'Terzic said that they should not count on him' by <u>A.Omeragic</u> - Commenting the issue for daily, Terzic said that any kind of division within the party would only help other parties to attract SDA electorate body: "If I am not on the list, I assume it means that they [SDA] are not happy with what I did." Terzic recently stated for FTV that he does not expect to be on SDA list for elections. SDA headquarters could not deny nor confirm will Terzic appear on lists, adding that the lists have not yet been created.</p>

DL: clashes within SDA last since death of Izetbegovic; how will Bakir Izetbegovic react on dispute btw Terzic and Tihic?	Dnevni List pg 3 'Tihic doesn't allow Terzic to the election list', mentioned on cover by <u>R.Dautefendic</u> - After his statement in FTV's 'Central Prison' late night show that SDA is not going to nominate him at the following elections, the Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic , denied all speculations of " <i>his colleagues from SDA</i> " that he is going to establish new party, move to the SDP or the SBiH. He added that instead he would continue to work hard, hoping that someone would notice. On the other side, SDA leader and Chair of BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic didn't want to comment to these statements. In addition, Tihic's secretary told DL that the " <i>President Tihic doesn't want to comment bar talks and that is why he is not answering your calls</i> ". As DL stresses this dispute wouldn't end here, as the clashes within SDA have never stopped since death its founder Alija Izetbegovic . " <i>The question is how would his son Bakir [Izetbegovic], and even common members of the party, react to all this considering that Terzic already enjoys sympathies of a large number of citizens, at least when it comes to FBiH</i> " concludes DL.
Oslob op-ed condemns work of BiH CoM Chair Terzic	Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Prosperity' <u>op-ed by Senka Kurtovic</u> - Commenting on Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic 's resentment of SDA decision not to appoint him as a list-holder for the parliamentary elections, the editorial reads that Terzic is prone to self-promotion and likes taking credit for VAT implementation, reforms, admission to the EU and that without him the state would not function at all. The editorial goes on to say that, contrary to his claims, Terzic was not able to make his ministers attend BiH CoM sessions, let alone have the law on Public Broadcasting System [PBS] adopted or implement the police report. "[Former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder ...is one of rare European politicians who bothered to come to Sarajevo and speak with Terzic. On the other hand, [Croatian] Prime Minister Ivo Sanader and the old-new prime minister of Serbia Vojislav Kostunica prefer coming to Mostar and Banja Luka than to Sarajevo. Evidently, they do not have much to talk about with Terzic... Our relationship with the neighbors is worse than ever and the neighbors know it. According to Terzic, all is OK and the problems are not our fault, i. e. his fault. He is doing his job well... Even after the elections, things will be good for him, our PM consoles himself. Politics gives and takes, but it cannot take away one thing - prosperity... Prime Ministers of normal countries believe in capable co-workers, good economy and stable society. Our PM believes in 'prosperity'."
RS Vice President Tomljenovic: Bosniaks, Croats minority in RS; this must change with elections	Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'After the war, Croats have become minority in Republika Srpska' by <u>FENA</u> - Ivan Tomljenovic , RS Vice President and HSS (Croat Peasants' Party), warned in a press statement released by HSS Tuesday that Croats and Bosniaks - although constitutive peoples - have become minority in RS following unjust and imposed Dayton Agreement, the same way as Serbs are minority in F BiH. HSS expects this situation will change after elections with new officials, whose priority would be accelerated economic development. HSS also welcomes address of Bishops' Conference of BiH, by which Bishops have pointed at importance of election law.
Research Agencies: people in BiH reluctant to vote; 50% said that would vote on October elections	BHT1 by <u>Mubarek Asani</u> - According to research results conducted by "Prism Research", only about 50% of BiH citizens are going to vote at the October elections. 18% still haven't decided whether to vote or no. Julijan Komsic from "Puls" research agency stated that most citizens willing to vote are over 60 years of age. Aida Besic , OSCE information officer, stated that most young people don't want to vote, because they feel that political parties don't keep their promises after the elections. Analyst Ismet Dizdarevic stated that the neutral stance of citizens can't be useful in current BiH situation.

Economy, judiciary and security

Negotiations on Mittal Steel employees resumed; deadline for final agreement two days BiH	FTV – With the assistance of the FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic , negotiations between “Zeljezara” Zenica and Mittal Steel over distribution of apartments resumed on Tuesday. Hadzipasic, Ministers Vahid Heco , Ferid Otajagic and Zahid Crnikc , as well as representatives of management and workers of both companies attended the talks, however while final solution wasn't found significant steps forward were made. This includes decision to help consolidation of “Zeljezara”, which would then give apartments under tenancy right to “Mittal Steel” workers after workers of “Zeljezara” are taken care of. Hadzipasic said the final agreement is expected within 48 hours. BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Hadzipasic gave trade union 48 hours for agreement’ <u>by A.Dzonlic</u> – also reported.
PM Hadzipasic and FBiH Govt under increased criticism over privatization issues	Dnevni List pg 9 ‘Prime Minister attempts to control the privatization’ <u>by Mensud Zorlak</u> – SDP's deputy in FBiH House of Representatives, Hasan Becirevic stated that FBiH PM Ahmet Hadzipasic has insisted for the both houses of FBiH Parliament to discuss and vote on the amendments to the Law on Privatization, regardless to the fact that HoR MPs have rejected the changes. Becirevic explained that the Law on which Hadzipasic insists on is drafted “by measure” of large companies and it is contradictory to other related laws. Dnevni Avaz pg ‘It is possible that SBiH would ask even the replacement of Federal Government’ <u>by M.Kukan</u> – In the eve of FBiH Govt's session on re-capitalization of ‘Energopetrol’ by INA/MOL Consortium, Head of SBiH Caucus in FBiH HoR Ismat Briga noted the agreement was already rejected by the Parliament. However, in case contract would be signed, SBiH would consider replacement of the FBiH Government.
CC orders BL District Court to solve the case on compensation of damage of religious objects in amount of KM15.2 million	RTRS – BiH Constitutional Court ordered Banja Luka District Court to solve the case which refers to compensation of damage in amount of 15.2 million KM, which was caused by the destruction of religious objects in Banja Luka (mosques: Ferhadija, Arnaudija, Stupnicka and Vrbanska). BiH Constitutional Court reported that failure to solve the legal suit that Islamic Community submitted to Banja Luka District Court on October 27, 2000 present violation of right for just trial from the European Convention. Dnevni Avaz pg 13 ‘Process of “Islamic Community of BiH against RS” must start immediately’ – also reported.
DL: Inspections to check illegally construction in Mostar Old Town , to ensure compliance with UNESCO standards	Dnevni List cover splash ‘Illegal objects are being torn down’, pg 11 ‘Destroying in the OldTown’ <u>by Sanja Bjelica</u> – Federal inspectors, along with inspectors of city and cantonal institutions, are about to launch the control of illegally constructed premises in the Old Town of Mostar. They said the aim of the action is to define and remove all irregularities in order to completely harmonize the situation in the area with the UNESCO standards. Chief of Mostar City Urban Planning Department, Zarko Markic, said every illegally built facility would be discussed and some of them would be destroyed. Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘Markic: There will be removing of objects in Mostar’ <u>by F.Vele</u> – also informed.
DL: Citizens under the surveillance Sokolac	Dnevni List pg 8 ‘Citizens under magnifying glass of secret services’ <u>by Danijela Kozina</u> – BiH is soon supposed to receive new sophisticated surveillance equipment from UK Government but there are no laws regulating what agency will receive this equipment. The question of possible abuse comes to mind because of several affairs related to illegal surveillance over the last several years, most notably the case when Zlatko Lagumdžija , SDP president, was under surveillance by local secret services and then accused by SDA party of planning a coup, which was seen by the public as an attempt to discredit the opposition. Also, a number of international diplomats living in the same apartment block were under surveillance in 2003 although the secret services’ excuse was that they were trapping a BiH citizen who also lived in the same building against whom criminal proceedings were under way. In 2004 former head of AID Munir Alibabic and Muhamed Ajanovic complained to FBiH Ombudsmen that FOSS wiretapped them illegally which Ombudsman's office saw as human rights violation.

<p>Sokolac Municipality to discuss lifting sanctions</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Talks on sanctions soon' by <u>Srna</u> – Sokolac Municipality had received a letter from US Embassy to BiH, which reads that a meeting with representatives of Sokolac Municipality would be organised soon to discuss "Lautenberg's sanctions" that were imposed to the US administration to the Municipality. Sokolac Mayor Dragan Cvijetic said Municipal officials had asked from US Embassy to specify what this Municipality could do in order for sanctions to be lifted.</p>
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