

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 5/6/2006

## Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 5 June

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
CRO delegation, Jovic visiting Mostar	Excavation in Buk Bijela starts	BiH Fiscal Council in session today
HVIDRA extraordinary session	Ljubicinac pleads not guilty	Montenegro asks int. recognition
HDZ BiH, HDZ 1990 mark anniver.	Talks on Mital Steel start	Bucharest developments

## TV news broadcast on 4 June

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Toronto arrests linked with BiH?	Better visa regime at year end	Montenegro declared independence
Barun reappointed as HVIDRA Pres.	Terzic on tax surplus	Serbian Assem. on CG independence
Pope conducted a Pentecost Mass	Feature on coffee smuggling	Croatia on CG independence
Vatican official in Zagreb	New RS vehicle registration system	Tihic on Montenegrin independence

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Interview with Hasan Muratovic	Montenegro declared independence	Montenegro declares independence
KM 1.5 bil. of VAT income collected	Issue over BiH border with SiCG	New RS vehicle registration system
Better visa regime for BiH citizens?	Hunger strike in Mittal Steel continue	CIPS Director on priorities
Mittal Steel workers on strike	ITA collects 1.5 bln KM in 5 months	Times publishes 2020 EU chart

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Bosniaks not allowed into Brcko downtown
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	[SDUs Tokic] International circles are working with Serbia against BiH
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Teachers enforcing Islam on Catholic children (Cardinal Puljic complains of pressures against Catholics in Sarajevo)
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Biggest insult of Christians (Cardinal Puljic complains of pressures against Catholics in Sarajevo)
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Arrests in Mostar – part of investigation against Vice Vukojevic
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Conflict over wire-tapping equipment
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	A horrifying destiny of Mirjana
<b>EuroBlic</b>	Ramp to car-mafia
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	Features Serbian related topics

## LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

War crimes suspect pleads not guilty	BH Radio1, RTRS – Radislav Ljubicinac from Rogatica, charged with war crimes against humanity, has today pleaded not guilty on all eight counts of the indictment before BiH Court.
Exhumations at Buk Bijela location commence	<b>BH Radio1</b> By Alen Bajramovic– Excavation of mass grave found at the location of Hydroelectric Plant Buk Bijela, 10 kilometers away from Foca, started this morning. According to first estimates of the FBiH Commission for Missing Persons, the body remains were transported into the tunnel, after which its entrance was mined. As it was reported larger number of bodies is visible from the entrance, which is now being widened in order to allow experts to approach it.
HVIDRA to hold extraordinary session following Radic arrest	<b>RHB</b> – HVIDRA of Herceg-Bosna (Croat war veterans) is holding an extraordinary session today (Monday) following the arrest of <b>Marko Radic</b> , the HVIDRA President, last Friday (suspected of committing war crimes)

BiH Fiscal Council to hold session today and discuss distribution of VAT resources	<b>RTRS</b> - The BiH Fiscal Council is today expected to hold session in Sarajevo and determine coefficient for distribution of resources collected through VAT, <b>Aleksandar Dzombic</b> , RS Finance Minister, has announced today. Dzombic, who will attend today's session of FC, reiterated that RS Government is not satisfied with the existing solutions on this issue (distribution of VAT resources).
Both HDZ BiH and HDZ 1990 mark anniversary	<b>RHB</b> - On the occasion of 16 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of HDZ in Mostar, both the HDZ 1990 and HDZ BiH are planning to mark the event.
HSP, NHI sign agreement on coalition for elections	<b>FENA</b> - Presidents of HSP Djapic-Juriscic and NHI, <b>Zvonko Juriscic</b> and <b>Kresimir Zubak</b> respectively, signed an agreement in Mostar today (Monday), according to which the two parties will take part in October elections in coalition at all levels. The coalition's candidate for the office of Croat member of BiH Presidency will be Zvonko Juriscic.

## Referendum initiative, elections, education and other political issues

BiH MoFA announces liberalization of visa regime for some categories by end of the year	<b>Hayat</b> - BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs' Assistant for Legal and Consular Affairs <b>Zoran Perkovic</b> announced the possibility that EU would liberate the visa regime for certain categories of BiH citizens by the end of the year. Perkovic stressed that BiH is obligated to change the whole series of regulations. Visa regime could be alleviated for students, scholarly and research workers, businessmen and professional drivers, diplomats and persons who had close relatives living in some of the EU countries. <b>PINK, EuroBlic</b> RSpg 2 'Possible relaxations' - also covered.
SDU Tokic accuses IC, Serbia of working against BiH	<b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover splash 'International circles are working with Serbia against BiH', pg 2 'Tokic: Tihic's compliments to Dodik are unexplainable' by <u>L.Sinanovic</u> - SDU leader <b>Sejfidin Tokic</b> stated that BiH is in the deepest crisis since Dayton Agreement, considering the constant disputes of its statehood. Commenting the "vicious map" published by the London Times [according to which the European in 2020 would have about 20 new states, including Herceg Bosna and the RS, but without BiH], Tokic said: <i>"It is obvious that this is about synchronization of moves of certain international circles with nationalistic political structures of Serbia and RS"</i> , adding that this is a reason why reform processes are in delay. Tokic added he doesn't understand why there is no appropriate reaction, and underlined his party has asked from the SDA and SBiH to withdrawn support to current RS Government. Inset 'Crisis and disorientation in the SDA'- <i>"Compliments that in last few days [SDA leader <b>Sulejman] Tihic</b> gave to the RS Government and entirely opposite warnings by the Prime Minister <b>Adnan Terzic</b> that this same Government has blocked reforms in BiH, demonstrate the depth of a crisis inside...SDA"</i> said Tokic. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 9 'Sulejman Tihic lost a state compass' <u>not signed</u> - also carries SDU's criticism of SDA leadership.
RS PM Dodik rejects accusations of BiH COM Chair he is blocking reforms	<b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Reform is not everything Terzic proposes' by <u>G.G.</u> - Commenting on statement of <b>Adnan Terzic</b> , BiH CoM Chair (saying that <b>Milorad Dodik</b> , RS Premier, is blocking all reform processes), RS PM stated we are not standing on the path of reforms, stressing we do not want everything that BiH COM Chair Terzic proposes as reform, adding: <i>"It is a defence from some sort of his catastrophic position...RS, in reform-flourishing, wants a European course but Methuselahs like Terzic do not help in that."</i> Commenting on plea Croats from Ilidza addressed to him, Dodik said he has not received such as yet but has heard of it in media, adding: <i>"I will speak with them, why not."</i> (Citizens of five Ilidza local communities with majority Croat population demand establishment of Western Ilidza in a response of decision of Ilidza City council of 25 May to approve joining of this Sarajevo municipality to Union of Municipalities "of Turkish world".)

<p>Comments on RS PM Dodik: SBiH, SDA, SDP, NHI all highly critical of him</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Kadric: Support to Dodik should be withdrawn immediately' by <u>A.Malagic</u>- Commenting a statement of the BiH Council of Ministers Chair, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, given to Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz on 4 June [for more details see BiH Round-up June 4] in which he said that the support to the RS Government lead by <b>Milorad Dodik</b> should be withdrawn immediately since all the reforms have been delayed since the establishment, the Chair of RS Council of Peoples and member of SBiH <b>Remzija Kadric</b> said that he support this initiative adding that he was against Dodik's Government from the beginning. SDA Presidency member <b>Sadik Ahmetovic</b> said that he warned about Dodik obstructing reforms on several occasions. <i>"There is a some more time until his mandate expires and what we can do at this moment is to talk to RS PM and if there are no signs that he would change his current arrogant stance toward the reforms we should also reexamine our stance toward him"</i> said Ahmetovic. SDP' deputy in RSNA <b>Zekerijah Osmic</b> said that it is disgrace that SDA and SBiH Ministers are still in that Government. NHI' <b>Dobrica Jonjic</b> said that Dodik's statements are 'complete nonsense', but that he 'wouldn't like to get involved into personal disputes of Terzic and Dodik'.</p>
<p>PDPs Ivanic says he demanded from EU's Rehn for RS proposals on police reform to be considered; requests for abolishment of RS require same reaction as referendum initiative</p>	<p><b>SRNA</b>- SRNA news agency carries that being a guest in Banja Luka seated ATV television on Sunday night, <b>Mladen Ivanic</b>, BiH Foreign Minister and PDP President, stated that the EC is concerned over halt in police reform, which may jeopardize the BiH' signing of Stabilisation and Association Agreement. Ivanic noted that one part of structure in Brussels is of the view that last years' Agreement on police restructuring represented acceptance of Martens' plan, adding: <i>"On the other hand, there is another group of the view that this Agreement has opened the road for new police reform, since Martens' plan has failed."</i> He has confirmed that at Friday's meeting with <b>Olli Rehn</b>, EU Expansion Commissioner, he has demanded that proposals coming from RS are also analysed. According to him, the essence of those proposals is that police reform includes transfer of some serious criminal acts onto SIPA, while general security of citizens should remain under entities' jurisdiction. He also commented that all international institutions in BiH must finally take an equal stance towards everybody in BiH and to warn those demanding abolishment of RS equally as RS warned over referendum statements. He said: <i>"If such pressures continue and politicians from Sarajevo keep talking RS is a genocide creation... such a political tension is created in which stories about referendum are completely normal."</i></p>
<p>DSS Kovacevic: Referendum to be held if agreement is not reached</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'To annex RS if Kosovo is separated' by <u>Onasa</u>. <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Referendum to be held if agreement is not reached' by <u>V.Popovic</u>. <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'Agreement or referendum' by <u>D.Mo.</u>- At Sunday's press conference in Banja Luka, the President of DSS (Democratic Party of Srpska), <b>Predrag Kovacevic</b>, has stated that referendum for secession of RS would be the sole possible solution if BiH politicians failed to reach agreement about key issues, especially police reform. He has also said that BiH must be a state at the measure of all its citizens, or otherwise RS should secede, adding that if international community allows secession of Kosovo, RS will have a right to independence as well, adding: <i>"The orchestrated assaults against RS demanding abolishment of RS were made by F BiH following statement of RS PM Dodik on referendum, but international representatives have not condemned it."</i> He is of the view that IC must have equal standards fir all in BiH, adding it should also equally sanction those demanding abolishment of RS. He has also said that Police Reform Directorate is working illegally and in line of outvoting principle. He also criticised RS Mol for having failed to identify perpetrators of numerous murder cases in RS.</p>

Leader of NSRzB Ivankovic: Citizens should have bigger say in constitutional changes process through referendum	<b>Vecernji List</b> , pgs 10 and 11, mentioned on front 'To Constitution through referendum', by <u>Robert Bubalo</u> – carries an interview with the President of People's Party Working for Prosperity (NSRzB), <b>Mladen Ivankovic-Lijanovic</b> , in which he announces the party will take part in the October elections at all levels. Asked to comment on the process of constitutional changes in BiH, Ivankovic says the changes should foresee strengthening of state authorities and reduction of the oversized administration in BiH. He insists that the Constitution is the fundamental document, in which the citizenry should have a bigger say, explaining that political leaders should reach a consensus and come up with a referendum question to the citizens as to what kind of BiH the citizenry want.
Tuzla Canton Assembly requests from OHR to remove RS PM Dodik over referendum statements	<b>Vecernji List</b> , pg 11 'People from Tuzla request removal of Dodik and banning of SNSD', by <u>mpe</u> – Members of the Tuzla Canton Assembly adopted a conclusion (VL does not state when) by which they request from the OHR to remove the RS PM, <b>Milorad Dodik</b> , and the BiH Central Election Commission to ban the SNSD from taking part in the October elections because the party's and its leader's statements regarding the separation referendum.
RS PM Dodik: RS wants to join EU, but not at any cost	<b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 9 'Dodik prepared to tell Europe good bye because of the RS' by <u>Fena</u> – At the opening of Knezevo/Skender Vakuf – Imljani road, the RS Prime Minister <b>Milorad Dodik</b> stated that RS wants to join the Europe, but not at any cost. <i>"If going to the Europe means abolishment of RS then we'll say a good bye Europe,"</i> said Dodik. He emphasised that RS can't be the main culprit for all negative things that occur, adding that this entity will continue to exist: <i>"We want to be partners, but no one will underestimate us and crash us,"</i> said Dodik.
GS op-ed supportive of RS PM's statement on referendum	<b>Glas Srpske</b> op-ed pg 2 'Signs through political life' by <u>Tomo Maric</u> – Writing about the recent statement of <b>Milorad Dodik</b> , RS Premier, regarding referendum, the author notes that Dodik has noted referendum is crown of democracy and that people of RS will not run from it in protecting its interests when the time comes. The author says that speaking of referendum, Premier Dodik has chosen future between future and past, showing political determination and courage not seen so far and which most of the Serb politicians so far did not have.
GS op-ed welcomes a support for autonomy options throughout the world	<b>Glas Srpske</b> op-ed pg 4 'Beyond the entire world' by <u>Boro Maric</u> – Commenting on recent statement EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy <b>Javier Solana</b> gave following RS PM's <b>Milorad Dodik</b> statement on referendum (Solana said that <i>"International Community has a clear stance: Dayton Agreement recognized BiH as sovereign and independent state. RS is part of that state, which is also clearly defined by DPA"</i> ), the author raises the issue as if RS is obligated to behave within constitutional framework, the others are also obligated to act instead of constantly changing the DPA. The author notes the DPA has been changed through many reforms and is still being changed through police reform. The author notes that while autonomy options are being strengthened in other parts of the world (like Flandreau in Belgium , Catalonia and Basque in Spain ), it is being suppressed in RS and F BiH.
HDZ concerned with election of Croat Presidency member	<b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 8 'Croats are electing member of the presidency alone' by <u>A.O.</u> – After 12 parties announced that they would nominate their candidate for a Croat member of the BiH Presidency, high-ranking HDZ officials met with the Apostolic Nuncio <b>Alessandro D'Errico</b> to share their concern with the Vatican. D'Errico didn't want to talk about details of the meeting and told daily that he <i>"has nothing to add to what was already published in the media"</i> . According to Central Election Commission, parties that nominated their candidates for a Croat member of the Presidency are SBiH, SDP, HDZ, BOSS, HNZ, SDA, Radom za Boljitak, SDU, HSP Djapic-Juriscic, HDZ 1990, Croat Block and independent candidate <b>Irena Javor Korjenic</b> . Member of HDZ Presidency <b>Marinko Cavara</b> said that problem is not in the party that the candidate comes from, but in who is voting for him. <i>"And then it is the question whether it is good for BiH if one people elects two members of the Presidency. That is dangerous for Serbs as well"</i> said Cavara.

SP RS' Djokic hopes parties with socialist and akin orientation will win October elections	<b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'Turning point in October' by <u>V.Antic</u> – At the marking of 13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Socialist Party of RS in Banja Luka Saturday, <b>Petar Djokic</b> , President of SP RS, has stated that the upcoming October elections in BiH will be of crucial importance for RS and BiH, since choice between past and future will be made at it. He has also expressed hope that the parties with socialist and akin orientation will win elections and <i>"lead BiH towards Europe, with support toe economy development and social justice"</i> .
SDP: Bosniaks not allowed into Brcko downtown	<b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash 'Bosniaks not allowed into Brcko downtown', pg 3 'Prevent ghettoizing and division of Brcko' by <u>S.Smajlovic</u> – SDP deputy in the RS National Assembly, <b>Zekerijah Osmic</b> , commented a planned construction of Croat and Bosniak monuments in Brcko District stating that the discussions on this remind of the pre-war atmosphere when SDS offered Bosniaks to move to a certain part of the town left of river Brka, so that Serbs could get the centre of the city. <i>"The Law on monuments and symbols of Brcko District foresees placing of monuments on the location between Sava' Mosque and Catholic Church, the area that genocidal SDS in Brcko intended only for Serbs"</i> said Osmic further noting that the Chair of Brcko Assembly, <b>Milan Tomic</b> , is against the construction thus obstructing the process. Osmic further claims that the process of ghettoizing and division of Brcko continues, noting that this has been demonstrated by the allocation of the property in Brcko downtown only to Serbs and preventing any others. At the end, Osmic warns BD Assembly, major <b>Mirsad Dzapo</b> , OHR and Supervisor <b>Susan Johnson</b> to prevent the started process of ghettoizing and division of Brcko. <b>RTRS</b> – Croat and Bosniak Brcko District officials want to construct a monument to BiH Army rather HVO killed soldiers in Brcko. Serb officials do not oppose that but they feel that the monument should not be placed at the very centre of Brcko. Deputy Mayor <b>Anto Domic</b> stressed that discussions need to be held so representatives of all 3 people agree on the issue. Opinions of Brcko citizens are divided.
Cardinal Puljic complains of insults against Catholics in a high school in Sarajevo	<b>Dnevni List</b> , front pg splash 'Teachers enforcing Islam on Catholic children', by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – the article reports on the letter that the Vrhbosnia Cardinal, <b>Vinko Puljic</b> , sent to the Sarajevo Canton Education Minister, <b>Emir Turkusic</b> , and the High Representative, <b>Christian Schwarz-Schilling</b> , in which he warns them about a poem published in a book published by a high school in Sarajevo, which insults Jesus Christ and feelings of Catholics and that a Catholic pupil was forced to do homework, whose contents was against his religious feelings. (for details see OHR Media Round-up, June 4). <b>Vecernji List</b> , front pg splash 'Biggest insult of Christians' and pg 3 'Biggest insult of Christians in BiH history', by <u>Vesna Leto, Miroslav Vasilj</u> – carries reactions to the issue. Minister Turkusic says he does not feel responsible, arguing that it is primitive to insult someone on religious basis, as was the case with Prophet Mohammad cartoons. VL also carries reaction by priest of the Zitomislici (Orthodox) monastery near Mostar, <b>Danilo Pavlovic</b> , who says <i>"the most sacred in the faith of a Christian has been insulted"</i> . <b>BHT1</b> – carried that Cardinal Puljic objected the poem and <b>RTRS</b> carried BHT1s report.
DL op-ed criticizes insults of Catholics, says democracy has limits	<b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Unacceptable insulting of Christians', by <u>Resad Dautefendic</u> – the author condemns the publishing of poems that insult feelings of Catholics, arguing that teachers in the school, as well as the schools principal and Minister <b>Turkusic</b> are responsible. <u>Dautefendic</u> insists that democracy has limits since no one has a right to insult someone's religious rights.
BD Supervisor Johnson asks CoM Chair Terzic to include BD into the Law on Higher Education	<b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'State should take over responsibility for District' by <u>E.Razanica</u> – Brcko District Supervisor <b>Susan Johnson</b> sent a letter to Council of Ministers' Chair <b>Adnan Terzic</b> and expressed regret that current Law on Higher Education doesn't include BD. Johnson stressed that despite all development BD was not included into the working group and therefore wasn't able to advocate its including into the Law. Supervisor also reminded that representatives of authorities in BD have sent several letters to BiH authorities pointing to necessity for BD to be included into the Law and therefore, Johnson asks Terzic to use his authority to change the Articles 64 and 65 of the Law so that BD would be included into the Law. Johnson underlines that <i>"it is extremely important for state to start taking over responsibility for the District, which is under its direct sovereignty"</i> .

Member of commission on high education law Banjac: BiH Civil Affairs Ministry illegally changed Draft law in part that speaks of accreditation	<b>Dnevni List</b> , pg 7 'No agreement on higher education?!', by <u>T. C.</u> – Member of the working commission that harmonized the working version of the Draft law on higher education, <b>Mirko Banjac</b> , believes the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs changed the provision of the Draft law related to the accreditation of higher education institutions in an illegal manner. According to Banjac, the initial agreement was that the Agency for development of higher education that is to be formed at the state level is to control the application of European standards in the area of higher education, whilst the accreditation would remain at the entity level, which was changed by the Ministry, which vested the said authorities in the Agency.
Sarajevo University rector Muratovic: I don't expect Law on Higher Education to pass the BiH parliament	<b>Hayat</b> by Semsudin Skejic – Last week, BiH Council of Ministers has finally adopted the Law on Higher Education; however, Ministers of Serb nationality voted against the proposal due to disagreement over the future Agency for licensing and accreditation. At the same time, Sarajevo Cantonal Assembly failed to pass the Law on Higher Education, because Croat Caucus launched a vital national interest procedure. The guest of the news, Rector of Sarajevo University professor <b>Hasan Muratovic</b> , commented he does not expect Law on Higher Education to be adopted in the BiH Parliament, <i>"because there are certain political forces in BiH that do not want any kind of institutions on a state level. I don't think that [RS Prime Minister <b>Milorad</b>] <b>Dodik's</b> Government will allow strengthening of any state institution"</i> . Muratovic explained that the Law on Higher Education would help students who graduate on some of BiH universities to be 'competitive'; Universities would have to work on the basis of Bologna Declaration, which would shorten the studies, and make them much easier for students. Muratovic accused authorities on all levels for not being ready to accept the autonomy of universities, because authorities want to govern universities and faculties, as well as funds intended for those educational institutions. Asked to say if there is any kind of penalty for university professors who print their own mimeographed notes and sell them to students for 30 or 40 KM, Muratovic said that those professors would have to face Ethics Committee, but only if somebody denounces them.
HDZ BiH Mostar's Lasic: HTV Mostar will remain	<b>Dnevni List</b> , pg 11, mentioned on front 'Old Town is wild west', by <u>Arijana Beus</u> – carries an interview with the President of HDZ BiH Mostar, <b>Denis Lasic</b> , in which he reiterates that it is impermissible that the City of Mostar has an imposed statute, stressing that Mostar is the only city with the Croat majority, which in turn sends a bad message to the Croats. Asked what would happen to the HTV Mostar (Hercegovačka TV, whose status is being contested by Bosniak councillors in City Council), Lasic insists the HTV Mostar will not be shut down, adding that his party is trying to find a model that would enable the survival of the TV outlet. Asked to comment on speculations that the Old Town in Mostar could lose its protected status in UNESCO, Lasic notes one should not allow it to happen, however he warns of several issues, such as a return of pre-war users to business premises in Old Town and garbage disposal in the city.
FTV feature on borders btw BiH and SCG: agreement from 2002 was never signed, in 2004 SCG submitted demand for corrections; time to talk again	<b>FTV</b> by <u>Fahrudin Becic</u> – The Interstate Commission on borders between BiH and SiCG has unanimously set the agreement on borders in Banja Luka on May 24, 2002. Head of this Commission <b>Zeljko Obradovic</b> stated that when the maps prepared in line with the agreement were supposed to be signed, SiCG refused to do so forwarding a request for correction of the borders. <b>Sead Avdic</b> , BiH House of Representatives (HoR) delegate, stated that the request was received in 2004 which stressed a need for revision of the annexes to the agreement. <i>"Nevertheless, the negotiations must be resumed no matter how painful this issue seems to be"</i> added Avdic. According to the reporter, the annexes included the correction of the borderline for 50 km <sup>2</sup> in BiH territory. <b>Mladen Potocnik</b> , BiH HoR delegate, stated that BiH officials couldn't reach the agreement on the issue. <i>"Unfortunately, this situation pleased some of the politicians that enjoyed watching BiH losing its money and energy"</i> added Potocnik. On the other side, Obradovic said that BiH team of experts had reached the agreement but the misunderstandings occurred during the negotiations with SiCG within the Commission. Reporter stated that Montenegrin independence would mainly affect this issue adding that the political trading should be excluded as the option.

## Economy and culture

IAT collects more than 1.5 billion KM of VAT-revenues in five months; according to CoM Chair that is 150 million KM more than planned	<b>Hayat</b> - In first five months the Indirect Taxation Administration [ITA] has collected more than KM 1.5 billion of revenues on the basis of Value Added Tax [VAT], which is three times more than three separate customs administrations collected during the entire 2003. Hayat said this was a good thing, but added that the problem is a lack of any adequate plans to spend the surplus money. ITA announced that the VAT-based revenue should reach KM 3.5 billion by the end of the year. BiH Council of Ministers Chair <b>Adnan Terzic</b> stated that entities and cantons are spending surplus money without any plan or budget rebalance. <i>"As a result of collecting the VAT, we have significant surplus, even more than planned 150 million KM. We have situation now that the entire surplus goes to entities and I am afraid that they are using it improperly at the moment, which is a very bad thing... It should not have been used without any plan or budget rebalance"</i> stated Terzic for Sarajevo-based daily 'Dnevni Avaz'. CoM Chair announced that the spending of surplus income would be discussed with the delegation of the International Monetary Fund, which is scheduled to visit BiH in mid-June. <b>PINK, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 9 '1.555 billion KM on the state account by May' <u>not signed</u> , <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'More tax collected in five months than throughout entire 2003', <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'They have collected BAM 1.55 billion' by <u>P.K.</u> - also carried.
Mittal Steel employees still in hunger strike; protests before FBiH Government announced for Tuesday	<b>BHT1</b> - After six days of the hunger strike, eight members of the "Trade Union of Veterans" working in the Mittal Steel company received medical treatment for several times as their health condition is worsening. The workers are on hunger strike as of Tuesday after they were denied a participation in the allocation of 596 apartments which were returned to Zenica Steel. During the strike, the veterans have been given the eviction notice after which some of them threatened to commit suicide as the only solution. The strikers announced organising protest in Sarajevo in front of FBiH Government's building on Tuesday, unless the situation change. <b>Hayat</b> - FBiH Minister of Veterans' Issues <b>Zahid Crnkic</b> visited strikers on Saturday. <b>FTV, Oslobođenje</b> pg 7 'Protesters to ask replacement of Heco And Hadzipasic' by <u>M.Dajic</u> , <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'As of tomorrow in front of FBiH Government' by <u>A.D.</u> , <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 11 'Workers of "Mittal Steel" still on hunger strike' by <u>A.Mujkic</u> - also carried.
CRO PM Sanader: Government will go ahead with Peljesac Bridge	<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> , pg 2 'Hats of to Mesic, however we will build bridge', by <u>H</u> - Following the statement by Croatian President <b>Stipe Mesic</b> , who noted that the Peljesac-Croatian mainland bridge would be too expensive therefore the project should be scrapped, Croatian PM, <b>Ivo Sanader</b> , commented that he respected what President Mesic thought of the project, however he and his Government are of different opinion therefore the bridge will be built.
DA int with UNESCO SG Matsuura: Not only Old bridge is on the list, but Old city too; integrity of this must not be violated	<b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'Pearl of Mostar belongs to all citizens of the world', mentioned on cover, by <u>Admir Malagic</u> - In an interview to DA, the UNSECO Secretary General, <b>Koichiro Matsuura</b> , commented the lack of care of for Mostar heritage which was been included in the UNESCO list: <i>"It is known that the list of protected heritage includes not only the Old Bridge, but also the area of the Old City. It is crucial not to violate integrity of this. It is up to ... Mostar people to maintain that integrity and to protect that pearl of architecture."</i> He also announced that the organization would help the reconstruction of Ferhadija mosque in Banja Luka, Serb Orthodox Church in Mostar and Catholic monastery Plehan in Derventa.

## Crime prevention and security issues

RS Interior Minister presents new vehicle registration system which prevents a sale of stolen vehicles	<b>RTRS</b> by <u>Nada Arlov</u> – RS Interior Minister <b>Stanislav Cadjo</b> presented a project of computerisation of vehicle registration process which is expected to be established in the territory of entire RS in the next 4 months. This would also enable citizens, who decide to buy a second hand vehicle to check the regularity of paperwork in an easy way. Cadjo stressed that introduction of this project will represent a serious blow to organised crime. Registration of vehicles through the mentioned process already started in Banja Luka, Prijedor, Mrkonjic Grad, Gradiska, Prnjavor, Doboj, Derventa, Bijeljina, Zvornik, Pale, Foca and Trebinje. <b>PINK</b> – Cadjo stated that this project is one of first steps in serious fight against organised crime. He also stated that the computer system would enable complete and precise information on every vehicle in RS. It was emphasised that project is in accordance with CIPS project of vehicle registration and it represents a step forward regarding implementation dynamics. <b>BHT1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 ‘Stop to stolen vehicles’ by <u>N.D.</u> , <b>EuroBlic</b> cover pg splash, RSpg 2 ‘Ramp to car-mafia’ by <u>Mirna Soja</u> , <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 ‘Data on all vehicles in one place’ by <u>S.Karic</u> , <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 ‘System excluded frauds’ by <u>M.D.</u> – also carried.
RS Mol Cadjo: new RS Police Director to be appointed soon	<b>BHT1, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3 ‘New Director arrives soon’ <u>not signed</u> , <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 ‘Appointment of Police Director soon’ by <u>Sn.K.</u> – <b>Stanislav Cadjo</b> , RS Interior Minister, Sunday expressed hope that the issue of appointment of RS Police Director will be resolved in the coming few days, without elaborating on further details on this issue. Independent Selection Board for Police Director has recently proposed <b>Uros Pena</b> as the sole candidate meeting all the requirements. Board later asked for opinion from RS Mol, in order to propose this appointment to RS Government.
Canadian police: Arrests of terrorism suspects in Canada connected to worldwide arrests including BiH	<b>Dnevni List</b> , pg 4, mentioned on front ‘Canadian terrorists connected to Sarajevo’, by <u>Arijana Beus</u> – Following the anti-terrorist operation conducted in the Toronto area last Friday and Saturday, during which 17 persons had been arrested over suspicion that they are planning terrorist attacks in Ontario, the Canadian police released that the arrest were connected to the same investigations in other countries including BiH. According to Canada’s ‘National Post’, similar arrests took place in the US, UK, BiH, Denmark, Sweden and Bangladesh. As a reminder, DL notes that BiH security forces arrested several terrorist suspects in Sarajevo in late 2005. <b>RHB, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 ‘Terrorists from Canada linked with those arrested in Sarajevo’ by <u>D.Raduski</u> also reported.
BiH to get modern wire-tapping equipment: BiH Ministers clashing over which agency/institution would get it	<b>Nezavisne Novine</b> cover pg splash ‘Conflict over wire-tapping equipment’, pg 3 ‘Conflict of Ministers over wire-tapping equipment’ by <u>M.Cubro</u> – Daily learns from a source at the BiH Council of Ministers that in the coming months, the BiH will get the top modern equipment for wire-tapping, and the silent war as to who would get supervision over the equipment has already commenced at the BiH CoM. The sources says: “ <i>The EU and Great Britain will donate very valuable, expensive and sophisticated wire-tapping equipment, which is not solely intended for intelligence agency, but all police and security agencies can also use it. There is no Law regulating as to what institution would get this equipment, which has caused conflicts at the BiH CoM...</i> ” According to source, the Bosniaks demand OSA (Intelligence Agency) is given this equipment, while Serbs and Croats demand CIPS and BiH Security Ministry are given this equipment respectively. The Memorandum on take-over of equipment should be signed by the end of this week. Source further notes that a possible compromise solution may be that a special Agency inside Security Ministry is formed in charge of managing this equipment.
Commission takes away 38 issues citizenships	<b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘38 foreigners remains without BiH citizenship’ by <u>T.Lazovic</u> – In a statement for DA, the Chair of the Commission for revision of BiH citizenships issued after 1992 and BiH Deputy Security Minister <b>Vjekoslav Vukovic</b> said that up to date the Commission decided to take away 38 citizenships. Vukovic explained that citizenships were annulled in cases when there is no doubt of their falsification or a violation of the law. He also stressed that not all people whose citizenships would be taken away are of Afro-Asian origin, but that there are also some from Ukraine , Moldavia , etc.



<p>NN op-ed: Mafia in E.Sarajevo and Pale showing it is still sacrosanct in this area</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'Terror' by <u>Predrag Klincov</u> – Writing about frequent explosions (latest one against the property of <b>Grujo Golijanin</b> and his cousin <b>Veljko</b>) in wider region of East Sarajevo, the author notes that through constant attacks in Pale and E. Sarajevo, Mafia obviously wants to demonstrate and prove to the authorities that it still represents sacrosanct boss in that area. The author concludes by saying that citizens provide far too much money through taxes intended for financing of police-security structures to see that nine years have passed without seeing a single of 14 murders (committed in this area in this time frame) and far too many assaults against property resolved.</p>
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<b>Follow up on Montenegrin referendum</b>	
<p>Montenegrin Assembly officially pronounced independence on Saturday night</p>	<p><b>BHT1-</b> At the extraordinary session of the Montenegrin Assembly held on Saturday night, Assembly's Speaker <b>Ranko Krivokapic</b> announced declaration of independence. <i>"With all votes in favour, Assembly has adopted the results of the referendum on independence of Montenegro"</i> said Krivokapic at the occasion. Opposition did not attend the session since they deem that referendum was not conducted in democratic manner. EU announced to accept the results of the referendum on independence adding that the further steps toward Montenegro will be discussed at the session of EU Foreign Ministers scheduled on 12 June. EU has also called on Serbia and Montenegro to open the dialogue. <b>FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 15 'Montenegro will get new constitution by end of year', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 10 'Only the Head of Diplomacy of inexistent community congratulated' by <u>Branislav Boskiv</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 9 'EU: About Montenegro on June 12', by <u>Ines Sablic</u> – also covered.</p>
<p>Montenegro to have new Constitution by end of the year</p>	<p><b>RHB-</b> Montenegrin President <b>Filip Vujanovic</b> announced that Montenegro would adopt new Constitution by the end of the year. Former SCG President <b>Svetozar Marovic</b> thanked Serbian and Montenegrin Presidents <b>Boris Tadic</b> and Filip Vujanovic, as well as Prime Ministers <b>Vojislav Kostunica</b> and <b>Milo Djukanovic</b>, for cooperation during his mandate. <b>PINK, Hayat</b>– also covered.</p>
<p>Serbia to hold session and proclaim independence</p>	<p><b>BHT1-</b> Speaker of Serbian Parliament <b>Predrag Markovic</b> announced extraordinary session scheduled on Monday with only one item on the agenda and that is the declaration of Serbian independence. At the same time it would be confirmed at the session that Serbia is a legal successor of former state community of Serbia and Montenegro .</p>
<p>Tihic: BiH and the region should be the first to recognize Montenegrin independency</p>	<p><b>BHT1-</b> BiH Presidency Chair <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> welcomed the Montenegrin independence adding that BiH and the countries in the region should be the first to officially recognize Montenegro as independent state. <i>"We should immediately send a message to EU and world that we are ready to cooperate and build the democracy and stability in the region,"</i> noted Tihic. <b>RTRS-</b> carried similar statement.</p>
<p>Croatian PM Sanader: Croatia to recognize Montenegro in next few days</p>	<p><b>RHB -</b> Croatian President <b>Stjepan Mesic</b> welcomed Montenegrin parliament's decision to declare independence. Croatian Prime Minister <b>Ivo Sanader</b> stated that Croatia would recognize Montenegro in the next few days, adding that the relevant documents are already being prepared. However, Sanader stressed that the exact date of recognition should be agreed with the President of Republic, i.e. Stjepan Mesic. Croatian PM added that Croatia wants to develop good relations with Montenegro and overcome all problems – especially considering the fact that Montenegro participated in the aggression on Croatia. <b>BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni List</b>, pg 39 'Croatia preparing to recognize Montenegro', by <u>HINA</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 8 'Recognition of CG being prepared', by <u>H</u> – also covered.</p>

## War crimes

ICTY' Del Ponte and Pocar to mention insufficient Belgrade 's cooperation before the UN Security Council	<b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Del Ponte and Pocar before Security Council on Wednesday' by <u>Onasa</u> - President of ICTY <b>Fausto Pocar</b> and ICTY Chief Prosecutor <b>Carla Del Ponte</b> would submit their regular reports to the UN Security Council on Wednesday [June 7]. Del Ponte would evaluate in her report that authorities in Belgrade aren't cooperating fully with the ICTY, because they failed to arrest Ratko Mladic. As it is expected, President Pocar would also mention Belgrade's insufficient cooperation in light of carrying out of the strategy for ending of ICTY's work. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Dissatisfaction with Belgrade because it didn't arrest Mladic' by <u>Onasa</u> - also carried.
GS features story on rape and murder of 9-year old from Bioca in 1993	<b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg splash 'A horrifying destiny of Mirjana' by <u>Z.Jovanovic</u> - Regarding the documentary movie "Mirjana", which win a diploma at the recent Moscow Movie Festival, daily reminds of destiny of <b>Rada Dragicevic</b> , whose story was featured in the movie: four days before New Years' Eve in 1993, the mujahedeens raped her 9-year old daughter <b>Mirjana</b> and then murdered her in front of her mother in the village of Bioce near Ilijas.
Interview with Head of Centre for Investigating crimes against Serbs in Sarajevo: Epilogue is 150 thousand Serbs were expelled from Sarajevo	<b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 4 'Silence is a mask for genocide' by <u>Vlastimir Popovic</u> - In a half page interview to daily, <b>Milovoje Ivanisevic</b> , Head of the Centre for investigating crimes against Serb people, says that during the past war, Sarajevo was a brutal, hellish camp for tens of thousand of Serbs, adding that in period from 1992 to 1995, 5515 Serbs were murdered (adding Centre holds lists with names and other data related to murders), around 20 thousand Serbs had been at some of 123 Muslim-run camps in Sarajevo, hundreds of Serb girls and women were raped. According to him, the epilogue of ethnic cleansing and genocide is that 150 thousand Serbs were expelled from Sarajevo, concluding the BiH capitol is today "the cleanest" capitol in Europe. He compares that what Gestapo was for Jews during WW II, people from Sandzak, mostly citizens of SiCG, who were never tried for their crimes, were for Serbs from Sarajevo.
SD: Arrests of war crimes suspects in Mostar linked to Croatian judge Vukojevic?	<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> , front pg splash 'Arrests in Mostar - part of investigation against Vice Vukojevic' and pg 2 'Trails of the troika leads to Vice Vukojevic', by <u>V. Vekar</u> - with regards to the arrest of three war crimes suspects conducted by SIPA in Mostar on Friday (for details see OHR Media Round-up, June 3), SD notes that some believe that the arrest is connected to articles in the BiH and Croatian media, which connect the Croatian Constitutional Court judge, <b>Vice Vukojevic</b> , to alleged rapes in prison camps in Mostar. Namely, a female prisoner from the Vojno prison camp (near Mostar) claimed she had been raped by Vukojevic.
Oslobodjenje : Trebinje police chief took part in war crimes ?	<b>Oslobodjenje</b> , pgs 4-5, mentioned on front 'Goran Zubac was killing civilians in Ahatovici?!', by <u>A. Becirovic</u> - An anonymous group of employees of the Trebinje Public Security Centre (CJB) has allegedly submitted to the Cantonal Prosecution in Sarajevo a criminal report against the CJB Chief, <b>Goran Zubac</b> , because he allegedly took part in the attack on the village of Ahatovici near Sarajevo in 1992 when he commanded a special police unit of RS. Allegedly, the unit captured several Bosniak prisoners, who were subsequently killed. Inset 'Revenge' - Zubac is apparently not disturbed with the report. He reckons this is about revenge by someone who minds recent success of the CJB in the fight against crime.
DA: Brcko District Prosecution investigates the war past of several policemen	<b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 'Brcko District Prosecution investigates the war past of several policemen' by <u>E.R.</u> - <b>Esad Kadric</b> , a delegate of SDA in the Brcko District Assembly, is of the view it is unthinkable that persons who committed the war crimes work in the institution investigating the war crimes. <b>Sead Zahirovic</b> , a coordinator of the Association of missing and killed Bosniaks, recently connected two Brcko District policemen, <b>S.G.</b> and <b>B.P.</b> , with the war crimes against Bosniaks committed in the war camps. Kadric condemns behaviour of the local authorities, especially of Brcko District Police Chief <b>Milenko Milicevic</b> , because nobody has reacted on Zahirovic's accusations. Kadric says that although the Prosecution investigates the cases of two policemen, they still work in the Police instead of being suspended. According to the unofficial information, Milicevic sent Zahirovic's remarks to the Brcko District Prosecution for the further investigation.