

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 21/11/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 21 November

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
10 th anniversary of DPA	EU Foreign Ministers on BiH
Washington talks on constitution	Washington talks continued
Status of Kosovo	Milosevic trial

TV news broadcast on 20 November

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Explosions in Travnik	Explosions in Travnik	3 explosions in Travnik
Conference in Washington	Suspected war criminal arrested	Todorovic arrested
Dayton agreement overview	Meeting on BiH constitution in USA	Terrorist at hearing in Sarajevo
BiH delegation in Washington	Talks on future status of Kosovo	Dayton discussion

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Meeting on BiH constitution in USA	3 explosions in Travnik	SAA negotiations approval
Explosions in Travnik	Terrorist at hearing in Sarajevo	War crime suspect arrested
Kladanj's bank account blocked	Investigation of triple murder in SA	Explosions in Travnik
Murder investigation in Sarajevo	Tuzla Mol on illegal immigration	Conference in Washington

Oslobodjenje	World Bank and BiH are partners on highway
Dnevni Avaz	Historical day for BiH (Interview with HR Paddy Ashdown)
Dnevni List	Mostar: Baby died of meningitis
Vecernji List	One does not defend interests of Croats by boycotting (Ashdown interview)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Three young men from Posusje died (traffic accident)
Glas Srpske	The poker of dread and horror
Nezavisne Novine	Pharmacy and furniture shop destroyed
Blic	Big bills for cell phones (about phone bills of RS Govt. officials)
Vecernje Novosti	Serbia related headlines

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Official marking of DPA starts in Washington	RHB, RS Radio - Official marking of the 10 th anniversary starts in Washington today (Monday). Unofficial marking started on Sunday when a BiH delegation, led by Chairman of BiH Presidency, Ivo Miro Jovic , and Presidency members Borislav Paravac and Sulejman Tihic , met with US Institute for Peace and US and western diplomats engaged in the Balkans related issues. They talked about proposal of new BiH constitution, which was prepared by the Institute. Results of the Washington talks, which resumed today, should be made known on Tuesday when BiH delegations are to meet with the US Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice .
SDA leader Tihic reportedly walks out of Washington talks on Bosnia	SRNA - Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency and SDA chairman Sulejman Tihic has walked out of the Washington talks on constitutional reforms, SRNA has learnt unofficially from members of the RS (political parties) delegation at the talks. A number of participants in the talks said on Sunday that Tihic was dissatisfied with the debate on constitutional reforms in Bosnia-Herzegovina and that his hardline stance was preventing an agreement from being reached. The SDA headquarters in Sarajevo has not confirmed the report on Tihic leaving the talks.

SRNA: EU Foreign Ministers decide to start SAA talks with BiH ASAP	RS Radio – SRNA reports that the EU has today decided to launch talks with the BiH on SAA asap. Referring to EU official, agency reports that talks may start at the end of November, or beginning of December at latest. The conclusion passed at the meeting reads that: <i>"The BiH course towards Europe has now commenced. The commencement of talks marks a historic moment in BiH development and it is the first important step towards establishing constructive relations with the EU."</i>
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Dayton Anniversary/Talks on Constitutional Changes/BiH's Road to Europe

Interviews with HR Paddy Ashdown: Historical day for BiH	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Historical day for BiH' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> - carries a lengthy interview with HR Paddy Ashdown saying that the decision on launching SAA talks with BiH, which is expected to be reached today in Brussels, is a historical day for BiH and he says the start of SAA talks would encourage foreign investors, open new jobs, improve life standard etc. With regard to the visa regime, HR said it is time to deal with this issue as well.</p> <p>Vecernji List, front pg splash 'One does not defend interests of Croats by boycotting', and pg 3 'State will be signed, not constitutional changes!', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> - Carries an interview with the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, in which he confirms that BiH politicians will be offered, during the forthcoming talks in the US, to sign a statement that will oblige them to carry out constitutional reforms. Asked whether the political parties will reach a consensus about the constitutional reforms during the talks in the US, HR Ashdown says the matter is entirely down to the parties, not down on him or the IC. Asked to comment on the Croats' complaints that the framework of constitutional changes are leading into a centralized BiH, HR Ashdown notes that those who stated that should be taking part in the talks, however the HR argues that a boycott is not the best way to express yourself. Inset 'Cardinal Puljic, Covic and Zubak's place is in Dayton' - the journalist asked the HR whether the decision of Dragan Covic, Cardinal Vinko Puljic and Kresimir Zubak not to take part in the talks was not a mature one, to which the HR replied: <i>"Those are your words (...) I do not think that they are helping interests of the Croat people by not taking part in the talks on future of BiH"</i>.</p> <p>Dnevni List, pg 4 'Continuation of reforms is of vital importance', <i>not signed</i> - In an interview for the France Press, HR Ashdown stated that the reconstruction of BiH after the war has been miraculous, however the HR stressed that further reforms were of vital importance for the future progress.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'BiH will not get a new constitution through pressures' by <u>V. Popovic and D. Raduski</u> - In an interview to <i>NN</i>, HR Paddy Ashdown has stated he thinks the Dayton Agreement was an excellent agreement since it was strong enough to bring peace and, at the same time, it was flexible enough to enable implementation of necessary reforms. On Washington talks, HR stated BiH will not get a new Constitution in Washington since development of a constitution is a time-consuming process. He said the Washington talks are important because BiH politicians must understand that developing of a new constitution is a priority and added: <i>'they need to realize this is something they need to do, not the international community'</i>, noting they must understand they need to reach consensus on this issue. <i>'They must understand this process must be launched now, although major part of the process will need to wait until after 2006 elections are held'</i>, HR said. Inset 'A statement will not arrest Karadzic and Mladic' - Asked to comment on the announced signing of a statement of political and religious leaders, by which they would invite Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic to surrender, HR replied this statement perhaps would help in its own way and he thinks if RS politicians are willing to express their willingness to bring these two before the face of justice, this would improve political atmosphere. However, HR stated this statement would not represent their arrest, but will help in the campaign to arrest them.</p> <p>EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Ashdown: There is a model of new BiH' - Paddy Ashdown, HR to BiH, has stated that BiH has managed to overcome politician and economic collapse of ten years ago, adding: <i>"The model through which we have been trying to implement efficient reforms was the creation of key institutions at the state level."</i></p>
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Leaders of eight BiH political parties meet in Washington to continue talks on constitutional changes	RHB, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 3, mentioned on cover 'No one likes Dayton Constitution', FENA - The leaders of eight parliamentary parties from BiH met in Washington on Sunday to continue the talks started in Brussels last week on possible changes to the BiH Constitution. The talks have been organised on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement and with the mediation of the US Institute for Peace led by former Principal Deputy High Representative Donald Hays . There are high expectations in BiH that Hays could force changes to the BiH Constitution out of the eight leaders of BiH political parties, just like US diplomat Richard Holbrooke was able to do with the leaders of warring parties in Dayton ten years ago when they signed an agreement on ending the war. Hays proposed the abolishment of the three-member BiH Presidency and the strengthening of the state parliament and Government. Such a proposal was rejected in Brussels because RS leaders saw it as a way for abolishing the RS, which they oppose. The announced involvement of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in the talks in Washington is widely interpreted as additional pressures on the participants to accept Hays's proposal.
Oslobodjenje on Dayton : Changes to BiH Constitution must not be purely cosmetic	Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5, announced on cover 'Changes to BiH Constitution must not be purely cosmetic' by <u>S. Sehercehajic</u> - The author notes the 10 th anniversary of signing of the Dayton Agreement is important, among other things, because representatives of IC have initiated negotiations among BiH politicians on constitutional changes. One of participants in development of DA Haris Silajdzic thinks the changes must not be only cosmetic. Kresimir Zubak , another participant of the Dayton talks, agrees DA should be changed, while SNSD's Milorad Dodik says DA should be a foundation to all future solutions developed in this area. RS NA Chairman Dusan Stojicic says foundations of DA - BiH consisting of two equal-righted entities, three constitutive peoples and mechanisms for protection of the three peoples - cannot be changed in a new Constitution. Inset 'BiH with two entities is not sustainable' - HDZ's Dragan Covic reiterated before his departure to Washington that such BiH, consisted of two entities, is not sustainable. Dnevni List , pg 4 'Nothing spectacular in Washington', by <u>NINA</u> also carried Stojicic's statement.
DA on Washington talks: Nothing agreed as yet, tensions raising	Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Tension in Washington is raising' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> - Writing about Washington meeting, the author notes that the political representatives from BiH are today expected to meet with Nicholas Burns , the US Sub-Secretary for Political Affairs. According to author, the meeting should at least result in a statement that political leaders accept changes of the Constitution. As daily learns from participants of the meeting, the atmosphere is tensed, there are some periodical tones and sometimes are organisers blamed for having failed to prepare a document on which participants would negotiate, but instead expect from politicians from BiH to reach an agreement by themselves. Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'The greatest problem is the establishment of one President' by <u>S.N.</u> - Daily learns that negotiations of the eight political leaders from BiH have Sunday distanced from any agreement, since the representatives of Serb parties do not accept the establishment of State President and instead offer gradual establishment of the President with two Vice Presidents. The issue of election and number of delegates at the BiH HoP also remains unclear. The issue of BiH COM' composition was not even on agenda Sunday.
VL comment on forthcoming constitutional changes: Peoples should be more flexible, show more understanding	Vecernji List , pgs 4-5 'It brought peace as well as injustice', by <u>Tihomir Begic</u> - Carries a lengthy commentary about the 10 th anniversary of the DPA and the forthcoming talks in the US in which the author argues that the DPA brought peace to BiH, however it also brought injustice, which was taboo until recently. Regarding the future developments, <u>Begic</u> , among other issues, notes that all three peoples in BiH should be more flexible and show more understanding for each other. The most stressed <u>Begic's</u> claim is that, should the Bosniaks insist on a centralized and unitary BiH, a possible consequence would be a formation of an informal alliance between the Croats and Serbs, who would in that way protect each other from the outvoting by the Bosniaks. As for the Croats, <u>Begic</u> says if they keep insisting on the establishment of the third entity, it could cause instability in the country.

<p>BiH Presidency Chair Jovic: Dayton did not create a functional community</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'To create a functional community', FENA – BiH Presidency Chair Ivo Miro Jovic thinks that the Dayton Agreement's greatest achievement is that it stopped the killing and bloodshed. However, Jovic claims that today, ten years since its signing, it has not establishes a functional community and developed something it should have – a community of equality for all citizens and peoples living here. <i>"It did not ensure implementation of something (principles) the modern Europe has paid in blood – the development of a society such as in multicultural and multiethnic communities similar to Switzerland and Belgium"</i>, Jovic told FENA. He thinks that BiH has not been defined as a state, but as a structure "one state, two entities, three peoples" that could not properly function. The BiH Presidency Chair reminded that this agreement has been changed so many times, <i>"especially by those who were given the powers of a monarch, king or tsar, an undeniable ruler in the shape of the High Representative, who were dismissing who ever they wanted and for whatever reasons, but in most cases who only were just controlling the crisis and not resolving it"</i>. He thinks that as a result of such actions more than 1.400 BiH citizens lost their basic human rights, they were taken the right to participate in public political life, the right to be elected or vote and the right to have a job. Jovic thinks that the most important thing in BiH at this moment is to implement the reformed laws and to ensure the return of people to their homes. He added that this is what he expects from his trip to Washington where he will attend on November 19-22 the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement and speak before the Institute for Peace. <i>"We need to create a functional community in BiH which has to reflect its multileveled social community, but to the benefit of all, and at no one's expense. This means creating a prosperous country with a future, primarily through political, but also economic solutions"</i>, Jovic said.</p>
<p>Bosniak member of BiH Presidency Tihic: Dayton stopped the war; Annex 4 (Dayton Constitution) represents an obstacle</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Annex 4 an obstacle', FENA – Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic thinks that the Dayton Agreement deserves credits for the establishment of peace and significant progress achieved in many areas in BiH. <i>"However, yet a few years ago it has come to light that one of the eleven annexes – Annex 4 – the BiH Constitution – poses an obstacle. An obstacle for BiH to function as a untied state, and an obstacle for BiH on the road towards membership in Euro-Atlantic structures"</i>, Tihic told FENA on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement.</p>
<p>Serb member of the BiH Presidency Paravac: The time has come for BiH politicians to take full responsibility for the country's future</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Responsibility of domestic politicians', FENA – The time has come for domestic politicians, who will in their decisions reflect the will of the people who voted for them, to take responsibility for this country, BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac told FENA on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement. Paravac thinks that the Dayton Agreement has an exceptional importance for the contemporary history of BiH. <i>"Dayton is something very important for us, because it stopped a difficult war, the suffering and destruction, and, of course, it provided a framework for the establishment of a decentralised, complex, democratic state. During these ten years we have shown that it is possible to build a state within that framework, a state accepted by all its peoples and entities, and as such acceptable for Euro-Atlantic integration. Reforms that we have implemented so far are the best proof for this"</i>, Paravac said. <i>"Fully supporting this framework I think that all further reforms, which will allow us to have an even more functional and developed state, must be a result of our agreement, an not imposed solutions"</i>, Paravac said.</p>
<p>Terzic: Politicians are the sole obstacle</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Politicians are the only obstacle' by FENA, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'European path a priority over Dayton' – Adnan Terzic, BiH CoM Chair, told FENA that if we look at the implementation of the Dayton Agreement, then we must say I am dissatisfied with the level of its implementation reached, noting: <i>"I am of the view that this story on the European path led by BiH CoM has actually placed the issue of Dayton Agreement on side. The fact we insist on European standards says that we support implementation of DA, since it is one of key European standards to respect international duties."</i> He also said that the DA in the form as it is not an obstacle to anything, noting Agreement itself stipulates that anything within it can be changed with the consensus of politicians in BiH, adding: <i>"Hence, politicians are obstacle. However, the constitutional framework does represent an obstacle."</i></p>

SNSD leader Dodik says Washington talks reversed to beginning following Tihic' arrival	Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover 'Tihic reversed talks on beginning' by <u>A.Sekulic</u> - Milorad Dodik , SNSD President, told daily from Washington that the first day of talks of BiH politicians had some initial results - however, Sunday's arrival of SULEJMAN TIHIC , SDA President, reversed talks to the beginning, since Tihic insisted on one president of BiH, for which there is no assent amongst three peoples of BiH, according to Dodik. Dodik also said that certain level of agreement has been reached in regard to the issue of BiH Presidency's powers, noting that the issues of selection and mandate of BiH Presidency are still disputable.
Party for BiH founder Silajdzic: Constitutional changes should not be cosmetic	BHT, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Ten years was enough for experiments', FENA - One of the participants in the creation of the Dayton Agreement Haris Silajdzic thinks that constitutional changes being discussed by leaders of BiH political parties should not be cosmetic and superficial. Silajdzic thinks that ten years was enough for conducting experiments and that these talks on constitutional changes should not be missed as an opportunity for achieving concrete results. This is a corrective exam and if no concrete agreement is reached the worldwide interest in BiH and this region could diminish, he said.
SDU's Lazovic: Creators of war became builders of peace	Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Creators of war became builders of peace' by <u>Fena</u> - Deputy President of SDU Miro Lazovic , who was BiH Assembly Chairman between 1992-96 and also participated in the Dayton talks, has stated the best achievement of DA was the fact it stopped the war but its bad side was that it transformed creators of war in builders of peace.
Tadic (HSS) sceptical of Washington talks	Dnevni List , pg 5 'Sceptical towards Washington talks', <u>not signed</u> - The President of HSS (Croat Peasants Party), Marko Tadic , says the party is disappointed with what happened in Brussels, expecting more of the same from the Washington talks. Tadic reckons that the Croats could be damaged one more time, foremost because of the fact that no Croat party presented respective positions about the constitutional changes. He adds that 'cosmetic' changes are unacceptable to HSS.
Comments/reactions on Dayton Agreement/ Washington talks in RS/Serbian press	EuroBlic RSpG 2, announced on cover 'A peaceful Bosnia, immature politicians' by <u>Nedeljka Breberina-Rajna Radosavljevic</u> - Daily carries comments of local politicians onto DA anniversary and constitutional changes. Dragan Cavic , RS President, said: "Our obligation now is to preserve a stable state, with preserved identity of all three peoples, but also to improve functionality of Constitution." Mladen Ivanic , BiH Foreign Minister, stated that the greatest achievement of DA is that BiH has entered the phase of normalization of relations, adding demands for changes logical - still crucial changes cannot be achieved. Milorad Dodik , SNSD President, is of the view DA is not just a document that stopped war in BiH. Safet Halilovic , President of the Party for BiH presidency, says that the state structure established through DA is "irrational, expensive and is not in the function of citizens." Sociologist Ivan Sijakovic does not dispute that the DA brought peace, stressing that over the last ten years, BiH has been lagging behind in economic development. He blames politicians for this. Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Stopping the war was the greatest achievement' by <u>Agencies</u> - carries statements of Ivo Miro Jovic , Sulejman Tihic , Borislav Paravac , Adnan Terzic , Ahmet Hadzipasic (it is time we consider the issues of expenditures' reductions and favourable options referring toe economic sector), Sahbaz Dzihanovic (saying DA has cemented status of divisions), Slavko Matic (DA has resulted in negative aspects, bar stopping of war) and Dusan Stojicic . Glas Srpske pg 5 'Mill with three wheels' by <u>D.Momic</u> - carries statements of Ivo Miro Jovic , Sulejman Tihic , Mirsad Djapo , McElchany , Boris Tadic and Stjepan Mesic .
One of participants of Dayton talks on DA: Entities are fact	EuroBlic RSpG 3 'Entities are the fact that should be accepted' by <u>N.Breberina</u> - In an interview to daily, Vitomir Lukic , Professor and one of RS representatives during Dayton talks, says that the Dayton Peace Accords has brought peace, which is its greatest value. He is deeply convinced that DA was the most just and qualitative solution at the moment it was signed, noting that entities are fact and reality, with which everybody should reconcile and live with.

<p>NN op-ed on DA: BiH is decaying over unemployment, poverty, crime and corruption</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Ten years after' by <u>Predrag Klincov</u> – Writing about Dayton anniversary, the author notes that's ten years after the signing of DA, BiH is not what its citizens expected it to be, noting that unemployment, poverty, corruption and crime are seriously damaging BiH. He raises the issue as to what an extent the Annex 4 of the DA effected on this decaying of BiH, urging local politicians to agree on constitutional changes, which have a great effect on BiH population.</p>
<p>Vecernje Novosti on Dayton : The peace was of ultimate importance</p>	<p>Vecernje Novosti pgs 2-3, announced on cover 'The peace was of ultimate importance' by <u>Momir Bulatovic</u> – This is the first sequel of article about Dayton Peace Agreement the author stresses that DA ended bloody war in BiH ten years ago, in an attempt to remove crucial causes that led to bloody inter-religious conflicts and ensure stable democratic development of the states in the region. The author notes that the most competent and the most distinguished peace negotiator was Cyrus Vens, but health problems prevented him from completing his humble and just mission. <u>Bulatovic</u> notes that Robert Fraser was the person, who could have continued Vens' path, but his death at Igman prevented him from doing that. On Richard Holbrooke, the author describes him as the person who came in the style "who gives more".</p>
<p>US Ambassador McElhaney: BiH leaders expected to reach agreement on concrete steps in Washington</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 4 'To strengthen state institutions', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'We expect agreement on concrete steps', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'McElhany expects a concrete agreement', FENA – US Ambassador to BiH Douglas McElhaney thinks that constitutional reforms in BiH can only be achieved by consensus and compromise between all parties, and expects an agreement on these changes to be in the direction of strengthening key BiH institutions. Ambassador McElhaney thinks that, by strengthening the Parliament, Presidency and BiH Council of Ministers, BiH would have institutions that would be a credible partner to the EU, as well as other international institutions. "We expect leaders of BiH parties to reach an agreement in Washington on November 21-21, where they will attend the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement, on specific steps that would fully strengthen these institutions", Ambassador McElhaney said.</p>
<p>EU's Rehn congratulated BiH for important achievements</p>	<p>Pink, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'BiH has a clear European perspective', Dnevni Avaz pg 2, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'BiH has a clear European perspective' by <u>BETA</u> – EU Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn congratulated people in BiH on important accomplishments made ten years after Dayton, especially in creating the multi-ethnic democracy, and in the reconstruction and return of more than one million of refugees and displaced persons.</p>
<p>EU's Solana says BiH beginning new era in relations with EU</p>	<p>Pink, Oslobodjenje pg 4 "Cooperation with the Hague Tribunal of key importance", Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BiH in the beginning of new era', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'The beginning of new era' by <u>BETA</u>– EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana stated that, ten years after Dayton, BiH is on the beginning of a new era in relations with European Union.</p>
<p>Holbrooke on Dayton</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 'The most successful agreement in the past 25 years', Dnevni Avaz pg 4, Dnevni List, pg 2 'Dayton in most successful peace agreement in last 25 years', by <u>NINA</u>, Dnevni List, pg 3 'Today is 'D-day' for BiH', by <u>Ivana Rozic</u> (Holbrooke's statements for BBC, VoA), Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Dayton is the best agreement' by <u>BBC</u>– In a statement to BBC, Richard Holbrooke, the American diplomat, said that the DA on BiH is "the most successful peace agreement in the last 25 years. Nobody is aware of DA's weakness better than we are. There is a concrete reason for each and single weakness and we were aware of that ten years ago." He concluded that the US Administration seems to have firmly determined to end the work in BiH.</p>
<p>NATO SG Scheffer: War area from ten years ago is now a stabile country</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BiH got over the crisis' announced on cover 'War area from ten years ago is now a stabile country' by <u>Jaap de Hoop Scheffer</u> – Scheffer writes about the accomplishments of the Dayton Agreement, noting that BiH is now a stabile country, great part of infrastructure was reconstructed and a great progress in implementing reforms was made. He also wrote about issues that still need to be dealt with – economic reform, segregation in education, corruption, constitutional reforms etc. Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Door for future opened to BiH' by <u>BETA</u>, Jutarnji List, pg 13 'Ten years after Dayton: Leave Balkans ghosts behind', by <u>Jaap de Hoop Scheffer</u> also carried Scheffer statement.</p>

Croatian President Mesic says third entity in BiH would not be a good solution	Pink, Hayat, RTRS – Asked to comment the issue of third entity in BiH, Croatian President Stjepan Mesic stated that the third entity would not be a good thing, because it would completely “conserve” the situation in this country. Mesic stressed that BiH must have constitution which would guarantee the constituency of all its people, in all parts of the country.
Vjesnik: Americans to resort to old style during Washington talks?	Vjesnik , pg 12 ‘Agreement on changes to Dayton by Tuesday’, by <u>Erol Avdovic</u> – Commenting on the Washington talks, <u>Avdovic</u> writes: “ <i>Although there are no many information about the course of talks so far, because they are being led, liked the ones in Dayton, behind the closed doors, having in mind the already known moves and American style in these kind of negotiations, one cannot rule out that the main, positive decisions on requested changes are perhaps already sealed in the temporary removed envelopes</i> ”.
Cardinal Puljic: DPA legalized right of stronger	Jutarnji List , pg 6 ‘We cannot celebrate demise of half of pre-war Catholics’, by Snjezana Pavic – Carries a lengthy interview with Cardinal Vinko Puljic in which, whilst commenting why he does not want to attend the ceremony in Washington (10 th anniversary of DPA), among other issues, says: “ <i>(...) The biggest sin of the Dayton agreement is because it unfairly divided BiH and legalized the right of the stronger (...) Ten years after the signing of the agreement, half of pre-war Croats in BiH are gone (...) There were around 820.000 Catholics in BiH before the war. Now there are 466.000, according to data from the start of the year</i> ”.
EC’s Humphreys on Dayton	BHT, RTRS – Chief of EC delegation in BiH Michael Humphreys stated that BiH needed to move on from Dayton Agreement towards European future.
EU Foreign Ministers today to formally approve start of SAA talks with BiH	FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 5 ‘Today green light for talks with BiH’, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘A green light awaited for’ by BETA– On Monday the EU Foreign Ministers will approve the start of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement talks with BiH. They are also expected to confirm size/mandate of EUPM in BiH as well as decide on strengthening the mandate of the EU Special Representative to BiH. Sources from Brussels confirmed that there are four European candidates to succeed current High Representative/EUSR Paddy Ashdown . A Dutch candidate (name was not stated) and a German nominee Christian Schwartz Schilling have the best chances. The EU officials will also discuss the Dayton Peace Agreement anniversary and following events.

Economic/Social Affairs	
Oslobođenje on Vc corridor: World Bank and BiH are partners on highway	Oslobođenje cover pg splash and pg 2 ‘World Bank and BiH are partners on highway’ by <u>Az. Kalamujic</u> – the initiator of the International Conference of Investors and Consultancy Agencies on corridor VC, Izet Bajrambasic , has stated that BiH and World Bank have entered a partnership relation in the project of construction of this corridor. He announced the authorities in cooperation with the World Bank will, in the next three months, will work hard to eliminate harmful contents from the project documentation and harmonise it with WB standards.
Cantonal PMs unhappy with court verdicts in war reparations cases	Dnevni List , pg 5 ‘Judiciary that is being reformed by the OHR is gravely violating laws’, by <u>Danka Polovina-Mandic</u> – Ten cantonal PMs from the FBiH complained to the Chairman of BiH CoM, Adnan Terzic , and FBiH PM, Ahmet Hadzipasic , that they are having problems with court decisions, by which sentences in the so-called war reparations cases are automatically taking money from the respective budgets. The cantonal PMs tasked Terzic to have talks with members of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) in order to find a way through which the courts will treat these cases as war damages i.e. that the money is not taken away automatically from the budgets, which in turn endangers and makes more difficult the functioning of authorities. “ <i>We have heard about incredible cases in which 105.000 KM were taken from a cantonal budget owing to a verdict about a Yugo 45 (...) I think it is unacceptable and untenable</i> ”, said Terzic. According to the HJPC President, Branko Peric , the solution to the problem is enactment of a corresponding law at the state level.

Electricity in FBiH to become more expensive as of January 1, 2006	Dnevni List , pg 18 'Citizens and industry to be 'electrocuted'', mentioned on front 'Electricity to become dearer by 50%', by <u>V. Soldo</u> - Reports that two FBiH-based 'Elektroprivredas', namely the 'Elektroprivreda BiH' and 'Elektroprivreda of Herceg Bosna' have submitted their requests to the FBiH Regulatory Commission for Electricity (FERK) by which they demand that the price of electricity be increased by 50% as of January 1, 2006. On the same issue, Vecernji List , pg 7, mentioned on front 'Electricity to become dearer by 72 percent', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> - says it was the FERK that proposed the increase of price by 55%, which when combined with the VAT, will mean that the price will be increased by 72%.
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Crime/Terrorism/Security

Travnik explosions	Dnevni List , pg 50, mentioned on front 'Explosions: Furniture shop and pharmacy blown up, by <u>Zeda</u> , Vecernji List , pg 45, mentioned on front 'Three explosions shake the town', by <u>R. S.</u> , Slobodna Dalmacija , pg 13, mentioned on front 'Explosions shaking Travnik', by <u>I. Milesic</u> , Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pg 5 'Pharmacy and furniture shop destroyed' by <u>D. Muminovic</u> - Three bombs exploded in Travnik downtown early Sunday morning. Police investigation is ongoing and there are still no official information regarding the explosions. Other BiH media also covered the incident.
DL on existence of CIA-run prisons in world, BiH	Dnevni List , pg 9 'CIA's secret prisons in BiH?!', by <u>Anja Vrebac</u> - Following recent media reports and report by 'Amnesty International' that the CIA has developed a network of prisons that are used to interrogate terrorist suspects, which includes alleged prisons in BiH, Macedonia and Croatia, and claims that CIA is transporting the suspects via airplanes to the prisons, DL contacted airports in Mostar and Banja Luka, which denied existence of such flights, however DL did not manage to contact anyone from the Tuzla airport. An anonymous source from the Sarajevo airport denies any such flight went through the Sarajevo airport, however the source noted that such CIA flight, in case they did happen, would have to go through the Tuzla airport i.e. the 'Eagle' base.
NATO commander Weber: NATO following 10 terrorist suspects	Dnevni List , pg 9 'Arrests are result of good coordination of intelligence services', <u>not signed</u> - Carries the NATO commander in BiH, Louis Weber , who allegedly recently stated that NATO was following 10 persons suspected of terrorism in BiH.
DL op-ed: There are terrorists in BiH	Dnevni List , pg 2 'Land of terrorists of not?', by <u>Danijela Kozina</u> - Carries an op-ed in which the author says that the recent assessment by the EUPM commander in BiH that BiH was not a terrorist den, is untrue. To back her claim up, <u>Kozina</u> reminds of the recent arrests in BiH that are linked to possible terrorist attacks in BiH and abroad.
AFP report on Wahhabis in BiH: Wahhabis are radicalising Islam in BiH	Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Wahhabis are radicalizing the moderate Islam in BiH' by <u>AFP</u> - Agency reports that the Muslims in BiH are followers of moderate Islam, noting that ten years after signing of DA a radical version of this religion, brought by Islamic fighters to BiH, is rooting in BiH. Enes Hecimovic , journalist from Zenica, said that <i>"followers of Wahhabism are changing Islam in our country and I believe that some local Imams do not oppose to such changes to the extent they should."</i>
AFP analysis Karadzic and Mladic: Two Hague fugitives could have been arrested	Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Karadzic and Mladic could have been arrested' by <u>D. Raduski</u> - The analysis of the French agency AFP reads that the Hague fugitives Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic have managed to evade arrests for ten years now with the assistance of numerous accomplice, but also owing to inefficiency and unwillingness of the states, that should arrest them. The report carries statements of some former members of the foreign intelligence agencies, saying that there was no political will to arrest the two, noting that even once in 2002, SFOR Commander stopped the unit from arresting one of them, since <i>"he did not receive instructions from Washington"</i> .

Korac, Serbian Vice Premier: Serbian authority is not searching after Mladic	Nezavisne Novine pg 8, announced on cover 'Authority in Belgrade is not looking for Mladic' by <u>A.Sekulic</u> - In a page-long interview to daily, Zarko Korac , Serbian Vice Premier, says that information on story about alleged surrender of Ratko Mladic is being swiftly manipulated with in the public, expressing doubt Serbian authorities are seriously engaged in search after Mladic. He notes that Hague fugitives have lost political support in Serbia .
GS: new evidence on crimes against Serbs in Brcko area during the war	Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'The poker of dread and horror' by <u>M.Dj.</u> - The daily reports on new evidence on crimes committed against Serbs at Boderiste near Brcko, which have been forwarded to Brcko District Prosecutor by mail by Ravnogorski cetnicki pokret. They found this message at their web site, presuming an observer of crimes sent it, clearly describing events at Boderiste.

Miscellaneous	
Ljubic sends letter to HDZBiH Court of Honor	RHB, FTV, Oslobođenje pg 2 'Covic and I did not belong to the same party even in 1990', Dnevni Avaz pg 10, Dnevni List , pg 4 'Who took decision to expel Ljubic?', by <u>M. Batarello</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Exclusion was prepared in advance' by <u>R.Cengic</u> - Bozo Ljubic , who was Dragan Covic's main opponent during the last inter-party elections, sent an open letter to HDZ Court of Honour and HDZ Presidency due to the decision to exclude him for the party. Ljubic feels that he is still a member of HDZ, arguing that he was never member of the same party as HDZ President Covic. He also stressed that the worst among HDZ members should not lead the party.
Comments by politicians in Mostar about implementation of Mostar Statute	Dnevni List , pg 13 'OHR failed the exam in Mostar', by <u>Sanja Bjelica</u> - Carries comments about the implementation of the Mostar Statute, in which the leader of the SBIH in Mostar, Safet Omerovic , the president of SDA Mostar, Suad Hasandedic , and president of SDP Mostar, Zoran Peric , are more or less unanimous in saying that the implementation of the Mostar Statute was not implemented, for which they point the finger at the OHR's Mostar Implementation Unit. Hasandedic explains: <i>"Facts say that nothing was done since the abolishment of the municipalities, apart from minor cosmetic changes. A totally passive attitude by the OHR. They are only waiting for the moment to leave and to say at the departure that they have done something."</i> Denis Lasic , the president of HDZ Mostar, believes the OHR has not successfully completed the job" <i>"When the Statute in Mostar becomes like in any other city in BiH, then the job will be successfully completed"</i> . On the other hand, the Mostar Mayor, Ljubo Beslic , believes that the MIU helped in the implementation and that nobody can question that. He adds that a lot remains to be done, arguing that some deadlines and plans were unrealistically determined.