

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 22/9/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 22 September

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs) | BH Radio 1(12,00 hrs) |
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| HR Ashdown threatening RS | HR warns RS: reforms or isolation |
| Tihic on police reform | Explosion inSarajevo |
| ATV: RS to offer new proposal | International Day without Cars |

TV news broadcast on 21 September

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs) | TV PINK (18,00 hrs) | BHT 1 (19,00 hrs) |
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| Allegations on Paravac's dismissal | Matijasevic on Butler 's request | Matijasevic on OHR demand |
| Matijasevic replies to PDHR | Tucker of ICTY Affairs in BiH | IC to hold joint press conference |
| Rycroft on RS Government | Families request promised money | Europe officials met with Terzic |
| SIPA arrest | HR to hold press conference | Search for Mladic, Gotovina |

| NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs) | FTV (19,30 hrs) | RTRS (19,30 hrs) |
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| ATV on police reform | Polic and Ophodjas to be dismissed? | US and EU officials on Ratko Mladic |
| Polic and Ophodjas to be dismissed | Speculations on HR's measures | Reactions to failed police talks |
| Matijasevic on Butler 's request | Matijasevic on Butler 's request | Ivanic speaks to Burns |
| RS Mol/MoD reports Srebrenica TF | RS Mol/MoD reports Srebrenica TG | Speculations on HR's measures |

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| Oslobodjenje | Today, all obstructions coming from RS authorities will be revealed |
| Dnevni Avaz | Mustafa effendi Cerić: World cannot survive in isolation [Cerić in New York] |
| Dnevni List | Pasko Ljubicic will be tried in BiH |
| Vecernji List | Del Ponte: Gotovina in monastery on Hvar |
| Slobodna Dalmacija | Friar Petar Krasic: Gotovina has not been coming since they indicted him |
| Nezavisne Novine | By a petition against VAT on food |
| Glas Srpske | Where are your Serbs? |
| EuroBlic | Features Serbian related titles |
| Vecernje novosti | Features Serbian related titles |
| Srpski Nacional | Features Serbian related titles |

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

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| HR warns RS: reforms or isolation | BH Radio 1 by Amir Suzanj – At a press conference in Sarajevo this morning, High Representative Paddy Ashdown in place of sanctions delivered another and the last warning to RS authorities to immediately accept proposed reform solutions or RS and its citizens will face isolation. Ashdown did not make any decision to remove or sanction RS and/or its officials. If the SDS-led RS Government continues to obstruct police reform they will suffer consequences including the isolation, according to Ashdown. He emphasized that the main victims in that case will be RS citizens, who will have less work, less jobs, more poverty and the same unfavourable visa-regime. Police reform has to be carried out on the basis of EU principles and the ball is in RS government's court. British Ambassador to BiH Matthew Rycroft said for his part that the police reform itself did not represent any danger for the future of RS but that the obstructions did represent a real danger. RS Government has very, very short time to make the right decision, according to Rycroft. RHB also reported. |
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| Tihic fears failure of police reform linked to status of Kosovo | RHB – Member of BiH Presidency and SDA President, Sulejman Tihic , stated in an interview for FENA agency that he fears that the failure of police reform is a part of a plan to destabilize the situation in BiH and put in the context of resolving the situation in Kosovo. Tihic further noted that the BiH Council of Ministers has been working with 20% of its capacities since December last year, that a crisis is on because of which both the BiH Parliament and Presidency are not working and that there is a paralysis to the police reform. |
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Speculations on possible sanctions against SDS, RS

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| Matijasevic rejects to provide explanation to OHR on RS Mol press conferences | BHT1 by <u>Mirela Cosic</u> – RS Minister of Interior Darko Matijasevic rejected to provide an explanation to the OHR on why the RS Mol published details of the investigation on war crimes over Serbs without independent decisions of authorizes judges. The PDHR Lawrence Butler addressed letter to Matijasevic on 16 September, expressing concern over possible mixing of policing and politics after RS Mol held press conference on 9 September disclosing details related to this investigations. Matijasevic said that explanation as requested by the OHR can be provided only to the RS Government and to the RS National Assembly. He also said that each of RS Mol activities is based on operational and professional standards and he claims that this issue wasn't politicised. PINK, RHB, FTV, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Matijasevic not to submit report to Butler', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Matijasevic sent message to Butler saying he would not submit him report', Dnevni List , pg 4 'Matijasevic tells Butler he will not get the requested report', by <u>De. L.</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'You will not get a report from me', announced on cover 'He does not want to deliver a report to OHR' by <u>P. Klincov</u> , EuroBlic pg RS2 'Matijasevic will not deliver a report to Lawrence Butler' by <u>R. R.</u> , Glas Srpske pg 5 'The laws say: "No"' by <u>V. Janjic</u> – also report. |
| Ashdown responds to Matijasevic: Seven days for reconsideration of the position | Hayat, BHT1, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Seven days given to Interior Minister to think (reconsider his position)', Oslobođenje pg 2 inset 'Seven days to think' by <u>Fena</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'You will not get a report from me', announced on cover 'He does not want to deliver a report to OHR' by <u>P. Klincov</u> , inset 'OHR: Deadline for Matijasevic is September 30', Glas Srpske pg 2 'Seven days for a reply' by <u>N. Z.</u> – On Wednesday, the High Representative Paddy Ashdown wrote a letter to RS Mol Darko Matijasevic giving him a seven days deadline, until 30 September, to reconsider his attitude on the above, reminding him that Butler's request was based on the OHR's authority established by Dayton Peace Agreement. |
| IC representatives to hold extraordinary press conference on current situation in BiH | FTV, PINK, BHT1, RTRS – The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown , together with the U.S. Ambassador to BiH, Douglas McElhaney , British Ambassador Matthew Rycroft and Head of Delegation of the European Commission in BiH Michael Humphreys will hold an extraordinary press conference on Thursday. Subject of the press conference will be the current situation in BiH, OHR announced on Wednesday. |
| ATV speculates: RS negotiating team to propose the new police reform principle | Hayat by <u>ATV</u> – According to ATV, the RS negotiating team will propose the new police reform principle on completely new basis with intentions to make it acceptable for all parties in BiH. Reporter stated that this was the conclusion of daylong meeting in OHR held on Wednesday. According to the ATV source close to the negotiating team, this proposal postponed the sanctions against RS PM Pero Bukejlovic , RS Mol Darko Matijasevic and RS Finance Minister Svetlana Cenic . Reporter added that HR was additionally infuriated by Matijasevic's reply to PDHR Lawrence Butler regarding the recent RS Mol press conference where they disclosed details related to the investigations on war crimes committed against Serbs. Reporter noted that even Bukejlovic's prospects are useless if he doesn't deliver within next ten days all relevant information to the Srebrenica Task Force. Reporter added SDS party will definitely share the guilt adding that the most serious candidate for removal is Serb member in BiH Presidency Borislav Paravac . |

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| <p>Terzic on mtg with Burns: Police reform to be a priority for US Embassy in BiH</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'US is taking part in police reform', mentioned on cover, by <u>S. Numanovic</u> – US will take part in the police reform with all its capacities, stated BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic commenting his meeting with the US Undersecretary for Political Issues Nicholas Burns. Terzic said that Burns has commended his efforts in police reform until now, and expressed satisfaction with the defence reform until now. CoM Chair adds that Burns expressed readiness of the US to help BiH to begin the negotiations on the SAA until the 10th anniversary of the DPA, thus the police reform will be a priority for the US Embassy in Sarajevo. BHT 1 – In a phone interview from New York, Terzic said that Burns expressed expectation on completion of police reform and change of RS politicians' position on this issue. <i>"It is for sure, after meeting with Undersecretary Burns, that we can talk about new waves of optimism when it comes to police reform, having in mind that I have got from him a clear statement that the US Government will focus on finding solutions for police reform,"</i> he said. RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Compromise on police reform is possible' by <u>Srna</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'First reforms, then Europe' by <u>Srna</u> – BiH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic also met with Burns. Ivanic stated that the matter of police reform in BiH can be resolved by a compromise and with the respect of interest of all 3 people in BiH.</p> |
| <p>Terzic says EU troika did not want to talk to obstructions; Ivanic claims he was the one who refused to meet them</p> | <p>BHT 1– BHT reports that certain sanctions against RS politicians have already been put in use, giving as example the fact that the European officials didn't want to meet BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Minister, Mladen Ivanic. On another side, BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic received urgent call for a meeting in New York, and stated that the European representatives said they won't talk with obstructionists. Hayat – In a statement to Hayat, the BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic underlined he was the one who refused to meet with EU Troika because they asked for Adnan Terzic's presence during the meeting. <i>"Now, it is rather clear that EU Troika asked for the meeting with Terzic. Since I was the Head of Delegation, I refused to attend the meeting. I find it inappropriate to have discussions with only one side, and if they believe that it is possible to implement police reform without RS participation than they should behave in that way"</i> said Ivanic. RTRS also carries Terzic.</p> |
| <p>FTV: IC still has not decided on whether SDS should be sanctioned</p> | <p>FTV – FTV comments that the main topic of the press conference, to be held today by the IC representatives, should be the sanctions against SDS officials because of the failure of police reform and illegal financing of SDS . According to FTV, the international community still hasn't decided weather the SDS officials should be sanctioned, or only warned.</p> |
| <p>BHT1: Cavic says sanctions vs. SDS already started; Rycroft says RS Govt will bear consequences</p> | <p>BHT 1 by <u>Boris Gagic</u> – BHT 1 carries that in spite of the fact that no details on the press conference by the IC representatives were announced, it is expected that the international community will announce measures in regard to obstruction of the police reform. RS president Dragan Cavic says the sanctions against SDS have already started and that a culprit has already been identified. He admits that he didn't manage to convince his colleagues to accept EC principles for the police reform, which will be accepted sooner or later, said Cavic. <i>"It is clear that there is no a political will in RS for such police reform conditions, that is a reality and we have to live with that,"</i> said Cavic. British Ambassador to BiH, Matthew Rycroft underlined that RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic's Government will bear the consequences, being the main culprit for police reform talks failure. Oslobodjenje pg 5 'For SDS sanctions have already started' – Cavic adds he doesn't believe that RS should be sanctions in institutional way, adding that the negotiations were European not Dayton related issue. He expressed "sincere sorrow" that the solution on police reform was not found, adding that the solution has to be within three EC principles which will not be changed. Cavic also denied there is a conflict between SDS and RS Government. RTRS also carries Rycroft and Cavic. Hayat also carries Cavic.</p> |

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| <p>Vukovic dismisses possibility of removing Paravac; Novakovic says OHR sanctions vs. SDS, RS would not be effective</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Today, all obstructions coming from RS authorities will be revealed' by <u>Aida Omeragic</u> - Announcing the press conference by the IC representatives to be held today, daily adds that the OHR refused to comment the speculations that Borislav Paravac will be replaced due to the donation of 2100 KM he made to SDS. OHR spokesperson, Oleg Milisic, said these are only speculations. Paravac's advisor, Drago Vukovic, also dismissed the possibility of the removal. As for the press conference, daily notes it learned from the international community that the IC is dissatisfied with RS obstruction of the police reform, but also with the number of other processes. "RS obstruction in police reform is just a tip of an iceberg," says the source. Member of the SDS Presidency, Momcilo Novakovic, commented that OHR sanctions against SDS or RS would not be effective. He believes that stories on possible replacement of Paravac are also linked to the failure of the police reform, however he adds it would be inappropriate for OHR to remove him. Asked whether there is a chance for RS to change its stance on police reform and EU principles, Novakovic concludes chances for that "are very small." EuroBlic pg RS2, announced on cover 'SDS awaits and holds breath' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic and Nedeljka Breberina</u> - Novakovic adds says it is hard to predict what HR would do but he believes the positions of Minister Svetlana Cenic and Minister Darko Matijasevic will not be brought in question, but there is a possibility they would be under "a silent isolation".</p> |
| <p>Cropress on possible sanctions: SDS and Paravac to be punished?</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 2 'Ashdown punishes Paravac and SDS today?', by <u>N. B.</u> - DL reports that Paddy Ashdown, will at today's press conference announce measures against Borislav Paravac, because of irregular financial transactions, and that it is expected that he would punish the SDS because of the failed police reform talks. Vecernji List, pg 4 'Instead of Paravac, OHR removes Matijasevic?', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> - VL notes that there will be no removals of Paravac or entity (RS) officials, however there will be sanctions against the RS because of recent obstructions of police reform. VL concludes that the removals could happen later on and it is likely that the RS MoI, Darko Matijasevic, "has the best chance to be the first on the list". Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 21, mentioned on front 'OHR will not remove Paravac', by <u>Zdenko Rerig</u> - According to Drago Vukovic, Paravac's advisor for media issues, Paravac's cabinet learned about the possible removal from the FTV. "The same night the news got broadcast, we contacted the OHR, which denied it", said Vukovic. Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'You will not get a report from me', announced on cover 'He does not want to deliver a report to OHR' by <u>P. Klinec</u>, inset 'The "Paravac" case', EuroBlic pg RS2, announced on cover 'SDS awaits and holds breath' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic and Nedeljka Breberina</u>, inset 'Is 2,000 KM always worth the same' - also carries Vukovic.</p> |
| <p>Chief of Paravac's cabinet says speculations on dismissal not worth a comment, OHR refuses to comment</p> | <p>RHB, RTRS, PINK, Dnevni List, pg 4 'News on removal of Paravac a speculation', by <u>NINA</u> - Chief of the BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac's Cabinet, Simo Bozalo stated that the media allegations on possible dismissal of Paravac do not deserve a comment. Media carried the news broadcasted on FTV in which it states that HR Paddy Ashdown will dismiss Paravac. Bozalo stated that the state in which someone is allegedly being dismissed over a 2000 KM of donation is miserable. OHR Mostar spokesperson Sanela Tunovic stated that OHR does not have a comment on media speculations. Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 21 'Media speculation', by <u>Z. Z.</u> - also carries Tunovic.</p> |
| <p>Bukejlovic: sanctions are unnecessary, activities to make police reform acceptable underway</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz, pg 4 'Removals would lead to crisis at all levels', by <u>E. S.</u> - In a statement for Avaz, RS PM Pero Bukejlovic says that possible sanctions against RS officials would be unnecessary and could cause problems to reform processes in BiH. "Also, sanctions of representatives of the IC would cause a crisis in functioning of authorities at all levels in BiH", says PM Bukejlovic. PINK carries similar statement by Bukejlovic. In addition, it reports that Bukejlovic said that urgent activities are underway to make a police reform proposal that would be acceptable for all parties in BiH. .. EuroBlic pg RS2, announced on cover 'SDS awaits and holds breath' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic and Nedeljka Breberina</u>. Vecernje Novosti pg 6 'There will be no punishments' by <u>M. L.</u> - also reports.</p> |

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| Terzic doesn't believe IC will remove anybody, but will identify those responsible | BHT 1 – In an telephone interview from New York, BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic commented on the today's IC press conference saying he does not believe that there will be any removals. <i>"I believe that that would be the way to stop the process,"</i> said Terzic and added that he believes that the international community will precisely say who is responsible for the blockade of BiH's European path and it will also open some possibilities on how to improve this situation. |
| Other reactions on possible sanctions from journalists, analysts, PDP | EuroBlic pg RS2, announced on cover 'SDS awaits and holds breath' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u> and <u>Nedeljka Breberina</u> – PDP's Zoran Tesanovic thinks there are no reasons for PDP, or anyone else in RS, to be punished over the police reform. Inset 'There will be silent sanctions' – editor-in-chief of "Oslobodjenje" newspapers Senka Kurtovic says HR would like to remove anyone because public expects from him to do so, although <i>'even he does not know whom he would remove'</i> . She believes RS will be punished by "silent sanctions" in form of suspension of international community's financial aid, because this is the most productive sort of a punishment. BHT 1 – Novi reporter magazine Editor-in-Chief Igor Gajic believes that the chances are that the RS Minister of Interior will be removed, but he also thinks that Borislav Paravac and Pero Bukejlovic might be removed as well. RTRS – Commenting the failure of the police reform, PDP official Slobodan Popovic stated that his party did not expect anything better from negotiators and HR Paddy Ashdown , adding that now BiH will probably enter EU only in 2014. Member of EU team for economic and social development in BiH Gerard Ennis agrees with Popovic, adding resources will arrive slower from Brussels to BiH than to SCG, for instance. RTRS by <u>Zorica Rulj</u> – RTRS features Tanja Topic , political analyst, who comments that the HR accused Bukejlovic, Paravac and RS Mol Darko Matijasevic for failure of negotiations on police reform. She added she doesn't expect that HR to impose any solutions on police reform and that punishing SDS would only further strengthen its position. |
| DA op-ed: What will Paddy Ashdown do? | Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'What will Paddy Ashdown do?' Commentary of the Day by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – Wondering what action will HR Paddy Ashdown take as response to police reform talks failure, Numanovic said that nothing spectacular should be expected. <i>"It is most likely that there will be no removal of Serb member of the Presidency Borislav Paravac, which was announced in/by media. But a strike on the (RS PM) Pero Bukejlovic's Government can be expected in coming weeks as the international community's pressure is increased. Ever since its establishment/appointment, Bukejlovic's Government only constant characteristic is growing obstructionism,"</i> wrote Numanovic. |

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| Srebrenica Task Force: RS Mol, MoD not submitted all the requested documentation | Hayat, FTV, BHT1, Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Not all data on Srebrenica have been submitted', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'RS Mol, MoD not submitted all the requested documentation' – The RS Ministry of Interior and the RS Ministry of Defence have delivered to the Srebrenica Task Force the documentation they had available concerning the genocide in Srebrenica in July 1995, but not all they were requested to provide, FENA was told on Wednesday. These ministries do not have some of the documents in their possession, because, as they claim, these documents were taken by SFOR, the Hague Tribunal, or are in Serbia. According to some announcements the RS MoD should provide some more documents for the Task Force session on Thursday. Representatives of the Srebrenica Task Force have concluded, according to FENA's sources, that the RS MoD and Mol have provided the documents they had available. |
| Oslobodjenje: Mass apprehension of Srebrenica criminals starts on October 1? | Oslobodjenje pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Mass apprehension of Srebrenica criminals (persons involved in Srebrenica crime) starts on October 1?' <u>S. Rozajac</u> – The Srebrenica Task Force (Working Group for Srebrenica) will submit its final report to OHR by 30 September as requested, a source close to the Group confirmed in a statement for the daily. The source said that a mass apprehension of persons involved in Srebrenica crime would follow as of October 1. |

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| NATO, US, EU: IC will have no understanding if Mladic is not arrested by 10 th ann. of DPA | RTRS - NATO General Secretary Jaap De Hoop Schefer , US Undersecretary for Political Issues Nicholas Burns and EU High Representative for foreign and security policy Javier Solana stated that international community will have no understanding if Ratko Mladic is not arrested by 10 th anniversary of Dayton Agreement. On the other hand Jovan Simic , Advisor to Serbian President Boris Tadic , stated that no one is seriously looking for Mladic. |
| DL: There is political decision to transfer 'Ljubicic' case onto BiH judiciary | Dnevni List , front pg splash 'Pasko Ljubicic will be tried in BiH', and pg 3 'Pasko Ljubicic' case to be taken over by BiH judiciary', by <u>Marko Karacic</u> - Reports from status conference on 'Pasko Ljubicic' case that was held in the ICTY on Tuesday. According to DL's information, there is a great chance for approval the ICTY Prosecution's request for transfer of Ljubicic into jurisdiction of the BiH judiciary. Namely, during the conference, the prosecutor said there was no point in discussing whether to transfer the case to Zagreb or Sarajevo since there is a political decision to transfer the case onto the BiH judiciary. Slobodna Dalmacija , pg 19 'Ljubicic to be tried in Zagreb or Sarajevo?', by <u>Zlatko Tulic</u> , <u>Zvonimir Cilic</u> - Notes that no decision has been taken as yet. (NB : Ljubicic is a former commander of an HVO military police unit from central Bosnia) |
| Friar Krasic: Gotovina does not visit Blidinje | Slobodna Dalmacija , front pg splash and pgs 4-5 'Gotovina has not been coming since they indicted him', by <u>Ivo Scepanovic</u> - Carries an interview with friar Petar Krasic from Blidinje, who has been connected with support network for an ICTY fugitive Ante Gotovina , as saying that Gotovina has not been to Blidinje nor made any contacts with him ever since the ICTY has pressed charges against him (Gotovina). |
| Tucker: Hague Tribunal will remain in BiH for at least another three years | Slobodna Dalmacija , pg 24 'Jovic: It is disgrace that Karadzic and Mladic are still at large', by <u>D. Pasic</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'Hague Tribunal will be present in BiH for another three years' by <u>Srna</u> - The Head of the Office of the Hague Tribunal in BiH, Howard Tucker , held separate meetings with BiH Presidency Chairman and BiH Presidency member, Ivo Miro Jovic and Sulejman Tihic respectively, and confirmed the Tribunal will maintain its presence in BiH for at least three more years. A press statement issued by BiH Presidency reads Jovic noted it was unacceptable, for the sake of peace and stabile and safe future, that Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic are still at large. Also reported by Sarajevo press . |

Other political and economic issues

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| Salko Obhodjas and Nedžad Polić denied accusations against them | Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 'Polic used someone else's property, Obhodjas refused a position', mentioned on cover, by <u>A. Omeragic</u> - OHR did not want to comment to the speculations that it will remove Prime Minister of Zenica Dobož Canton, Nedžad Polić , and Prime Ministers of Podrinje Canton, Salko Obhodjas . The Chair of the BiH Election Commission, Branko Perić , told daily that both Polić and Obhodjas were previously sanctioned by the Commission - Polić for using someone else's property, and Obhodjas for refusing to take over position of councilor in the Cantonal Assembly even though he was chosen for it in the elections. Perić adds that according to the Election Law, they could not be on election lists, and should not occupy positions in the authorities, because the HR Paddy Ashdown "strengthened decisions by the Election Commission, which should be on force until further notice." Polić stated he doesn't expect to be removed, and claims he never gave incorrect information about his housing status. Polić concludes he has a good cooperation with the OHR. Obhodjas denied FTV speculation that he illegally uses property. FTV , Hayat , Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Premiers denied allegations on illegal use of property' - also carry explanation from the Election Commission. |
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| SDA demands FTV to deny allegations on Obhodjas, Polic | FTV Blazica Kristo – SDA sent a letter to FTV demanding them to publish a denial of speculations broadcast by FTV on September 20, which stated that Nedžad Polic and Salko Ophodjas would be dismissed by OHR. According to SDA, this information is clearly false. Responding to the SDA letter, FTV stated that both Polic and Ophodjas can be dismissed because they have been sanctioned in 2000 by the Electoral Commission. Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 ‘Polic used someone else’s property, Obhodjas refused a position’, mentioned on cover, by A. Omeragic , Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘Premiers denied allegations on illegal use of property’ |
| SDP launched a petition signing campaign supporting changes to VAT Law | RHB. BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 5 ‘By a petition against VAT on food’ by S. Gojkovic, V. Coric and M. Cubro , Dnevni List , pg 15 ‘Petition against introduction of law on poor people’, by Sanja Bjelica , Slobodna Dalmacija , pg 19, mentioned on front ‘Stop to tax on poor people’, by Miroslav Landeka , – SDP on Wednesday launched a petition signing campaign in support for changes to the VAT Law. This campaign should support the fight of SDP in the parliament for making changes to the VAT Law that would protect the most vulnerable citizens. Sarajevo press also reported. |
| Ivo Miro Jovic on constitutional arrangement in BiH: Constitution has to change | Vecernji List , pg 8 ‘Croats today do not have mechanisms to protect themselves’, mentioned on front ‘BiH is impossible without entities’ by Ana Drmac – Carries an interview with the Chairman of BiH Presidency, Ivo Miro Jovic , in which he, among other issues, talks about the constitutional organization of BiH. Jovic argues that the ‘one state, two entities, three peoples’ model in BiH cannot function and that the Dayton Peace Accord is outdated, therefore it needs to change. Moreover, Jovic notes that the Croat people in BiH is currently without mechanisms to protect their interests since every change to the DPA has been made to the detriment of the Croats. Finally, Jovic says the BiH Constitution has to change through consensus of political representatives because the current Constitution does not lead BiH to Europe. |
| Media on HDZ and position of Croats – SD: Covic isolated; Danas: Pasalic, Sanader transfer ‘showdown’ to BiH, Croat support to HDZ weakness; VL: Croat politicians w/out clear vision | Slobodna Dalmacija , pg 21 ‘Covic completely isolated’, by Zvonimir Cilic – Carries a commentary on situation in the HDZ BiH and the role of the HDZ President, Dragan Covic , in it in particular. Cilic argues that Covic is utterly isolated from the outside world, that nobody really important is ready to talk to him, apart from the SDA President, Sulejman Tihic , “ <i>when he (Tihic) is in the mood for it</i> ”. The author also notes that Covic is even selective when talking to HDZ officials since he is dodging HDZ officials who are supporting Bozo Ljubic . Danas , front pg splash and pgs 12-15 ‘Pasalic and Sanader transferred showdown to BiH’, by Zvonimir Jukic – Learns from ‘well informed sources’ that two bitter rivals for domination in the Croatian HDZ, Ivo Sanader and Ivic Pasalic , have moved the battle to BiH, namely to the HDZ BiH. Apparently, both of them want to secure a dominant role in the HDZ BiH, since it is Pasalic who supports Covic , whilst Sanader is supporting Ljubic . Danas , pgs 16-19 ‘What will Bozo Ljubic do??’, by Zvonimir Jukic – Commenting on the situation on the Croat political scene in BiH, Jukic says the latest opinion poll conducted by the UNDP has showed something that had not happened ever before. Namely, for the first time ever the HDZ BiH is not winning more votes than all other parties counting on the Croat votes in the same time. Apparently, HDZ is supported by 24% of the Croat electorate, whilst the SDP, Radom za Boljitak, HSP Djapic-Jurisc and NHI are supported by 24,1%. Vecernji List , pgs 6-7 ‘Croats need an entity too’, by Zoran Kresic – Commenting on the position of the BiH Croats in the current BiH, Kresic argues that the Croats are not equal when compared to other two peoples, underlining that even the earlier proposal of formation of the third entity does not satisfy all Croats in BiH, depending on where they live. The author also argues that the Croat political establishment in BiH does not have a vision about the future constitutional organization of BiH and BiH Croats’ position in it. |

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| Prtokosko Lake commemoration | Dnevni Avaz pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Idea of European BiH must win due to these 12 victims', Dnevni List , pg 2 'Ashdown: We must not betray memory to this people', by <u>N. Bise</u> – Representatives of the IC and BiH authorities laid flowers at Prokosko Lake on Wednesday at the site where eight years ago seven officials of the then UNMIBIH and five OHR officials lost their lives in a helicopter crash. Peter Backes, Livio Beocaccio, Andrzej Buler, David Kriskovich, Leah Melnick, Charles Morpeth, William Nesbitt, Marvin Padgett, Thomas Reinhardt, Jurgen Schauf, Georg Stiebler and Gerd Wagner tragically lost their lives in that crash. Speaking at the ceremony, the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown , said that the passage of time does not diminish their sacrifice, or our solemn duty to honour it. <i>"The mission in which they were engaged involved making real the possibilities of this country – the possibility of peace, the possibility of inclusive democracy, the possibility of security and sustenance for each man, woman and child in Bosnia and Herzegovina"</i> , Ashdown said. Besides representatives of the international community (OHR, UN, EU and numerous embassies), FBiH Vice Presidents Sahbaz Dzihanovic and Desnica Radivojevic , Sarajevo Mayor Semiha Borovac , representatives of the FBiH Ministry of Interior and Fojnica municipality were also present at the ceremony. |
| Political parties' comments on SNSD's Declaration on Development of Constitutional Organization of BiH | Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Acceptable solution for most of the parties' by <u>V. P.</u> – With regard to SNSD's Declaration on Development of Constitutional Organization of BiH, PDP says they are open for a discussion on solutions presented in the Declaration and they believe all parties from RS should reach a consensus with regard to changes to BiH Constitution. SDS has no trust in the Declaration, since it was SNSD that had developed it, and they claim <i>'the Dayton Agreement is the only guarantee to Serbs to their right to RS'</i> . SDP claims SDS participates for four months now in talks on constitutional changes organized by former PDHR Donald Hays , therefore it is not a surprise they refuse to talk publicly about this. SDP welcomed SNSD's initiative, as well as SPRS. The Party for BiH and SDA think the part of the Declaration describing RS as a federal unit in frame of BiH was unacceptable. |
| GS: Bosniak politicians are avoiding census | Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'Where are your Serbs?' by <u>N. Z. and R. S.</u> – As according to assessments of F BiH Statistics Bureau, out of 2,3 million citizens of F BiH only approximately 106,000 are Serbs. The article speculates Bosniak politicians are avoiding organizing of a census since it would show Bosniak top had also committed ethnic cleansing during the war. |
| Sarovic, Kojic and Bjelica on Robinson's accusations: accusations are orchestrated and groundless | Glas Srpske pg 5 'Continuing an old pursuit' by <u>N. Zelenovic and B. Gajevic</u> – Upon Tobi Robinson's statement given on Tuesday (<i>saying she forwarded to BiH Prosecutor's Office new evidence on crimes for which she blames not only Momcilo Mandic but also Mirko Sarovic, Milovan Bjelica, Gojko Klickovic and Radomir Kojic</i>), Mirko Sarovic said this is not the first time Robinson had brought such accusations. He thinks such accusations must be orchestrated in order to help in a pursuit of current and former members of SDS that were removed by the High Representative. Radomir Kojic and Milovan Bjelica share a similar opinion. Bjelica thinks there are no grounds for filing any denunciations with regard to the work of Privredna Bank. |
| State Department: 10 th anniversary of DPA to be marked if Mladic, Karadzic arrested, police reform adopted, Brcko Status solved | Vecernji List , pg 7 'Reform to Constitution must not endanger RS', <u>not signed</u> – Reports that the BiH Ambassador to the US, Bisera Turkovic , met on September 9 with Daniel Fried , the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian affairs in State Department. Fried informed Turkovic that the State Department took a decision at the most senior level that the 10 th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accord be marked under condition that Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic be arrested, that the offered police reform model be accepted, that status of Brcko be resolved within State of BiH, that announcement of changes to BiH Constitution be made, which would not endanger the existence of the RS and that an agreement be reached about main principles of constitutional reform. |
| Danas: IC to start working with SDP, SNSD, HSS and NHI when HR Ashdown leaves | Danas , pg 4 'Soon a turnaround in policy towards BiH', <u>not signed</u> – Learns from an anonymous international diplomat accredited in Sarajevo that when the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown , leaves BiH in November, there will be turnaround in the IC's policy towards BiH. Allegedly, the police reform will be the last reform the IC can carry out with the current authorities, after which the <i>"pendulum"</i> will shift towards cooperation with the SDP, SNSD, HSS and NHI. |

SIPA / Security issues

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| <p>SIPA: two persons, suspected of money laundering, were arrested in Banja Luka</p> | <p>RHB, FTV, RTRS, BHT1, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Borislav Brzica and Goran Guderis suspected of laundering 3.2 million KM', Dnevni List, pg 2 'Two persons arrested because of suspicion of 'money laundry'', by <u>E. Mackic</u>, EuroBlic pg RS3 'Two were arrested over money laundering', announced on cover 'They were arrested because of 3,2 million KM' by <u>Srna</u> – SIPA stated on Wednesday two persons, suspected of money laundering of 3,2 million KM, were arrested in Banja Luka. SIPA members, in cooperation with RS MoI and Banja Luka PSC, arrested the mentioned persons and they will be transferred to BiH Prosecutor's Office. Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'They were arrested over laundering more than 3,2 million KM' announced on cover 'Two were arrested over laundering 3,2 million KM' by <u>A. Sisic</u> – reports the arrested persons are Borislav Brzica from Grude and Goran Guduras from Laktasi.</p> |
| <p>Security Minister Colak: Terrorist threats are being looked into</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 5, mentioned on front 'State services checking into threats by vahhabi', by <u>Marko Karacic</u> – Following media reports on presence of radical Islamists in BiH and threat they pose, DL carries an article in which the BiH Security Minister, Barisa Colak, states that he is not in possession of information that would confirm that BiH is under threat from terrorists. Regarding a recent report about vahhabi (radical Islamists) from Gornja Maoca near Brcko making threats against BiH Croats, Minister Colak confirms that all threatening allegations are being checked.</p> |