## <u>High Representative concerned about Tax Inspection of Dnevni</u> **Avaz**

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch, is concerned about the motives for yesterday's inspection of Dnevni Avaz's printing house and accounting documentation by the Federation Tax Police.

The High Representative has noted the ongoing dispute between the SDA and Dnevni Avaz. He stresses that agencies responsible for financial and tax control must not be misused for political purposes, and must uphold the highest professional standards in the execution of their duties.

The OHR has met with representatives from Dnevni Avaz and will keep a close eye on further developments.

Freedom of the press and an independent media are of utmost importance to any functioning democracy and civic society, as only well informed citizens can make sensible decisions and contribute to political life.