OHR BiH Media Round-up, 22/2/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 22 February 2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS(12,00 hrs)
BiH HoP discusses Law on RTVtoday	BiH HoP in session	SBiH not to attend Neum mtg
FBiH HoR session today	Protests of BiH students and farmers	BiH HoP in session
Neum meeting	FBiH HoR in session	Sale of Serb property in Croatia

TV news broadcast on 21 February 2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Meeting of political parties in Neum	Milan Gvero surrenders to the ICTY	Gvero turn himself in to the ICTY
Donations expenditure report	Meeting in Brussels	Political parties to meet in Neum
BIH&SCG free trade contract	Sulejman Tihic on Neum meeting	Donations expenditure report
BIH&CRO free trade contract	Mladen Ivanic on Neum meeting	EU meeting in Brussels

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Milan Gvero surrenders to the ICTY	Price of medical alcohol increased	General Gvero surrenders to ICTY
Gotovina's accounts to be blocked	Discussion on free trade agreement	EU Ministers on ICTY cooperation
BIH-SCG free trade contract	More domestic products bought	Meeting of political parties in Neum
Issues to be discussed in Neum	Gvero turns himself in to the ICTY	Donations expenditure report

Oslobodjenje	SDS, PDP announced to boycott talks on constitutional changes
Dnevni Avaz	Mladic's deputy to surrender
Dnevni List	President will be elected from line of one people
Glas Srpske	Visiting the Torbicas of full heart
Nezavisne Novine	12 billion KM was donated for reconstruction of BiH
Blic	RS facing flood threat
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia related titles
Belgrade's Nacional	Features Serbia related titles

LATEST NEWS	OF TODAY
	BH Radio 1 By Mustafa Karahmet, RS Radio, RHB – The BiH House of Peoples has commenced the session in Sarajevo this morning. Delegates will decide on the request by the BiH Council of Ministers to discuss the draft BiH Law on Public Broadcasting System in shortened procedure. HoP is also expected to discuss the draft Law on Post Offices and CoM's decision to sell the Marsal Tito military barracks in Sarajevo to the US Embassy.
Marsal Tito barracks	BH Radio 1 By Aida Suljevic – About hundred students gathered today in Sarajevo to peacefully protest against the intention of BiH authorities to sell Marsal Tito military barracks to US Embassy. Students demands from BiH House of Peoples to rejected the proposal by the CoM warning them that such decision could endanger the higher education. Students were not backed up by the BiH Students Union, who said that the protests should had been organized earlier.
	BH Radio 1 By Ljiljana Radl, RHB – FBiH House of Representatives today adopted the draft Law on FBiH Internal Affairs. The law was adopted together with the amendments which enables decertified police officers, for whom judicial verdicts established that there was no ground for desertification, to keep their job or to be re-employed to police forces. The HoR did not adopt the draft Law on Police Officers.

FBiH Supreme Court	BH Radio1, RS Radio - FBiH Supreme Court has today found former FOSS
sentences Vuksic to	Director, Ivan Vuksic, guilty of taking hostages at Hercegovacka Banka in
8 months of prison	Grude on 6th April 2001 . He has been sentenced to eight months prison term.
Farmers protest at	BH Radio 1 - BiH Farmers Association currently protests at the border
	crossings Doljani and Izacic. The Association says these protests are aimed to support the BiH delegation which is currently in Zagreb discussing with
	Croatian officials the implementation of Free Trade Agreement between two countries.

Political developments/reforms

BiH ruling political parties to meet in state institutions functioning

RHB, BHT, FTV, TV Hayat, RTRS, Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 'SDS, PDP announced to boycott talks on constitutional changes' – A two-day meeting **Neum today, discuss** of HDZ, SDA, SDS, SzBIH and PDP leaders will start in Neum on Monady. Coordinator of the meeting is BIH Presidency member **Dragan Covic**. HDZ spokesman **Pero Pavlovic** stated that the topic of the meeting will be functioning of the government in BIH and added that he cannot speculate whether constitutional changes will also be on the agenda. SzBIH Presidency President **Safet Halilovic** stated that there are many obstacles to normal functioning of authorities in BIH and meeting in Neum is the right opportunity to open some questions regarding that. SDA President Sulejman Tihic stated that all problems in functioning of BIH institutions should be marked and added that those problems are closely connected to constitutional order of BIH. PDP President Mladen Ivanic stated that the crisis in CoM will be the only topic of conversations in Neum and added that if someone starts the discussion on constitutional changes in BIH, PDP members will leave the meeting. SDS President **Dragan Cavic** confirmed that constitutional changes won't be the topic of the meeting.

Dnevni List cover pg splash and pg 3 'President will be elected from line of one people' by M. Zorlak, I. Rozic also deals with the meeting in Neum. DL says that representatives of 5 parties will discus the constitutional changes during this meeting. According to the article, they will try to agree to elect a BiH President, BiH Prime Minister and Chairman of the BiH House of Representatives from the line of 3 BiH peoples respectively. DL also carries statements by Tihic, Ivanic, Pavlovic, Halilovic and Novakovic regarding this meeting.

Slobodna Dalmacija cover pg splash andpg 13 'Negotiations without tackling RS' by Z. Tulic, **Vecernji List** pg 4 'PDP and SDS do not want change of Constitution' by B. Stevandic announce the Neum meeting.

Slobodna Dalmacija pg 13, mentioned on cover 'We can talk about everything but about Constitution not at all!' by A. Macanovic carry Ivanic and Mihajlica's statements regarding the meeting.

Nezavisne novine pg 6 'Talks on work of BiH authority institutions' by M. <u>Cubro</u> – carries announcement on Neum meeting in a single report with statements of Mladen Ivanic, Sulejman Tihic, Safet Halilovic. Glas Srpske pg 5 'Not a word on the constitution' by N. Diklic - carries statement of Momcilo Novakovic (SDS). EuroBlic pg RS2 'Disputable BiH institutions' <u>by Tijana Veselinovic and Dusanka Stanisic</u> - carries statements on Neum meeting of SDS and Mladen Ivanic.

Dnevni Avaz: Party for BiH not to participate at meeting in Neum

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Party for BiH not to participate at meeting in Neum' - Late on Monday, the Party for BiH Presidency decided not to send its representatives to participate at the meeting of ruling BiH political parties in Neum. "The BiH Parliament is a place where the crucial issues of legislative and executive authorities functioning should be resolved/discussed," said Party for BiH President Safet Halilovic.

Tihic: Meeting in	TV Pink, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Government's functioning linked
Neum should specify	with/related to constitutional changes', Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'We will list the
the problems in	problems in government functioning' – Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency
state institutions	and SDA President Sulejman Tihic said that, during the Neum meeting, all the
functioning	problems within the BiH institutions should be specified. According to Tihic, all
	these problems are closely related to the constitutional system. Tihic said that
	the next meeting should be more concrete, but members of other political
	parties should take a part at the next meeting, and not only those who
	presented Parliament's majority. Dnevni List pg 6 'Constitutional changes will
	resolve issue of capital' by M. Zorlak, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Related story' by Fena
	also carried Tihic's statement.
	TV Pink, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'PDP does not give up on four demands', Glas
give up on its	Srpske pg 5 'Four conditions' by N. Zelenovic – Resigning BiH Minister of
demands	Foreign Affairs and PDP President Mladen Ivanic said that the party decided to
	take a part at the meeting in Neum, due to the fact that the issue of problems
	in BiH institutions was going to be discussed and not the constitutional changes
	Ivanic said that 4 demands, made by PDP, were to be reiterated and they should be adopted at the meeting. In that case there is a possibility for PDP
	ministers to withdraw their resignations. Ivanic says: "The first demand is that
	the Dayton Peace Agreement has to be respected, second, it could be decided
	on reforms only by BiH institutions, third, there should be an equality principle
	as well as consensus, and it is of extreme importance for us, for BiH institutions
	to take over the authorities from the international institutions. These are the 4
	demands we are going to insist on; these principles represent condition for
	further PDP's participation in BiH institutions."
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entirety. I believe this is a done deal although I cannot present the stance of HoP. Perhaps F BiH Government and Minister can change something, but there is still a possibility for HoP to adopt the Law without amendments and for the Commission for Harmonization to straighten things up in accordance with recommendations of OHR', **Muhamed Ibrahimovic**, the Chairman of F BiH

HoR, has stated.

SRS leader Mihajlica:
No suggestion
diminishing RS police
authority should be
accepted

Glas Srpske pg 5 'New CoM' by N. D. - carries a statement of SRS President Milanko Mihajlica with regard to Neum meeting and also quotes him as commenting the police reform: 'We do not oppose establishing of a single body at BiH level that would serve for coordination of tasks between RS and F BiH Ministries of Interior. However, we should not accept any suggestion that would diminish authorization of RS police, especially if it would be dictated by the international community and Bosniak parties'.

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Paddy Ashdown's proposal on police reform should be rejected' also carried Mihajlica's statement.

Independent Board on Wednesday

Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'The best candidate, of the 5 that applied, to go to propose candidate before the RS Government' - Ilija Lukic, the Chairman of the Independent for RS Police Director Director Selection Board, announced that the ISRB will on Wednesday select and propose to the RS Government the best of the 5 candidates that have applied for the position of the RS Police Director. According to Lukic, the ISRB will review all necessary documents, including those relating to the certificates that no disciplinary measures have ever been declared against the candidates and will interview them.

Candidate for RS Police Director Jaganjac denies lmedia claims

Glas Srpske pg 4 'I am not under investigation' - GS carries a letter addressed to the daily by **Fadil Jaganjac**, one of the candidates for the position of the RS Police Director. This letter came as a reaction to article published in GS Monday which made several allegations against Jaganjac. In his letter, Jaganjac described the contents of the article as malicious and incorrect. He is not surprised that the article was published, as the interviews with candidates for this position will take place this Wednesday. Jaganjac further claims that he had information two days ago that this article was being prepared and that the journalist who wrote it had not contacted him but had allegedly referred to reports published by a daily newspaper from the Federation in writing the article. Jaganjac announced that he was going to file a lawsuit against the newspaper and the journalist as early as this week. The daily announced to respond to this letter tomorrow (Wednesday).

RS Association of Former Camp Inmates critical of Jaganjac

Glas Srpske pg 4 'Jaganjac shows his cards' by V.J. - The RS Association of former camp inmates, in a letter addressed to the Chairman of the ISRB, Ilija Lukic, Monday, requested this body to reject the application of **Fadil Jaganjac** for the position of the RS Police Director and stressed that this request represented no form of pressure or influence in terms of the selection process. In explaining their request, the Association recalled that several days ago laganjac told the Sarajevo-based "Dnevni Avaz" newspaper that he was of the view that "he as a Bosniak should have priority compared to other candidates". He further said that he "supports the new territorial organisation of police structures in BiH" which was recently proposed by the HiRep, Paddy Ashdown. "Jaganjac, also, said that if he is eventually selected, his task will be to abolish the IEBL between the two Entities of BiH", the Association says stressing that Jaganjac's appointment to the position of the RS Police Director would be shameful as he is, with his statements, violating the Constitutions of the RS and BiH, and denying its (RS's) constitutional position.

War crimes/cooperation with ICTY

Mladic's wartime deputy Milan Gvero goes to The Hague

TV Pink, BHT, TV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz cover page 'Mladic's deputy to surrender', pg 3 'Milan Gvero, wartime deputy of criminal Mladic, goes to The Hague', **Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Milan Gvero to turn himself in on Thursday', **Dnevni List** pg 2 'Indictee Milan Gvero in The Hague on Thursday' by Hina, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Milan Gvero is leaving to The Hague on Thursday' by vr.Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover 'Milan Gvero to departure to the Hague' <u>by S. Karic and M. Cubro</u>, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Gvero goes voluntarily to the Hague' <u>not signed</u>, **EuroBlic** pg 3, announced on cover 'Mladic's chess partner goes to the Hague' by D. V., Vecernje Novosti pg 17, announced on cover 'Gvero too is going to the Hague' by P. Vasiljevic – Retired RS Army General and ICTY indictee, Milan Gvero, has decided to turn himself in to the international war crimes court.Gvero was Ratko Mladic's assistant for political and religious issues in the RS Army during war in BiH. The indictment against Gvero has still not been made public, but it probably contains accusations for war crimes committed in BiH.It has been confirmed by the Serbian Government that Gvero decided to turn himself in after discussions with Serbian Justice Minister **Zoran Stojkovic.** They agreed thatsurrender would be the best move, which is in the interest of the nation and its citizens. Serbian government will provide all the necessary guarantees, so that Milan Gvero could be temporary released from prison until the beginning of the trial. Gvero will leave for the Hague on Thursday accompanied by Serbian Minister for State Administration and Local Self-governance **Zoran Loncar**.

Gregorian on measures to prevent assisting PIFWCs

Oslobodjenje pg 6 'We will break network of Mladic's supporters', mentioned on cover, by A. Prlenda - Co-Chair of the Defence Reform Commission, Raffi Gregorian, states for daily that helping Ratko Mladic and other war crimes suspects at large could be prevented in a future by establishing the joint military commander for personnel. He fully supports the report by BiH Defence Minister, Nikola Radovanovic, on Mladic's residence in Han Pijesak. However, he underlines that it is important to solve the issue of RS responsibility. "This was about personal Ratko Mladic's file, in which it is clear that he was retired in the RS Army only in 2002... The issue is how Mladic was receiving that pensions," says Gregorian adding that 2001 he was informed that it would be illegal for RS not to pay out pension to Mladic. DRC Co-Chair also says that it is important to establish who are individuals from RS Army, or close to members of RS Army, which maintain contact with PIFWCs offering them assistance.

Oslobodjenje new RS Welfare Minister

Oslobodjenje pg 7 "Yes, I was in the group that arrested Medunjanin family", **examines war past of** mentioned on cover, by <u>B. Kahrimanovic</u> - Daily examines the war past of the newly appointed RS Minister of Welfare and Veterans issues, Miodrag Deretic. In a talk with Oslobodienie's journalist. Deretic confirms that he personally did participate the arrest of Medunjanin family in Kozara, 1992. He describes the details of this arrest, concluding that when he surrendered the family in military barracks, they were alive. Only later, says Deretic, did he find out that the family was killed and well as a number of other their relatives.

BiH working group for coop w/ICTY request law to punish PIFWCs helpers

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'To prepare the law on punishing persons involved in networks supporting criminals' by Srna – The Working group for monitoring the cooperation with the ICTY on Monday issued an instruction to the Justice Ministry to draft the law that would punish persons involved in networks supporting war crimes suspects at large. The BiH Council of Ministers also informed that the Group also envisaged the series of activities to ensure the fully controlled borders with Serbia and Montenegro . The CoM press release reads that this action plan will be ready in 15 days.

OHR: Srebrenica Work Group must forward report on completed activities by end of February

Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'OHR expects the report by the end of February' by V. P. - OHR expects from Srebrenica Work Group to forward a report on completed tasks to RS Government by the end of February. 'The deadline by which the Work Group must complete its work is the end of February. It is important all recommendations from Srebrenica Commission report to be implemented entirely without delays. Considering the fact the Work Group is still working, we cannot give any comments until the final report is published in February', OHR Banja Luka Spokesperson **Ljiljana Radetic** has stated.

Oslobodjenje: Srebrenica Working Group will not complete its report on time Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Report will not be completed in time' by <u>S. Rozajac</u> – A member of the Srebrenica Working Group, appointed by the RS Government to implement the conclusions of the Srebrenica Commission report, stated for daily that their report will most likely not be ready until the end of February. Member says that the Groups is dealing with very serious work, and that he is satisfied with the pace and a way all members accepted their responsibility. Source adds that it is not important whether the group will complete the report by the end February or 10 days after that, as long as the work is done.

Economic/social issues

International conference on information society opens in Sarajevo

RHB, TV Pink, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BiH at the doors of modern industrial revolution', **Dnevni List** pg 8 'Through legalization of software to 600 new places of work' by E. Mackic, FENA - The BiH Ministry of Transport and Communications and UNDP jointly organized the two-day International Conference on Information Society that started in Sarajevo on Monday. The Conference gathered over 400 participants including government officials, local and international experts as well as leading companies. The main purpose of the Conference is to present and promote the Strategy of the Information Society, with the focus on the legislation aspect. This document, together with the Policy and Action Plan for development of information society, has been prepared by BiH experts engaged by UNDP. The BiH Council of Ministers has adopted these documents. "UNDP gathered young and smart BH experts, who have proved, by preparing the initial documents for information society development, that BiH has the intellectual capacities for enhancement of the BiH's road towards final acceptance into a European family of nations", said **Branko Dokic**, Communication and Transport Minister of BiH. He concluded that the world is in an information revolution and that the development opportunity of small countries such as BiH lies in their participation in that revolution. Dokic said that significant funds would be needed for information society development and that one of the ways for getting money could lie in the legalising software not legalised so far, as well as in the strengthening of information-communication (ICT) industry. BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan **Terzic** said that BiH is one of the few countries in the region to have an information society development strategy and stressed that it has been entirely adjusted to European standards. He stressed that the priority now is on the implementation of this strategy, which represents a step forward in the integration of BiH into Europe, its connection to the world and sustainable development. Principal Deputy High Representative **Donald Hays** said that BiH still needs to go through an information revolution and that all should unite on this into a single process. He stressed that BiH needs to find a way to expand all capacities in this field and find resources because the chance for economic and social development of BiH lies in the development of informationcommunication technologies. Head of the European Commission Delegation to BiH **Michael Humphreys** said that information technologies are the key part of BiH integration into the EU and expressed hope that the creation of a dynamic ICT sector would be a priority for BiH in the upcoming period. He stressed the need for establishing an information society agency soon, as this is one of the requirements from the Feasibility Study.

BiH Parliament
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Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 4 'BAM 12 billion BAM donated for reconstruction of BiH' by M. Cubro - **Tihomir Gligoric**, the Chairperson of the BiH Parliament Commission for investigation on collected and spent donations, on Monday stated that the donators have donated the total amount of BAM 12 billion intended for the reconstruction of BiH since 1996. The number has been recorded at the database of the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations. He has also said: "I am of the view data base may contain some duplications, but it also does not record donations of many donors such as European Commission or almost the entire NGO sector." The meeting that took place Monday was of consultative nature, since insufficient number of members attended the meeting. However, the meeting has agreed to demand from the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations to present information on the collected resources, as well as that "BiH Prosecutor's Office, SIPA and auditors involve in this investigation. The fact is there are many people, who would like to see this investigation fail."

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Billions without a paper?', Sarajevo both electronic and print media also reported on the issue.

Tender for EICC opening announced

Dnevni List pg 2 'Info Centre for faster coming of BiH companies at European market' by D. Polovina-Mandic carries that the EU has announced a tender looking for a new organisation that would open theEuro Info Corresponding Centre (EICC). Deputy Head of the EC mission in BiH Renzo Daviddi stated that these centres offer various services for businismen, including information about EU funds and opportunities to apply for the tenders. Also, it is possible to get in EICC information about other markets, new business partners or information about EU laws and instructions. Oslobodienie pg 13 'BiH companies closer to their EU partners', **Vecernji List** pg 2 'To EU market in easier way' by eme also covered the issue.

Energopetrol shareholders FBiH Govt

Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 'Share holders will sue FBiH Government', mentioned on cover, by <u>A. Avdic</u> - Association of Energopetrol shareholders will sue the FBiH announce they'll sue Government if oil terminals in Blazuj, Zivinicama, Ploce and Mostar are taken out from privatization process of this company. Member of the Governing Board and a shareholder, Mijo Maricevic, says that shareholders owe 33% of Energopetrol and thus the Government has no right to take these terminals and make them available to the company "Terminals of Federation". In addition, Trade Union says that about 500 workers would lose their jobs if these terminals were taken by the other company.

Audit report: crime destroved "Srpske Sume"

Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover 'Crime devastated forests' by D. Risojevic – the article carries bits and pieces of the Audit Report on the work of "Srpske Sume" and reads the firm is facing serious difficulties in finances and management, followed by the lack of surveillance, inadequate internal control and criminal activities at all levels.

FIPA to present investment Spain

Nezavisne novine pg 2 'Presentation of investment possibilities in BiH has commenced' by Srna - FIPA issued a press statement saying the Spanish **possibilities in BiH in** Institute for Foreign Trades (ICEKS) has organized a presentation of investment possibilities in BiH. The presentation commenced Monday in Spain and will last until February 28. FIPA will hold the presentation in Barcelona, Valencia, Pamplona and Sargasso.

Miscellaneous

337.000 KM transferred to Alijagic brothers' account so far

Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'BAM 337 thousand transferred to Alijjagic's brothers' by V. Duka, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Loan has not arrived as yet' - Dobroslav Cuk, Trebinje Municipality Head, has stated that the amount of BAM 337 thousand has been transferred onto the account of Alijagic's brothers at Central Profit Bank in Mostar by 18 February. Cuk has stressed that the amount of BAM 250 thousand, which RS Government has allocated as an assistance to Trebinje municipality, has not, as yet, been delivered to the municipality, since the manner of payment has not been determined.

hoaxes in Mostar, Livno: Political showdowns through lthreats

Vecerni List on bomb Vecernji List cover pg splash 'Political showdowns through threats' and pgs 2 and 3 'Terror of bomb hoaxes' by Z. Kresic - VL says that since the election of HDZ Commissioners in Mostar local boards started, relations between two fractions of HDZ Mostar have been very strained and they were insulting, imputing and threatening each other. As an example VL states the last week raid of the Federation of BiH investigators in a company of one of newly elected HDZ Commissioners charged with smuggling. According to VL, those who are better familiar with this case claim that the raid was not justified at all and the FBiH policemen reacted on the ground of completely false information. VL also says that bomb hoaxes in the Herzegovina-Neretva Cantonal Government could also be one of political means for destabilization of the situation. An inset in VL under headline ' 'Bomber' stopped Government's work' says that there was another bomb hoax in the HNC Government's building on Monday. Another inset to the VL article under headline 'Inspector was one who was 'ordering' bombs in cafe!' carries that the Municipal Market Inspector I.B. was arrested on Monday on the ground of suspicion that he was paying to **Ante D.** to make phone calls and give false information about explosive devices which were, allegedly, planted in a cafe in Livno. The motif of this crime was extortion.

Update to Novica Lukic murder case

Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'Photo was taken secretly' - Dusko Tomic, the defence attorney for the two members of the RS MoI Special Police, indicted for the murder of **Novica Lukic**, the brother of Milan Lukic, a war crime suspect, claims in the letter addressed to the daily today that this process is rather difficult in particular because of a certain number of journalists that have been continuously publishing lies of "anonymous witnesses" to this tragedy. One of them is a person whose "truth" was unfortunately presented by the daily last November.