

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 25/1/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on January 25

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
FBiH HoP in session	FBiH HOP in session	RS NA in session
Humphreys in Banja Luka	RSNA in session	Humphreys on RS Government
Indictment against Cengic	11 policemen killed in Baghdad	Bukejlovic's statement to DA

TV news broadcast on January 24

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
FBiH Govt in session	Protest in Bileca	Hasan Cengic indicted	POW request to Del Ponte
RS Govt in session	Pensions in FBiH increased	TIRI report on IC funds	Rape case in Bileca
Mihajlica on RS Govt	Issue of Algerian group	Norway to donate 25 mill.	BL bank vehicle robbed
Bukejlovic's consultations	Issue of visa regime	Business Summit in SA	Ljubija workers protest

Oslobodjenje	Raif Dizdarevic wont go to Moscow with Paravac; January pensions increased for 4.54%
Dnevni Avaz	Indictment against Hasan Cengic; Pensions officially increased; Bileca: Citizens demand for rapists to be cast away; Interview with Bukejlovic: there is no dilemma about whether we should cooperate with the ICTY or not
Dnevni List	Skopje : My husband was alive after plane crash
Vecernji List	Indictment against Hasan Cengic
Slobodna Dalmacija	All branches of HDZ dissolved
Nezavisne Novine	Dismissed workers of "New mines of Ljubija" locked Administration: Police detained two workers; Shift leader of SBS ordered shooting at the plane; Douglas McElchany: New elections is necessary if new RS is not elected
Glas Srpske	Bileca citizens resume protest: People barged into the City Hall
EuroBlic	Dusan Stojicic: Government must have full support; Extraordinary session of Bileca Assembly: Citizens demand persecution
Vecernje novosti	Bileca on its feet over rape case: Whom does the Law protect
Nacional	Features Serbian related topics

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Humphreys says EC would support any RS Government elected in accordance with laws	SRNA, RTRS, BH Radio, RHB - The Head of EC delegation to BiH, Michael Humphreys said EC would support the election of any government in RS, which has been elected in accordance with the Law and is committed to reforms. He gave the statement following today's meeting in Banja Luka with the outgoing RS Premier, Dragan Mikerevic . He announced he would also meet Pero Bukejlovic today.
Ivanic will not support Karavelic's appointment	RTRS - Mladen Ivanic , the outgoing BiH Foreign Minister, will not sign the proposal on the appointment of Vehid Karavelic to the position of BiH Ambassador in Pakistan.
FBiH HoP in session today	BH Radio By Ljiljana Radl, RHB - The FBiH House of Peoples holds session in Sarajevo today. As expected, the discussion on the draft Law on purchase, allocation and return of apartments was taken off the agenda. Delegates also discuss the draft Law on returnees to FBiH, noting that refugee status not to be limited to 6 months. Instead, returnees should be able to continue receiving assistance after that period.

RS NA holds regular session today	BH Radio By Radmila Grubisa -The RS National Assembly has continued with the 23 regular session in Banja Luka today discussing the draft law on treasury, public attorney's office and court experts in RS. Delegates will also consider the draft law on employment and RS Pension and Disability Fund, which is expected to cause heated discussion. Later in the day, RSNA will also hold 24 th session, and SNSD already announced it would demand discussion on situation in Trebinje and Vlasenica municipalities to be included in the agenda.
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Crime: investigations/ indictments

Bileca municipality demands police further action following the rape case	<p>BHT 1 - Following the extraordinary session, Bileca Municipality Assembly demanded from the police, prosecutors and a court to undertake all necessary steps in order to punish rapists of 23 years old girl from Bileca. Great number of Bileca citizens protested due to the fact that three out of four persons arrested under suspicion of raping the girl were released after two days in prison. Citizens also demanded for perpetrators to be arrested, their families moved out from Bileca, police commander to explain the reasons why release was so quick, etc. Police claims that everything was done in accordance with the law, and that there was no reason for the persons to be held detained any longer. The Deputy of the RS Police Director, Nijaz Smajlovic, said that the police was not responsible. If citizens' requests do not be fulfilled, they are going to request for police leadership to be dismissed. They announced protests for Tuesday also.</p> <p>RTRS, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 26, mentioned on cover 'Citizens demand for rapists to be cast away', Dnevni List, pg 47 'They raped and stabbed the girl, got released after that', by <u>Nebojsa Kolak</u>, Vecernji List, pg 2 'Protests against release of rapists', by <u>B. S.</u>, Glas Srpske cover page story 'People barged into the City Hall' by <u>S.A.</u>; Vecernje Novosti cover and pg 21 'Whom does the Law protect'; EuroBlic cover 'Citizens demand persecution'; Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Delegates demand arrest of the perpetrators' by <u>V. Duka</u> - also reported on the protests and the assembly's session.</p>
BiH Prosecutor indicts Hasan Cengic for office abuse	<p>Vecernji List, front pg splash 'Indictment against Hasan Cengic' and pg 2 'Cengic organized productions of arms in BiH', <u>not signed</u> - The BiH Prosecution raised an indictments against Hasan Cengic (SDA), an MP in the BiH Parliament, on Monday. VL learns that the indictment covers the period when Cengic was Deputy Defence Minister of FBiH, when Ante Jelavic was the Minister. In that context, VL learns from "confidential sources" that Cengic is charged with abuse of office/authority, namely that he gave a permission to certain company to produce arms for the needs he would decide about. By doing so, Cengic overstepped the authority by failing to inform the Minister, and his decision was never sanctioned by the BiH Presidency and SFOR.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Indictment against Hasan Cengic', pg 2 'Indictment against Hasan Cengic raised' by <u>S.N. - A.M.</u> - The indictment against Cengic was signed by Prosecutor Jonathan Schmidt. Cengic comments for DA that he did not know that the indictment was raised against him: <i>"I don't think that crime occurred in [that case]. That company had nothing to do with me, and the permission mentioned has to do with the BIO foundation under my chair at the time. Permission was given in a capacity of 'permission in advance' to enable registration of occupation... Issuing that permission did not mean that any weapons production happened."</i> DA learns that Schmidt offered out-of-court settlement to Cengic, which was rejected.</p> <p>FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Indictment against Hasan Cengic raised' by <u>Onasa</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija back pg 'Indictment raised against Hasan Cengic' by <u>B. Kristo</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Indictment against Cengic brought' by <u>S.I.</u> - also report on the indictment.</p>

Political issues

<p>Caucus of Center supports Bukejlovic</p>	<p>RHB, BHT1, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Club of Center promised to support Bukejlovic' by <u>J.S.</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Support of Caucus of Center' by <u>O. Vukovic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Club of Centre demands participation in authority from Bukejlovic' by <u>V. Popovic</u>; EuroBlic RSpG 1 'Bukejlovic heard views of Club of Centre' – Representatives of four parties in the RSNA making up the Caucus of the Centre – DNS, DS, Pensioner's Party and 'Spas – are prepared to conditionally support the appointment of the new RS Government led by Pero Bukejlovic. During talks with Bukejlovic representatives of the caucus said that they would make a decision in the next several days. Representatives of the caucus said that they would support Bukejlovic's government if it gets at least the necessary 42 votes, but without SDA in the new Government, and if the new Government will work on the economic and social recovery and the improvement of the position of pensioners.</p>
<p>SDP: We'll not support Government with SDS in it</p>	<p>RHB, BHT1, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'We will not support the Government with SDS in it', Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'SDP refused to talk with Bukejlovic' by <u>V.P.</u> – SDP leader Zlatko Lagumdžija sent a letter to RS Prime Minister-designate Pero Bukejlovic on Monday informing him that SDP would not take part in consultations on the establishment of the future RS Government scheduled for January 27. SDP did not support nor will support neither the existing nor the new Government consisted of SDS and their coalition partners from the BiH Council of Ministers, SDP stated.</p>
<p>DA int w/ Bukejlovic: 'There is no dilemma whether we should cooperate with ICTY or not'</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'It is our obligation to lift off the mortgage of non-cooperation with the Hague' mentioned on cover 'There is no dilemma on whether we should cooperate with the Hague or not' by <u>Jasmina Stojanovic</u> – RS PM designate Pero Bukejlovic is of the view the Dayton Agreement should be respected and additionally developed with consent of all three peoples. He has stated he would like to have less and less imposing by the international community. With regard to the cooperation with ICTY, Bukejlovic says there is no dilemma on whether there should or should not be cooperation with the Hague and he has expressed his surprised over the fact institutions recently established at BiH level do not participate more actively in cooperation with the Hague. He said the cooperation with the Hague should foresee a reciprocity – such activities should simultaneously be carried out in the Federation of BiH as well. Asked if he had the support of Assembly majority, Bukejlovic replied that the issue of CoM should be resolved urgently in order to be in a position to do this. Inset 'Ashdown's conduct was correct' – With regard to the crisis in RS and BiH, Bukejlovic commented that HR Ashdown's conduct was correct since he gave an opportunity to the authority to test their maturity in resolving the problem.</p>
<p>Blic int with Stojicic: 'New RS Government by 15 February'</p>	<p>EuroBlic cover 'Government must have full support' and RSpG 4 'Government by 15 February' by <u>Marija Jandric</u> – The lead of a page-long interview to the paper of Dusan Stojicic, RS NA Speaker, is the establishment of the RS Government, on which he expresses his view that new RS Government should have been established by middle February (and within the stipulated deadline of 40 days which started on 8th January). He also says: <i>"It is clear that the final BiH interest to accept European standards involves the ultimate goal, which is more or less hidden. And that is that total and final abolishment of RS. I am convinced we have enough strength to oppose to that, because we do not demand anything we do not have, but instead we demand preservation of what we have been guaranteed by the Dayton and Constitution."</i> He is also of the view that April would not see any new political sanctions against RS and that the times when sanctions were used as a means to accomplish the final gal are behind us, since they brought no good. He refuses to speak about change of Dayton Agreement, stressing that over the past years, RS has done a lot on implementation and superstructuring of Dayton Agreement.</p>

<p>DA: still not known will Serb ministers attend 1 Feb CoM session</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Nobody has invited SDS Ministers not to participate to the work of CoM' by <u>F. Cardzic</u> – Upon the statement of SDS delegate Momcilo Novakovic, who has said no SDS representative would attend CoM session scheduled for February 1, SDS delegates have stated no person has invited them not to attend the session. BiH Justice Minister Slobodan Kovac has stated: <i>'Novakovic can say SDS Ministers will not attend the session, it is his right, but I am not a member of SDS'</i>. It is not as yet confirmed whether Deputy Minister for Safety Dragan Mektic, Defense Minister Nikola Radovanovic and PDP members would attend the session.</p>
<p>NN: HR warns Ivanic to attend the session</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Solution of the crisis or breakdown' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – NN reports it has learnt from unofficial sources that Paddy Ashdown has harshly warned Mladen Ivanic, over his insistence not to attend the session. NN attempted to get a comment from Ivanic, but it failed since Ivanic was not responding to phone calls.</p>
<p>US Ambassador: 'New elections is necessary if new RS Government is not elected'</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 2 'New elections is necessary if new RS Govt is not elected' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – In FTV programme "60 minuta" Monday evening, Douglas McElchany, US Ambassador to BiH, stated that the RS Government had to be created according to the wishes of people, who elected them, adding: <i>"If this were not the case, new elections would take place, at which people would make new deliberation. What I would like to see is that BiH CoM functions, that Ministers return to their posts, take a seat and start working. Paddy Ashdown said it is their duty to come to the Government session. If they failed, we would see what we would do."</i></p>
<p>NN op-ed: SDS betrayed PDP</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'SDS cheated on PDP' by <u>Dragan Risojevic</u> – The author writes about relations between SDS and PDP, stressing that Mladen Ivanic does not want his delegates to give vote to PM-designate, since designate is a personification of the party that betrayed him (after SDS has given up on withdrawing its personnel from the BiH COM).</p>
<p>WWII veteran refuses to attend anti-fascism ceremony with Paravac</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover pg splash 'Raif Dizdarevic does not want to go to Moscow with Paravac' and pgs 4-5 'Raif Dizdarevic does not want to go to Moscow with sympathizer of Chetniks' by <u>Azhar Kalamujic</u> – the article carries an announcement that reads BiH Presidency Chairman Borislav Paravac would lead the state delegation that would attend 60th anniversary of victory over fascism, which will be marked in Moscow. One of SUBNOR members, Raif Dizdarevic, has stated he would not travel to Moscow under the leadership of Borislav Paravac because: <i>'I am an anti-fascist while he is a neo-Chetnik'</i>. Inset 'Paravac will lead BiH delegation' – reads BiH Presidency Chairman Borislav Paravac will lead BiH delegation at the ceremonial marking of the 60th anniversary of liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenay concentration camp on January 27 at the Auschwitz-Birkenay Museum.</p> <p>FTV, BHT1, Dnevni List pg 2 'Paravac at anniversary of Auschwitz liberation' by <u>NINA</u> – also reports on Paravac trip to Auschwitz.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Masovic: if I were in his shoes, I would have felt punished' by <u>L. Sinanovic</u> – reports on the same matter and carries statements of SDU President Miro Lazovic, SUBNOR President Jure Galic and Chairman of FBiH Commission for Missing Persons Amor Masovic, all saying Paravac is inappropriate person to lead this delegation, due to his family "background".</p>
<p>BHT 1 on abolishment of visas for BiH citizens</p>	<p>BHT 1 – BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic should meet European Commission representative in March 2005 to discuss, among other issues, visas regime for BiH citizens. Greece delegation to the European Commission proposed the regime regarding BiH to be less rigid, while EC says that BiH had several more tasks to accomplish for visas to be abolished. EC Spokesperson Emma Udwin said: <i>"Once, BiH meets all [Feasibility Study] 16 conditions... it will take several months for Brussels to react."</i> Terzic expects BiH citizens to under free visa regime by fall 2005. But analysts claim that chances for this to happen are extremely low.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'No visa free regime without the rule of law' – EC Spokesperson Frane Maroevic said EU will not consider the possibility of cancellation of the visa regime for BiH until BiH authorities prove the state is committed to fighting all forms of crime and that it has full control of its borders.</p>

SD: HDZ to dissolve branches in Tomislavgrad municipality	Slobodna Dalmacija , front pg splash and pg 15 'All branches of HDZ dissolved', by <u>M. Vukadin</u> – Reports that, pursuant to decision of the Presidency of HDZ BiH, the person in charge of Tomislavgrad branch of HDZ BiH, Dr. Ivan Bagaric , dissolved all 11 party branches in municipality of Tomislavgrad. SD notes that the decision is not a surprise given the poor election results in last local elections and inter-party conflicts that had been shaking the HDZ in the town.
NN says HR met Matijasevic to discuss police reform	Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Talks on police reform' by <u>A. Sisic</u> – NN has learnt from the sources close to the RS MOI that Darko Matijasevic , the outgoing RS Mol, at OHR in Sarajevo Monday, met with Paddy Ashdown , HR to BiH, and discussed the options of the future police organisation. The same source notes that the meeting is just one meeting is a series of such to follow on the same subject, as previously announced by HR Ashdown .
Dizdarevic says human rights are violated in BiH	FTV, RHB, BHT 1 – President of Helsinki Committee in BiH Srdjan Dizdarevic has stated Mostar paid a high price for bad moves of the international community. He also stated: <i>"Everything that is of minority in BiH is exposed to authorities' strikes, which don't pay attention to minorities' position"</i> . Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Everything that is of minority is at strike of authorities' by <u>Fena</u> , Dnevni Avaz pg 13 'Dizdarevic spoke about human rights in BiH' by <u>N. H.</u> – report on Dizdarevic's statements.
Oslobodjenje op-ed on political parties	Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Getting out from trenches' by <u>Zija Dizdarevic</u> – The author writes about political developments in the country and claims the current crisis is a product of the crisis of the Constitutional model, but also an evidence on powerlessness to establish an efficient democratic alternative. According to Dizdarevic, a potential does exist primarily in social-democratic option, however neither SDP nor SNSD accept SDU. He explains his views of the mentioned political parties and claims SDP and SNSD have formed a political alliance, which is contradictory due to differences in their characteristics. He also referred to SDS, SDA and HDZ individually and commented on their relations by saying that this is an exploited formula of ruling in BiH and an obvious obstacle to its social – economic progress. The author concludes by saying that the crucial question is whether one wants to have the state of BiH or not. <i>'with regard to this, it is necessary that the international authorities definitely break the illusion on the possibility of separation of RS from BiH'</i> , the author concludes.

Economic and social issues	
January pensions in FBiH increased for 4.54%	FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'January pensions increased for 4.54%', mentioned on cover 'Pensions officially increased too' by <u>L.S.</u> , Oslobodjenje pg 3 'January pensions increased for 4.54%', mentioned on cover, Dnevni List pg 6, mentioned on cover, 'New increase of pensions after April was announced' by <u>V. Soldo</u> , Vecernji List pg 2 'Smallest pension amounts to 161 KM' by <u>ra</u> , Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Pensions in FBiH to be increased by 4% as of February 1' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> – The Governing Board of the FBiH Pensions – Disability Fund has approved the increase of the pensions in FBiH for 4,54%. After this increase, minimal pension in FBiH rose from 154 to 161 KM, average pensions to 218 KM and the highest is 728 KM. Payment of January pensions will start on February 1. BHT 1 – According to the plan, by the end of the year, pensions should be increased by 6 %. FBiH Minister of Labour and Social Policy Radovan Vignjevic said that the Government also plans to ensure funds to pay out the overdue pensions. Pensions in RS will not be increased, for the time being.

Investment summit commences in Sarajevo	<p>RHB, BHT1, RTRS, Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on front, 'Increased influx of foreign investments to BiH' by <u>D. Polovina-Mandic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 15 'Terzic: to strengthen cooperation in the South-east Europe' by <u>Fena</u>– The second Business-Investment Summit for BiH, organized by Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA) and Argonauts Consultants Limited from Cyprus started in Sarajevo on Monday. 185 companies from 10 countries of the Southeast Europe attend the Summit. Opening the Summit Chairman of the BiH CoM Adnan Terzic stated: <i>'Our country is ready to respect standards of developed, democratic countries guaranteeing security to foreign capital.'</i> FIPA Director Mirza Hajric stated that a record number of foreign investments was marked during the last 13 months.</p> <p>FTV – "In the upcoming period, we expect to maintain inflation at the current rate of 1% annually, economic growth of 6–7% per annum and to reach gradual stabilization of the payment balance. We will introduce 17% single rated VAT this year, which will additionally enhance the fiscal discipline and revenue collection and create preconditions for funding the necessary social programmes", said Terzic.</p>
FBiH Government in session: Energoinvest, Air Bosna, privatisation, purchase of flats	<p>RHB, Dnevni List pg 2, mentioned on cover 'To privatise Energoinvest through public tender' by <u>J. Petrovic</u> – During its session held on Monday the FBiH Government passed the decision according to which 67 % of the state capital in company 'Energoinvest' will be privatised through a public tender.</p> <p>FTV, Vecernji List pg 2 'To make possible launching of Air Bosna' by <u>F</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Recovery of Air Bosna' says that the Government also passed few decisions with regard to the concept of recovery of the public company 'Air Bosna'.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Foreign companies participate in privatisation under the same conditions as the local' by <u>M. Kukan</u>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 16, mentioned on cover 'Stop in privatisation to state companies' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> – it was also reiterated that companies, which have been already privatised or which are out of BiH and have majority of the state capital in the capital of state that they come from, cannot participate in the privatisation process.</p> <p>Dnevni List pg 2, mentioned on cover 'To privatise Energoinvest through public tender' by <u>J. Petrovic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Deadline for purchase expired' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> – The FBiH Government passed the decision according to which September 6, 2005 was the last day for submitting claims for purchase of flats to all holders of tenancy right.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 '140,000 KM to General Enver Hadzihanovic for purchase of apartment' by <u>M. K.</u> – FBiH Government decided to earmark 189,800 KM for resolving of housing issues of FBiH Defence Ministry employees. DA claims 40,000 KM would be given to General Zeljko Glasnovic while 140,000 KM would be given to General Enver Hadzihanovic.</p>
Topalic new director of Srpske Sume	<p>RHB, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Vladimir Topalic named director of Srpske sume' by <u>Fena</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Topalic as new Director' by <u>G. Dakic</u> – The resigning RS Government on Monday appointed Vlastimir Topalic as the Director of "Srpske sume" company. RS Prime Minister spokesperson, Goran Radivojac, said of the Monday's session of the RS Government that it also consented with the Memorandum of Understanding between the BiH Council of Ministers, the Entity governments and the European Commission Delegation in BiH on the project of managing the quality of waters in rivers.</p>
Police detains 2 dismissed Nova Ljubija mine workers	<p>RTRS, Nezavisne Novine cover and pgs 10-11 'Police detained two workers' by <u>D. Kovacevic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'A hundred people locked' by <u>P. Spadic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 6 'Dismissed workers held management locked in the building for an hour' by <u>M. Zgonjanin</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 2 'A dismissed worker detained' by <u>B. Ka.</u> – Dismissed workers of "New Mines of Ljubija", who were classified as staff surplus in November last year, protested in front of the main office building again. The workers took advantage of security' worker's lack of attention and locked the office building from the outside. Police came to the scene promptly and after negotiation arrested two of the workers. Company management wouldn't give any comments Monday.</p>

Unions of BH Steel and Zenica Steelworks on return of apartments	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Law or protests!', Dnevni List, pg 4 'Blockade of institutions of authority of FBiH', by <u>Zeda</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, back pg 'Postponement of discussion in Parliament condemned', by <u>I. M.</u> – Organizational Board for return of apartments of Zenica Steelworks and BH Steel Zenica calls on the House of Representatives of the FBiH Parliament to include in the agenda of the next session of the chamber the Proposal of law on return, allocation and sale of apartments in FBiH, which was removed from the agenda last week at request of the OHR. The President of the Board, Islam Imamovic, says the workers cannot accept that the discussion about the Proposal be postponed until the Commission for restitution related issues and return of nationalized apartments has completed the job, noting that the discussion can be postponed only until the next session of the chamber. Otherwise, says Imamovic, the Board will resort to more radical measures in fight for their rights. <i>"We came to the entrance to the FBiH Parliament last December, so it is not ruled out that we can block the work of the Government and Parliament"</i>, says Imamovic.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'Rasidagic: OHR's decision was fair' by <u>M. Drinjakovic</u> – Chairman of the Association for Protection of Ownership Nasih Rasidagic expressed his support to OHR's decision saying it was only fair solution.</p>
VL interview: Mostar Mayor Beslic on economy, finances in Mostar	<p>Vecernji List, pg 5 'Decision on temporary financing will be adopted', by <u>Miso Relota</u> – Carries an interview with the Mayor of Mostar, Ljubo Beslic, in which he, whilst talking about his recent meeting with the HR for BiH, Paddy Ashdown, and PDHR, Donald Hays, says: <i>"In talks with the leading international officials in BiH, we agreed that privatization of Mostar companies, especially of Aluminij and Hepok, should speed up (...) PDHR Hays added that the OHR was in permanent contacts lately regarding the privatization of Aluminij and that things looked a lot better nowadays than half a year ago"</i>. Furthermore, Mayor Beslic notes that the next session of the Mostar City Council will be held on February 8 during which a decision on temporary funding of City of Mostar will be taken.</p>

War crimes	
War crimes suspect surrenders to FBiH police	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Boban Simsic, who is suspected of having committed crimes in Visegrad, surrendered to the Federation of BiH police' by <u>A. Bajramovic</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Suspect Boban Simsic surrendered' <u>not signed</u> – Former police officer from Visegrad, Boban Simsic, who is suspected of having committed war crimes in Visegrad, has surrendered to the Federation of BiH Ministry of Interior. The Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in Gorazde has confirmed this information.</p>
RS PoW urge Del Ponte to bring indictments against Bosniaks	<p>RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Meet the promise' by <u>G.K.</u> – RS Association of Former Detention Camp Inmates on Monday addressed a letter to Carla del Ponte, ICTY Chief Prosecutor, demanding from her to meet the promise she had given to them and accordingly bring indictments against the Bosniaks responsible for crimes. They also called her to come to Banja Luka again.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Witnesses know everything' by <u>G.K.</u> – Association also sent a letter to Borislav Paravac and Mladen Ivanic, demanding from them to reject the nomination of Vahid Karavelic, the retired general, to the position of the BiH Ambassador in Pakistan. The Association claims they hold evidence proving Karavelic was mainly responsible for the establishment of "Silos" detention camp at Tarcin.</p>
Update to alleged incident between SBS and RS Mol	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 3 'Shift leader of SBS ordered shooting at the plane' by <u>S. Karic</u>; Glas Srpske pg 3 'Border service officers threatened to Matijasevic' by <u>BETA</u> – Both dailies carry <i>Patriot</i> news that that Darko Matijasevic, RS interior minister, at the Banja Luka airport of Mahovljani, confronted SBS officers, who, under arms and following instructions from their superiors from Sarajevo, allegedly attempted to prevent Matijasevic from extraditing Savo Todovic to the ICTY. According to <i>NN</i>, RS Mol has confirmed to the paper that it has launched the investigation on this case.</p>

BiH Prosecution took over Vjestica case	BHT, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BiH Prosecution took over the case of Miroslav Vjestica' by <u>S. Dz.</u> - BiH Prosecution took over the case of Miroslav Vjestica , who is accused for war crimes against civilians. Vjestica's case will be processed before BiH Court.
Schook: it is the right time to arrest war criminals	Oslobodjenje pg 7 'The right time to apprehend criminals' by <u>A. P.</u> - report on the reception General Stephen Schook organised on the occasion of New Year, during which he has stated now is the right time to apprehend Hague indictees in order for BiH to finally become a member of PfP. Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Schook: a lot was achieved in 2004' by <u>M. Drinjakovic</u> also reported on the reception.
DA op-ed: war criminals should stand trials in BiH	Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Why criminals should stand trials in BiH?' by <u>Edina Sarac</u> - The author strongly opposes to demands of Croatia and SiCG for processing war crimes committed in the area of BiH, substantiating her stance by saying ICTY Chief Prosecutor Del Ponte pleaded for processing of war crimes in the country in which the crimes have been committed. She concludes by saying it might happen that Belgrade and Zagreb would, once again, write BiH history and "reward" criminals for crimes they committed in BiH.
Daily op-ed on Leakey's statement	Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Jubilee promise' by <u>Mirko Sagolj</u> - The author refers to the statement of General David Leakey and comments every commander of international military forces in this region were promising the same - they would arrest Karadzic. He says every plan on his arrest remained nothing but promise. In order to end this, the author says, one should either finally arrest him or let him rot in caves because promises alone would not put him behind bars.

Police issues	
Trial in Hajducke Vode case to resume on Tuesday	Glas Srpske pg 12 'Testimonies and then closing statements', Nezavisne Novine pg 37 'Defence and prosecution to give their closing statements today', Euro Blic RSpG 8 'Trial to continue' - The trial of 10 police officers from Doboj, indicted for causing general danger as they participated in the police action that took place at the Hajducke Vode Motel will resume before the Doboj Basic Court Tuesday. The resumption of the trial is expected to see a statement by the Federation ballistic expert, Bruno Franic , as well as a chemistry expert, Biljana Vasic from Banja Luka. The Defence and the Prosecution will then give their closing statements.
Vehicle of Nova Banjalucka Bank was robbed in Banja Luka	RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 12 'Both Skoda and the money' by <u>V. Janjic</u> ; Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Vehicle of the Nova Banjalucka Bank robbed' by <u>N.M.</u> - Three robbers stole unknown amount of money from the vehicle belonging to the Nova Banjalucka Bank at the Prijedor interchange, road exiting Banja Luka, on Monday. The investigation is under way.
FBiH Mol: Conspiracy of crime, business and politics in BiH	Vecernji List pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Conspiracy of organized crime and business' by <u>E. Medunjanin</u> - The Federation of BiH Ministry of Interior stated in its report on the security situation in the FBiH, which was submitted to the entity Parliament at the end of the last year, that conspiracy among organized crime, business and politics exist in BiH. The report also says that for this reason the struggle against the organized crime will be extremely hard.