OHR BiH Media Round-up, 14/8/2003

CROAT RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
SFOR – Mladic action	Action to arrest Mladic	Mladic	Mladic
Fires in Mostar	Explosions in Sarajevo	Sarajevo explosions	Fires in Herzegovina
FBiH Army debt	Fires in Mostar	Fires around Mostar	Kosovo
5c corridor	FBiH Army	Delayed strike of miners	A British arrested by FBI

Oslobodjenje	SFOR searched for Mladic in his mother's house
Dnevni Avaz	SFOR searched for Mladic at the burial ceremony to his mother
Dnevni List	Opponents of unification of Mostar decide about Aluminij, Russian Ambassador to BiH Aleksandar Griscenko: Balkans is weak point of Europe
Vecernji List	Federation Government is not ruling; Mladic hunted down at mother's funeral
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Glas Srpske	A failed operation of arrest of General Ratko Mladic: search before the requiem
	SFOR action in Serb Sarajevo: SFOR soldiers searched the house of the late mother of Ratko Mladic; Investigation in Sarajevo: Suspects for bomb attacks identified; How did Telekom Srpske co-operate with "Ericsson": A contract of KM 10 million signed without a tender
	Fire eats forests; Mother of Ratko Mladic died, SFOR searched the house; Mikerevic earns twice as much as Cavic

	War crimes
SFOR failed to arrest Mladic	War crimes Croat Radio Herceg Bosna, BHTV, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje front page, pg. 3 'SFOR searched house of Ratko Mladic's mother', Dnevni Avaz front page, pg. 3 'SFOR searched for Mladic at the funeral of his mother', Vecernje Novosti pg. 6 'They looked for General in mother's coffin'; Blic pg. 3 'SFOR in Mladic's mother's house', Washington Post, New York Times - SFOR troops failed in their trial to arrest war criminal Ratko Mladic on Wednesday.Press release issued by SFOR Command reads that troops searched house of his mother, Stana Mladic , who died late on Tuesday night. Operation was conducted in Kasindol near Sarajevo, and there were no injuries. Fully equipped SFOR troops supported by twenty armed vehicles searched Stana Mladic's house about 13.00 on Wednesday. According to witnesses entire settlement was blocked, while SFOR soldiers searched with police dogs post office and several other facilities in Kasindol. All vehicles parked nearby were searched in details, and citizens were requested to show their IDs. <i>"All of our operations are initiated and based on intelligence data that we have. We had an information that Mladic has been hiding on this location, and we wanted to examine the accuracy of the information," stated Dale McEachern, SFOR spokesman. Vecernji List (front page, <i>"Mladic hunted down at mother's funeral"</i> and page 2, <i>"They were capturing Mladic at funeral of his mother"</i>, by <u>Branka Stevandic</u>), Dnevni List (front end near 10, <i>"Will Mladic has nearbert"</i>, by <u>Branka Stevandic</u>), Dnevni List</i>
	(front and page 10, "Will Mladic be present at funeral of his mother?", <u>not signed</u>) and Vjesnik (page 2, "SFOR failed to arrest Mladic again", <u>by Hina</u>), Glas Srpske , cover page story, 'Search before a requiem'; Nezavisne Novine , cover and pg. 3, 'SFOR soldiers searched the house of the late mother of Ratko Mladic' also reported on the operation.
RS police not informed about raid on Mladic mother's house - Interior Ministry	Oslobodjenje pg. 3, Vecernji List, Dnevni List, Glas Srpske, Nezavisne Novine – Spokesman of RS Ministry of Interior Zoran Glusac said that the ministry has received no official information on Wednesday's raid of the house of Stana Mladic, the late mother of war criminal Ratko Mladic, by SFOR. He said that the local Public Security Centre in Serb Sarajevo had received several objections from dissatisfied citizens, adding that the RS Ministry is limited regarding SFOR's mandate in BiH.

Montenegrin Interior	Glas Srpske, pg. 2, 'Karadzic is not in Budva', Vecernje Novosti pg. 6 'Karadzic is
Minister: Karadzic is	not in Budva' - Montenegrin Interior Minister, Milan Filipovic, stated that the former
not in Budva	Republika Srpska president, Radovan Karadzic, is not in Budva, as some media in BiH
	reported.

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	Political statements/developments
Serbian Deputy PM:	Dnevni Avaz pg. 8 'Batic's proposal regarding BiH lawsuit not official Serbian
Proposal that Bosnia	Government's position', Oslobodjenje pg. 4, Vecernje Novosti pg. 4 'He did not
drop lawsuit not	represent the Government' – Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Zarko Korac said on
official government	Wednesday regarding the proposal of Serbian Justice Minister Vladan Batic that BiH
view	withdraw its lawsuit against the FRY before the Hague-based International Court of
	Justice (ICJ), in view of the existing "vast documentation proving that genocide was
	carried out against the Serb people during the war in that region," that this does not
	represent the official position of the Serbian Government. Korac said it is "assumed" that
	Batic had made this statement in the capacity of the chairman of the Democratic
	Christian Party of Serbia, recalling that the Serbia-Montenegro Foreign Ministry had
	formed a legal team, which was representing the country in these trials and protecting
	the interests of the state and its citizens in the International Court of Justice.
Batic responds to	Nezavisne Novine, pg. 3, 'A promise to co-operate with Republika Srpska on issues
Tihic	related to war crimes'; Glas Srpske, pg. 3, 'Izetbegovic must go to The Hague',
	Vecernje Novosti pg. 4 'Professional stand' – Vladan Batic, Justice Minister of Serbia
	and Montenegro, said that in regard to the documentation on war crimes committed
	against Serbs in BIH, he would cooperate with the institutions in charge in Republika
	Srpska. He also responded to statement by Sulejman Tihic by saying that: "The
	statements by some top officials from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
	claiming that Serbia and Montenegro had nothing to do with crimes committed in BiH, are horrifying. This could stipulate that they can commit genocide against their own
	citizens. By saying that, they admitted they had committed genocide."
	He also stressed that the crime at Dobrovoljacka street in Sarajevo was performed
	against persons of Serb nationality, who had both, citizenship of BiH and SFRY (Socialist
	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia).
	Batic is of the view that Alija Izetbegovic should have been seated at prisoners' deck
	a long time ago.
	His statement went on to stress that: "Some of the most monstrous crimes were
	committed against Serbs in BiH, Croatia and KosMet. And we admit that some of our
	compatriots also committed crimes, and they should all be penalised for that."
RS President slams	RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg. 3, Nezavisne Novine, pg. 4, 'Sulejman Tihic stirring up
SDA leader's	dangerous political conflicts', Blic pg. 7 'Tihic is trying to achieve the aims of the SDA
statement on	because of which the war broke out' - RS President Dragan Cavic described the
genocide, aggression	TUeasday's statement by the Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency, Sulejman Tihic,
	that the RS was a result of genocide as very dangerous. The policy promoted by
	Sulejman Tihic is based on the values of a quasi-Bosnian nation. Eight years after the
	war, he is trying to achieve the aims of the Party of Democratic Action (SDA) because of
	which the war broke out in the first place, Cavic said in Banja Luka on Wednesday. "If we
	are opening the issue of genocide, then are 6,000 missing Serbs in the BiH Federation
	genocide, or pure chance?" Cavic rejected the allegations on aggression and genocide
	and pointed out that there were 542 camps for Serbs in the Federation during the past
	war, that 22,000 Serb soldiers were killed and that only 4.4 per cent of Serbs live in the
	Federation now. The RS President also denied that he has any information about mass
	graves, adding that all this was politically motivated. "To say that I have such
	information is really beyond criticism. That kind of euphoria in Mr Tihic's statements
	expressing his political views and those of his party colleagues is really too much. I
	cannot see where this is leading. The war has obviously not yet ended in the head of the
	main SDA leader," Cavic said.

	RTRS – The Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (SNSD) has sent a message to BiH
"hatred-filled"	Presidency member Sulejman Tihic regarding his invitation to SNSD leader Milorad
remarks	Dodik to reveal the sites of mass graves, saying that <i>"he should exchange this type of</i>
	information with his partners in the Serb Democratic Party (SDS) and not seek it from
	Dodik". In its letter, the SNSD reminds Tihic that his Party of Democratic Action was "in
	coalition with the SDS and that this love has never died, which has now been proven
	because they are clinging to each other in order to avoid early elections".
RS Office for Missing	Nezavisne Novine, pg. 4, 'Call to Tihic to engage in disclosing graves of murdered
Persons comments on	Serbs' – Aleksandar Radeta, Director of the Republika Srpska Office for search for
Tihic's statement	missing persons, reacted on statement by Sulejman Tihic and called on Tihic to
	engage in disclosing the secondary mass graves of over a thousand of Serb bodies.
	Hearby, he referred to 364 bodies, that were transferred form Kazani Pit onto another
	location, and also around 700 bodies of Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks, whose bodies were
	transferred to another location from the mass grave at Dobrinja.
DNS on Tihic's	Nezavisne Novine, pg. 4, 'DNS: Ashdown should remove the fear cause', Blic pg. 7
statement	'We are paying for SDS rule' – Democratic Peoples Alliance (DNS) yesterday called on
	the High Representative to BiH, Paddy Ashdown, to prevent further activities of the
	cause of fear and confusion, and to instead enable the activities of progressive forces.
	Reacting on the statement by Sulejman Tihic, DNS said it is unacceptable that the
	leading officials of BiH quarrel via media, instead of directing their efforts towards
	resolving burning issues of people.
	Dnevni List (page 2), Statement of Day: "Republika Srpska is expression of will of the
of Day: Borislav	Serb people", by Borislav Paravac , member of BiH Presidency.
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SDHR Wnendt meets	Dnevni List page 4, by <u>Fena,</u> "Without progress in Mostar there is no progress in BiH",
Halilovic; Lozancic,	Dnevni Avaz pg. 4 - the BiH Minister of Civil Affairs, Safet Halilovic, and Senior
Dzihanovic and	Deputy High Representative, Werner Wnendt, met in Sarajevo yesterday discussing
Radivojevic	the issues of education reform, de-mining and situation in Mostar. The said Ministry
	released that SDHR Wnendt welcomed the course of the education reforms especially
	the General Framework Law on elementary and secondary education at BiH level.
	Talking about the situation in Mostar, Minister Halilovic said it was necessary that Mostar
	became a unified city in which mechanisms of protection of all constituent peoples are
	secured. SDHR Wnendt reportedly added that Mostar was symbol of BiH and if the
	problems in the city were not solved, it would be hard to believe in the overall progress
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	The same papers (DL on page 5 <u>unsigned</u> , "Domestic institutions must assume
	<i>responsibility for future of BiH"</i> and DA on pg. 4) report that SDHR Wnendt yesterday also met with the President and Vice Presidents of the Federation of Bosnia and
	Herzegovina, namely Niko Lozancic and Sahbaz Dzihanovic and Desnica Radivojevic , when they exchanged views about the implementation of peace in BiH
	with a special focus on the issue of making of the Statute of City of Mostar, building and
	strengthening of institutions, implementation of education reforms and process of
	reorganization of armed forces in BiH for participation in the Partnership for Peace
	programme. The interlocutors reportedly expressed an expectation that the role and
	importance of BiH institutions will grow in the period to come.
	Nezavisne Novine, pg. 8, ' Werner Wnendt supports educational reform in BIH'
	reported on the SDHR Wnendt's meeting with Halilovic.
DL: Interview with	Dnevni List (front and page 7, "Balkans is weak spot of Europe", by Ivica Glibusic)
Russian Ambassador	carries an interview with the Russian Ambassador to BiH, Aleksandar Griscenko .
to BiH Griscenko	Asked whether the political organization of BiH represents a problem for the progress of
	BiH, Griscenko says: "It does absolutely. The political organization is the big problem and
	there are no indications that progress has been made with regard to this issue. The
	things which are positive and which have to be praised are the decision on creating of
	the unique customs administration, introduction of a value added tax, strengthening of
	the BiH Council of Ministers as executive authority at the state level and I have to
	mention some good activities of the OHR , Bulldozer reforms. Numerous activities for
	creation of favorable environment and economic and legal frameworks are much needed
	in order that BiH makes a bigger step in the area of democratization and progress."

	 Vecernji List (front "Federation Government is not ruling" pages 4 and 5, "Government (still) does not have all the authority", by Milan Sutalo.) – reminding of the letter sent to the Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) by the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, and recommendation by the FBiH Ombudsmen that eventually requested the FBiH Government to annul the Decision on appointments to steering boards in the FBiH public companies, the author says it prevented the FBiH from assuming the real power in the entity, also questioning whether the FBIH Government governs at all. The daily carries the FBiH Finance Minister, Dragan Vrankic, as commenting: "Simply, the Federation Government is not ruling. Ever since the authority has been constituted, we could not carry out a single significant staff change, starting with Customs, Financial Police, steering boards in public companies, and any attempt to push any law in the FBiH Parliament, which was not approved by the OHR until the last letter, was in vain". The daily also carries a Vice President of SDA, Seada Palavric, as admitting that unlike (the former High Representative), Wolfgang Petritsch, (the current) HR Ashdown did not run a campaign against the so-called national parties during the pre-election period. However, Palavric reportedly says that the HR Ashdown did everything that the national parties do not rule the country after the elections. "Even our ministers are figures", says Palavric. The same daily on page 5 (by Zoran Kresic, "Out of six Federation ministers only Ljubovic sits in Mostar") notes that several FBiH Ministers, who are supposed to be seated in Mostar, are in fact seated in Sarajevo, complaining that the taxpayers are funding double administrations. In this context, the author notes it is only the FBiH
unification with Serbia in case of Kosovo independence	Vecernje Novosti pg. 6 'Majority for unification' – According to an opinion poll published on Wednesday most Bosnian Serbs believe the RS should unite with Serbia if Kosovo wins independence. Some 65 percent of those polled in the Republika Srpska said they were in favor of unification, the Partner research agency said. 17.6 percent said they disagreed, while remaining 17.3 percent were undecided. In the Muslim-Croat federation 69 percent of those polled said they were against the idea, while 14.5 percent said they supported it and 16.5 percent remained undecided. In the poll, 850 people in the RS and 700 in the Federation were questioned.

	Economic/social issues
BiH Federation army experiencing power cuts due to lack of	Croat Radio Herceg Bosna, BHTV, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg. 8, mentioned on the front page 'FBiH Army hungry, thirsty and in darkness', Dnevni Avaz pg. 9, Dnevni List page 4, " <i>Cutting of power, water supply and phone lines strike on system of control over</i>
funding	<i>Army</i> ", <u>not signed</u> , Vecernji List page 2, " <i>Cutting of power supply strike against Army</i> ", <u>by E. Medunjanin</u> – Power cuts, water shortages and disconnection of telephone lines is an attack on the command and control system of the BiH Federation Army. Despite this, its members continue to fulfill their obligations successfully, Deputy Commander of the Federation Army's Joint Command, General Ramiz Drekovic , has said. At a news conference of the Joint Command the problem of providing enough food to soldiers was also raised. Due to the lack of money, the Federation Army will abandon some forms of training this year, which will be adjusted to the available means and resources. However, the training of recruits, mine clearance staff and rangers is going according to plan. According to Drekovic, the army does not have a stable source of financing which is reflected on its planning. Therefore, provision of quality food to soldiers is suffering due to financial problems. The Federation Army is hoping to reach an agreement with the relevant institutions in order to resolve this problem. The shortening of military service, according to Drekovic, is not a measure which will bring significant changes to the army. "We certainly support the reduction of the military service, but the shortening of this period in itself will not make any savings. If we were to decide to reduce military service to four months, then every four months we will have a new group of recruits," said Drekovic.

Arbitration into	
	Dnevni List (front "Opponents of unification of Mostar decide about Aluminij" and page
Aluminij	5 "Opponents of unification of Mostar and forgers of documents decide about Aluminij") -
	the daily reports that amid the negotiations about the price of electricity for the Mostar's
	"Aluminij" Company, the Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina formed a
	Commission whose task is to determine "rules of the game" for the forthcoming
	arbitration for "Aluminij". The daily complains about the national composition of the
	Commission, (5 Bosniaks, 2 Croats and 1 Serb), says that Croat members of the
	Commission were not invited or received short notices for the initial, very important
	session of the Commission, and above all complains about some Bosniak members of the
	Commission. With regards to the latter, DL says one of the members is Damir Sadovic ,
	who is according to DL, an SDA man who participated in the work of the Mostar
	Commission and who was the main obstructionist of unification of Mostar. DL says the
	other "debatable" member of the Commission (for Aluminij) is the "so-called President of
	Union for Aluminij from east Mostar", namely Mujo Hodzic. According to DL, Hodzic
	forged documents trying to hide that he was an employee of other company whilst trying
	to be reinstated to "Aluminij" adding that Hodzic is no expert for the issue.
DL's editorial on tax	Dnevni List (page 6, by Anica Tomic-Babic, "We want just taxation") - saying that
system in BiH	nothing can characterize the state and authority as much as its tax system, the author
-	says that the issue of "placing of the Indirect Taxation Administration to Banja Luka
	(move by lord Ashdown that contributes to development of democracy in BiH) clearly
	shows that unitarianism is a bigger evil than separatism in the post-Dayton BiH. Whilst
	Banja Luka accepted the Ashdown's move with understanding thus (again) showing that
	separatism is a lesser evil than unitarianism, some judgments in Sarajevo circles say it is
	about - nothing more, nothing less - but the division of the country. And they started
	writing letters to Ashdown to declare himself! And in fact it is about equality that is not
	being accepted, and about imposing of inequality through unnecessary centralization".
	The author adds that a modern BiH cannot apply centralization if it is to provide equality
	for all three constituent peoples.
Update to Telekom	Nezavisne Novine, cover and pg. 5, 'A contract of KM 10 million signed without a
Srpske affair(s)	tender' – Zeljko Jungic, Director of Telekom Srpske, on 9 November 2001 signed a
	contract through direct settlement, namely without a public tender announced. The
	contract was signed with "Ericsson" and was about the supply of 55 thousand
	connections to land telephony. The contract was of KM 10.199.800 worth. According to
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PRSP by end of	daily carries the Co-ordinator of the BiH Development Strategy project, Zlatko Hurtic,
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	prepared by end September. Hurtic also confirmed that the final proposal would be
	submitted to the BiH Council of Ministers, entity governments and state parliament for
	adoption expecting that the whole process would last until end of this year.

	Security situation/investigations
BiH security chiefs discuss security following explosions in capital	Croat Radio Herceg Bosna, BHTV, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg. 2 'The latest incidents will be lightened soon', Vecernji List page 2, <u>by Fena</u> , "FOSS will also participate in resolving of cases of explosion", Dnevni List page 2, "Police control in Sarajevo intensified", <u>not signed</u> – The current security situation in the BiH Federation
	and BiH was the topic of a meeting of delegations of the BiH Security Ministry headed by minister Barisa Colak , Federation Interior Ministry headed by minister Mevludin Halilovic , Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry and representatives of the European police. The meeting was held in Sarajevo on Wednesday. After the meeting, Federation Interior Minister Mevludin Halilovic told a news conference that the latest events which took place in the Sarajevo Canton over the past few days had rendered the situation more complex and that the situation had deteriorated in comparison to the first six months of this year. <i>"The public expects urgent reactions from us. It was concluded that it is necessary for professionals to bear the brunt of the task of discovering the perpetrators. With this in mind, an invitation has been sent out to the head of the police administration of the Federation Interior Ministry. We expect that both would invest maximum efforts to cooperate with the Federation information service and other institutions and agencies involved in the implementation of laws and would do their utmost to throw light on these events," Halilovic said, voicing his conviction that these events would be clarified very shortly because professionals were involved. Asked whether there were reasons for concern, Halilovic said that following events in Sarajevo, citizens were sure to be anxious. I think, he added, that the police have already undertaken certain measures to prevent the possible escalation of such events.</i>
Terzic on security situation in Sarajevo	BHTV 1, Oslobodjenje pg. 4 'Security situation to be more stable soon', Dnevni List page 2, "Terzic: I am expecting that security situation will stabilize very soon", FENA – BiH Council of Ministers Chairman Adnan Terzic stated the following: "I cannot give any other comment, but to say that the security situation in Sarajevo has become pretty complicated. I am very concerned with the number of explosions; however, I am convinced that the state instruments can produce the necessary results if all of us take our jobs seriously." In a statement for Dnevni Avaz pg. 2 'Politicisation of cases additionally worsens situation in Sarajevo', Terzic said that the security situation in the BiH capital was not
	good primarily because the authorized ministries were doing not enough to prevent possible happening of similar incidents again.
reasons to impose the state of emergency	Oslobodjenje pgs. 4-5, mentioned on the front page 'No reasons for imposition of the state of emergency' – "There is no reason for holding an early session of the Sarajevo Canton Assembly nor for raising the security level since the Interior Ministry is acting to reveal perpetrators of the bomb attacks that took place recently in Sarajevo," Sarajevo Canton Assembly Speaker Meliha Alic told the newspaper.
Himzo Selimovic on	Nezavisne Novine, cover and pg. 2, 'Suspects for bomb attacks identified' – Himzo
the ongoing investigations	Selimovic, Police Commissioner at Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry, yesterday stated that: "The special police team identified several tens of people, suspected of having
	been involved in the planting and activating of the explosive devices in Sarajevo in the past seven days. We have already interrogated several suspects. I assure the public that those responsible for the series of explosions in the city will soon be arrested."
SDP on security in Sarajevo	Dnevni List (page 3, "Sarajevo has become place of dangerous living", <u>by Fena</u>) carries that with regard to the latest explosions in the Sarajevo area the SDP Board of the Sarajevo Canton stated that Sarajevo has become the place of dangerous living due to escalation of violence and a new form of city terrorism that is spreading and strengthening. Oslobodjenje pg. 4 also carried the statement.

	Education
OSCE on primary and secondary school	Glas Srpske, pg. 2, 'Schools at European standard'; Nezavisne Novine, pg. 8, 'Entity laws need to be adopted by the end of this eyar', Vecernje Novosti pg. 39 'One
framework law	school three languages' – Yesterday in Banjaluka, Claude Kiefer , Deputy Head of OSCE Education Department, stated that the standards set by the Framework law on primary and secondary education need to be embodied in entity and cantonal laws, which need to be adopted by January 2003.