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Leakey meets Tihic	HR to go to Brussels	Momcilo Perisisc on pre-trial release
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NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
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A person identified on the videotape	Another Scorpion arrested	Srebrenica conference in Belgrade
Branislav Medic arrested	Momcilo Perisisc on pre-trial release	Member of Scorpions arrested

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War crimes

Conference "Srebrenica beyond reasonable doubt" held in Belgrade	**BHT 1** by Vesna Simic, Hayat – The conclusion of participants of the conference on Srebrenica, held on Saturday in Belgrade, is that Serbia must face with war crimes in Srebrenica and condemn it. Conference titled "Srebrenica: beyond reasonable doubt" was organized by an NGO, the Fund for Humanitarian Right. Fund's Director, **Natasa Kandic**, underlined that the war crimes in Srebrenica cannot be denied anymore. She also criticized the Serbian authorities since none of its representatives attended the conference. *"Process of facing with the past must commence in the institutions,"* said Kandic. The conference gathered representatives of the ICTY, Council of Europe, OSCE, non-governmental organizations and others. **FTV** says that the only officials that participated in the conference were Montenegro Assembly Vice-President **Rifat Rastoder** and Serbian Minister of Agriculture, **Ivana Dulic Markovic,** who underlined that she came in her own name, and not as a representative of the Serbian Government. Also covered by **Pink**, **RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 5** 'Serbian authority representatives did not come' not signed, **Oslobodjenje** cover pg splash and pgs 4 and 5 'Serbia unwilling to face with war crimes' by B. Boskov, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Serbia must condemn crimes committed 'in name of Serbia' ' by Beta

Serbian Assembly representative Korac: Serbian Assembly's policy resulted in execution of 6 Bosniaks from Srebrenica	**Hayat** – Serbian Assembly representative **Zarko Korac** has issued a proposal on Resolution on Srebrenica to the Assembly, in order to adopt it. Korac believes that the crimes are not going to be condemned for good. "*I will tell you why, due to the fact that the policy which Serbian Assembly runs resulted in execution of these 6 persons, and more than 8.000 persons from Srebrenica. And the most difficult thing is to accept the responsibility and to apologise. But some future Serbian Assembly will do that*", said Korac.
Father Gavrilo who blessed "Scorpions" says he does not regret it/Orthodox Church condemned execution of 6 Bosniaks from Srebrenica	**Hayat** – Father Gavrilo who blessed "Scorpions" members said in an interview for "Dnevnik", that he did not regret that he did that. He said that the soldiers went there to fight for their right. He added that he saw that the soldiers were scared, since no one wanted to be sent to the war. Hayat also says that the Serb Orthodox Church (SPC) condemned execution of 6 Bosniaks from Srebrenica. The SPC condemnation also covered by **Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'SPC condemned execution of Moslems from Srebrenica' not signed.
'Scorpions' member Medic arrested	**Hayat, FTV, RTRS,** – Serbian RTV informed that **Branislav Medic**, former "Scorpions" unit member was arrested. **BHT 1, Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'Member pf 'Scorpions identified from video tape' not signed say that Belgrade District Court confirmed this information.

Leakey and Tihic discussed security arrangements for commemoration in Srebrenica	RHB, BHT 1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'EUFOR willing to help during ceremony in Srebrenica on July 11' not signed, Dnevni List pg 2 'To mark ceremony in dignified manner' by NINA – EUFOR Commander David Leakey and BiH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic discussed on Friday security arrangements for the memorial ceremony in Srebrenica on July 11. They both agreed on the need for a dignified ceremony, which would remind of the tragic events in the past, honour the dead and look to the future. It is stated in EUFOR's press release that BiH authorities have the primary responsibility to take care of safety of people who will attend the commemoration. EUFOR will be on hand and ready to assist as necessary.
Tuzla : Peace protest of Srebrenica women	**Pink, Olsobodjenje** pg 4 'Imela would bury father that she never met' by A. Avdic, **Vecernji List** pg 4 'Srebrenica women reminded of crime' by zc – Women of Srebrenica organized on Saturday in Tuzla peace protest for the last time before marking of 10th anniversary of Srebrenica genocide. The aim of that protest is to point out that destiny of several thousands of missing persons is still unknown.

13th anniversary of execution of 3000 Bosniaks in Visegrad marked	**BH T 1, FTV, RTRS**, Dnevni Avaz pg 3, mentioned on cover '3000 roses thrown into river' by Al. Bajramovic, **Oslobodjenje** pg 3, mentioned on cover '3000 roses for 3000 victims' by E. Aganovic– Citizens of Visegrad and representatives of the authorities on Saturday marked the 13th anniversary of the execution of 3000 Bosniaks in this city by symbolically throwing 3.000 roses to river Drina from Mehmed Pasa *Sokolovic bridge. BiH Presidency member,* ***Sulejman Tihic****, attended the commemoration. "We will do everything possible to find all missing and executed persons, to bury them in dignity, and to bring those responsible for the cries before justice," said Tihic.*

Body remains of 38 victims exhumed from mass grave Suha near Bratunac exhibited in Tuzla 's Clinic	**BHT 1, FTV**, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Zekira Begic killed in 8th months of pregnancy' by A. Hadzic, **Oslobodjenje** pg 5, mentioned on cover 'They were also killing unborn children' by A. Avdic, **Vecernji List** pg 5 'He recognized his pregnant daughter-in-law' by M. Petrovic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'Mortal remains of bodies exhumed in Suha e exhibited' by J. Sarac – Body remains of 38 victims exhumed from the mass grave Suha near Bratunac have been exhibited on Saturday in the Pathology Department of Tuzla's Clinic. These remains belongs to women, mothers with children and to elderly persons. Experts who work for ten years on exhumations and identification of victims stated that experience from Suha is the most horrible professional experience to them *"At that time, there were no any fights in the Bratunac area. This means that all these victims were taken away from their houses and executed,"* said Tuzla Canton Prosecutor, **Muhamed Mustafic**. Case Suha is delivered to the BiH Prosecution where it will be decided on which court have jurisdiction over this case. Also covered by Hayat,

State Department expects arrest of war crime indictees from leaders in region	**RTRS** – The State Department has published that it expects arrest of war crime indictees from leaders in the region. This is especially related to **Ratko Mladic, Radovan Karadzic** and **Ante Gotovina.** US Undersecretary for political issues **Nicolas Burns** criticised the Serb authorities in BiH and accused them of stalling the reform process as well as that they do not admit historical responsibility of their national community for war crimes committed from 1992-1995. He especially criticised **Mladen Ivanic** (former BiH Foreign Affairs Minister) who avoided all questions asked during the meeting in Sarajevo.
US and Canadian Parliaments to consider declaration on Srebrenica	**BHT 1, Dnevni Avaz** pg 9 'Successful lobbing for resolution on Srebrenica' not signed– The US Senate and Canadian Parliament will consider adoption of the resolution on Srebrenica. This is the result of several months of work of the Northern America Bosniak Congress. Representatives of this Congress believes that even discussion on this Resolution in the most powerful Parliaments in the world represents encouragement that the International Community will confirm that aggression and genocide happened in BiH and that the BiH lawsuit against Serbia-Montenegro for aggression and genocide would get support in this way.

Gregorian: BiH to join PfP as soon as Karadzic and Mladic are arrested	**Pink**, **BHT 1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'I will try to return reform on way along which it was moving' not signed, **Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'Way to PfP is arrest of Karadzic and Mladic' not signed– At the seminar on defence reform held on Saturday in Sarajevo Defence Reform Commission (DRC) Chairman **Raffi Gregorian** stated that BiH would be accepted in the Partnership for Peace as soon as **Ratko Mladic** and **Radovan Karadzic** are arrested. He expects this to happen by July 11.
Independent: Greatest worry of Serbian authorities is to catch Mladic alive	**RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 13 'Circle around General Mladic is tightening' not signed – British newspaper Independent published that the greatest worry of Serbian authorities is to catch **Ratko Mladic** alive. It further claims that Mladic might commit suicide in order to avoid extradition to ICTY.

Political issues

Terzic and Ivanic accusing one another for illegal moves	**Pink, Hayat, Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Mladen Ivanic can only come to hand over duty' by Onasa – Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers **Adnan Terzic** stated that **Mladen Ivanic** was no longer to perform duty of a BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs and that he could come to the CoM only to transfer his duties. Pink also says that in terms of possible way out of the crisis in the BiH CoM, Terzic said that he was going to hold on to BiH House of Representative's conclusion, according to which he has to discuss the issue with all parties. Terzic stressed that he did not remove Ivanic due to the fact that High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** has appointed **Sredoje Novic** as SIPA Director but because Ivanic let that happen. **BHT 1** by Z. Sarenacalsocarries **Terzic** as saying Ivanic's announcement on coming to his working place on Monday is intentional violation of the law. Ivanic claims that Terzic's acceptance of his resignation is his self-will and violation of the law. Ivanic accuses Terzic for non-consistency in decision-making and for illegal appointment of acting Minister of Foreign Affairs. He said that he expects the BiH Prosecution to take a stance on this. *"I have intentions to hand over my duty, but only when some judicial body confirms that, even if the **OHR** says that Terzic's decision is in accordance with the law,"* stated Ivanic and added that the second way is if the BiH Parliament or the parties making majority in the Parliament decide to support Terzic's decision. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'My removal is immoral act' by S. Numanovic carries Ivanic as saying that his removal is not legally grounded *and 'it is an immoral act of Terzic who, obviously, has many problems'*. Ivanic also reminded of the **OHR's** stand from January according to which a Minister under resignation or removal must do job until the new Minister is appointed.

Ivanic: I remain BiH Foreign Minister until BiH Parliament gives its opinion on my resignation	**Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash and pg 9 'Terzic has made big circus' by V. Popovic carries an interview with **Mladen Ivanic** who says: '*If **Adnan Terzic** wants to change the situation he must demand a session of the BiH Parliament as early as on Monday, appoint a new BiH Foreign Minister, gets necessary support and finished the job.*' Ivanic added that Terzic does not do it since he does not have majority in the Parliament. Ivanic also said: 'I *interpret Terzic's decision not as accepting of the resignation but as absolving of duty and I remain the BiH Foreign Minister until the BiH Parliament does not state its opinion on this issue.*'
Terzic: My decision is legal	**Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'Terzic: Disrespecting my decision Ivanic violates law' and pgs 8 and 9 'If Ivanic does not respect my decision he violates law' by M. Cubro carries an interview with **Adnan Terzic.** Asked as to why High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** 'scolded' him for accepting the Ivanic's resignation, Terzic says that with the HR's support he (Terzic) ran the BiH CoM in the right reform direction and he added: '*It is possible that someone might mind the fact that I took over responsibility to say who hinders the reforms.*' Asked whether and how he would respond to Ivanic's insisting to remain the BiH Foreign Minister, Terzic said: '*My decision has legal strength and if Ivanic wants to violate the law that is a matter for him.*'
Bosic to be new Foreign Minister/SDS goal elimination of PDP	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Bosic to be new Foreign Minister' by H.O. – According to a DA source former BiH Ambassador to Slovenia **Mladen Bosic** might be a new BiH Foreign Minister. The DA source also said: '*SDS plays a perfidious game of complete elimination of Ivanic's PDP from the political life in the RS and BiH.*'

BHT 1 on Terzic's talk with Cavic	**BHT 1** by Z. Sarenac **–** The reporter said that **Adnan Terzic** found out, during his mini-tour to Banjaluka aimed at convincing ruling partners that Ivanic is an obstacle to reforms, that SDS does not want the position of BiH Foreign Affairs Minister and that extraordinary elections are the only solution.
S. Halilovic: We can work normally without Ivanic and Dokic	**Dnevni Avaz** cover pg splash and pg 5 'We can work normally without Ivanic and Dokic' by H. Orahovac carries an interview with BiH Minister of Civil Affairs **Safet Halilovic** who says that the state executive authority can continue to work within the legal framework and that latest events with regard to resignations of **Mladen Ivanic** and **Branko Dokic** are not formal obstacle for passing valid decisions. Halilovic believes that we have come to the phase when it is clear to everyone that we have to change the BiH Constitution and he also stands for change of the BiH Election Law.
Tihic on CoM crisis: Change of Constitution necessary	**Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Change of BiH Constitution way out from crisis' by E.A. – Commenting on the BiH CoM's crisis a BiH Presidency member **Sulejman Tihic** stated that the change of the BiH Constitution is a way out from the crisis and that BiH would be in some kind of the crisis as long as we have the current Constitution.

Dokic believes crisis in CoM could deepen crisis in BiH authority	**Pink,** by Milka Mrdja – RBiH Minister of Transport and Communications under resignation **Branko Dokic** said that the current events in the BiH Council of Ministers would deepen the crisis in the BiH authority. He believes that he should be replaced by a person who is ready and able to continue initiatives and projects, which have already started. Dokic said that some representatives of the International Community sent several letters to **Adnan Terzic** and High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** asking that Dokic continues to perform duty of the Minister. "*Only reforms which are not against any of three constituent peoples in BiH can be carried out, and everybody should understand that*", said Dokic.
Mikerevic, Solaja and Tesanovic possible candidates for Dokic's postion	**Pink** says that PDP should propose a candidate for **Branko Dokic's** postion. It is speculated that those candidates could be: former RS Prime Minister **Dragan Mikerevic**, former Minister of Transport and Communications **Dragan Solaja** and BiH Deputy Minister of Civil Affairs **Zoran Tesanovic.**
Djokic : Crisis in CoM caused by national parties	**RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'I hope that citizens would recognize deceit' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'National parties responsible for crisis' by Srna – SP RS Chairman **Petar Djokic** stated that the crisis in CoM was caused by national parties in BiH that showed to be incompetent to govern the society.
SPRS: Crisis is arranged scenario of ruling parties in which OHR is also involved	**Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Concealing of failure' **not signed** carries SPRS on the BiH CoM crisis and this party believes that the crisis is arranged scenario of ruling parties in which the **OHR** is also involved.

Gregorian: Defence reform complicated additionally due to current situation in CoM, deadline set by HR might not be met	**RHB, Pink, BHT 1, Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Crisis in CoM additionally complicated defence reform' by M. Lingo – At the seminar on defence reform held on Saturday in Sarajevo Defence Reform Commission (DRC) Chairman **Raffi Gregorian** stated that the defence reform issue is additionally complicated because of the current situation in the BiH Council of Ministers. **RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'Way to PfP is arrest of Karadzic and Mladic' not signed, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'I will try to return reform on way along which it was moving' not signed – **Gregorian** also stated that deadlines set by HR **Paddy Ashdown** regarding defence reform might not be met.
Pendes believes BiH would have professional Army by end of 2005	**Pink** – BiH Deputy Minister of Defence, **Marina Pendess** believes that BiH will have professional army till the end of 2005 and that the BiH Ministry of Defence should define all necessary elements in order for this to happen.
Tihic: Bosniaks do not give up unified Army and police	**RTRS, Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Bosniaks do not give up unified Army and police' by Srna – A member of the BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic** stated at a commemoration in Visegrad on Saturday that Bosniaks would continue to stand for unified police and Army, which would make possible to place on the Visegrad Bridge a plaque saying how many Bosniaks got killed during the war in BiH.
Coverage of HR's interview to NN	**RHB, Pink, BHT 1, Hayat, RTRS, Vecernji List** pg 5 'On moves against RS authority' by bs – The dailiescarry parts of an interview with High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** given to **Nezavisne Novine** (see OHR BiH Media Round-up from June 11). They mostly covered the HR saying that he goes to Brussels next week in order to talk with EU leaders what to do having in mind blockade of the police reform and the HR's statement on the BiH CoM crisis.

M. Tadic: Croat parties to present Proposal of change of Constitution on June 21'	**Dnevni List** pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Proposal of change of Constitution on June 21' by I. Gibusic carries HSS President **Marko Tadic** as saying that the next meeting of Croat parties would take place on June 21 in Travnik when a proposal on change of the Constitution would be presented. Tadic added: *'We shall have proposals of the change of the Constitution at the level of legislative and executive authority in BiH.'*
Iraqi army threats BiH soldiers in Iraq	**Hayat** – Magazine called SAFF brings a threat issued by the Iraqi Army to BiH soldiers, who left for Iraq several days ago. The Army said that the soldiers were going to be attacked, regardless of the fact that some of them are Muslims. Report brings an interview with SAFF Editor-in-chief **Kemal Bakovic**, who said that after the Army saw BiH soldiers who came to Iraq , they contacted SAFF reporter in Iraq , who gave them SAFF e-mail, and they sent a letter to SAFF. The letter says that the Iraqi army cannot believe that BiH sent its sons to support enemies, after Arabian states supported BiH during the war.
RS POW Association urged US Embassy and HR to publish names of 12 000 foreigners who have BiH passports.	**RTRS** – The RS POW Association sent an open invitation to the US Embassy and HR **Paddy Ashdown** to publish the names of 12 000 foreigners that have BIH passports. Association claims that 6000 mujaheedins received BiH passports since they were members of BIH Army during the war.