## OHR BiH Media Round-up, 10/1/2003

CROAT RADIO HERCEG-	BH TV 1	FED TV	RT RS
BOSNA	(19,00 hrs)	(19,30 hrs)	(19,30)
(18,00 hrs)			
Eronet shares	Security issues	Eronet shares	Snow in BiH
	next		
Threats in Mostar	CRO gov. on HVO	Como's trial	Cavic on RS
	soldiers		
A minister passes OHR	New ICTY	Presidency got	OHR to finalise
test	indictments	'Orao' rep.	the vetting
Milan Milutinovic	UN inspectors in		SFOR on raid of
	Iraq		'St. John'

Oslobodjenje	Instead of FBiH, Eronet granted to Grude municipality; RS Day marked
	in a smaller entity — state is nothing but a letter on a paper; The
	tender open for property care — as of today, it will be easier for
	veterans to get their properties back
Dnevni Avaz	The snow blocked the entire BiH; Tihic – each form of extremism is a
	blow to the state; A tender open for veterans' loans; Mandic paying
	Karadzic's insurance?; Below Tito's villas secret hallways;
Dnevni List	Croatian government on rights of Croat war victims from BiH - Croat
	victims from BiH become BiH's concern: IMF approved payment of
	overdue pensions; Barisa Colak — new Federation government in two
	weeks
Slobodna	Slavo Kukic accuses Toby Robinson of being in service of colonists -
Dalmacija	Deutsche Telekom gets the license for mobile phones without a single
	mark; Beneficiaries in Herceg Bosna Canton revolted — Christmas
	bonus only to government officials
Glas Srpski	Blizzard in the RS — the winter shows its face; Agricultural
	production: arable land choked with weeds

Nezavisne	The winter shows its real face — snowstorm in Bosnia; Candidates for
Novine	BiH Council of Ministers still being checked — SDS candidate Mirko
	Mijatovic disputable for OHR; Affairs - Minister Bukejlovic works
	against 'Birac' Company
FRY Nacional	Arrest of General Mladic failed; Milutinovic peacefully to the
	Hague; Momcilo Trajkovic: Djindjic's statement on a new Dayton brave
	move
Blic	11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of RS celebrated; Djeric head of Ministry of
	Interior Affairs?; Frederiksen: Police must protect returnees;
	Prosper: The RS authorities must find Karadzic

## Economic Affairs

Eronet	Oslobodjenje pg. 1 and 3, Avaz pg. 11 'Mehmedic
	requested holding of an extraordinary FBiH
	government session' - reactions to the decision
	by Toby Robinson to sell certain Eronet shares to
	the Grude municipality. "This proves that BiH is
	going towards three-parts division," stated Besim
	Mehmedic, FBiH Urbanism and Communication
	Minister. He said the FBiH government, but also
	the CoM, had to declare their positions on the
	problem and find the way to return both Eronet
	and HPT Mostar under the state ownership. If not,
	Mehmedic predicts that state will not be able to
	influence the telecommunications and the revenues
	from this sector would go to Croatia. (Croatian
	Telecom is the biggest share holder in Eronet and
	since 4,48 % of the Eronet capital has been
	transferred to the municipality ownership the
	company has automatically gained right to
	receiving GSM license without a tender being
	issued and with a symbolical payment). Resad
	Zutic, Director of the FBiH Privatisation Agency,
	is shocked with the decision. He explained that
	Agency reps met with Robinson last summer,
	explained laws to her and gave her evidence on
	the state ownership over 51% of Eronet. After the
	latest decision by Robinson, the Federation will
	have to request the ownership rights before the
	court. Bozo Knezevic, Eronet Administration
	President, stated that they requested the third
	license from the CRA, and that the CRA decided to
	open the procedure. The CRA Director, David
	Betts, supported Eronet's request and wrote on
	Thursday to the CoM Chair Adnan Terzic asking the
	CoM for an approval for the sale. Slobodna
	Dalmacija pg. 1 and 13 – carries a statement by
	Chair of the HPT Mostar's Supervision Board,
	Slavo Kukic, that the sale of Eronet shares to
	the Grude municipality is a classic example of
	plunder of State-owned property and colonial
	enslavement of BiH. Kukic reiterates his previous
	stance that the whole scheme is aimed at making
	way for the Croatian Telekom and its shareholder
	Deutsche Telekom to buy 'Eronet' and have a cheap
	access to the BiH market.

Agency for	Oslobodjenje pg. 3 'A model for connecting
Economic	businesses' — HR Paddy Ashdown visited on
Development	Thursday the Sarajevo Economic Development Agency
of Sarajevo	(SERDA) offices and underlined the importance
	that the economic development agencies play in
	the regeneration of BiH. He met SERDA Director
	Omer Vatric, Deputy Director Sreten Tesanovic and
	the presidents of the SERDA Steering Board, Beriz
	Belkic and Predrag Lasica. "The new authorities
	should do exactly what SERDA does — remove
	obstacles for the business, construction of new
	communication and relations between business
	subjects and all activities for the well-being
	for the local population," said Ashdown. He also
	added that SERDA was the model for the rest of
	the country.

	Political Affairs
Sarovic on	Avaz pg. 4 'It would not be good to create new
Djnidjic's	Dayton' — a reaction by Mirko Sarovic, the
statement	Presidency Chair, to the recent statement by
	Zoran Djindjic. He stated that it would not be
	good to create new Dayton, and that Serbian PM
	Djindjic was of the same opinion. According to
	Sarovic, Balkan is a very dangerous place to
	change borders. His message was that the existing
	borders should be respected both in BiH and in
	Yugoslavia, which includes Kosovo.
Commentary in	Oslobodjenje pg. 2 commentary by <u>Hamza Baksic</u>
Oslobodjenje	'Balkan cavern' - tackles the issue of Djnidjic's
	statement. Baksic thinks that only those who do
	not know what took place in this country ten
	years ago will fail to recognise in Djnidjic's
	statement inclusion of the war option. "Always
	and everywhere the option is included in
	calculation of stories about the change of
	borders. Serbian PM is actually taking the
	discussion back to the beginning - ethnic borders
	ensured through ethnic cleansing."

'Orao' affair	Oslobodjenje pg. 3 'Presidency BiH – received a short version of the RS report on 'Orao', Avaz pg. 2 'BiH Presidency received a report on 'Orao' affair on only 26 pages', Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'BiH Presidency receives Orao report', Dnevni List pg. 2 'BiH Presidency received the report on Orao affair' – the Presidency members received yesterday the 'Orao' report, but a short version on only 26 pages. The presidency SG, Srdjan Arnaut, confirmed the report they received had only 26 pages. Same short version of the report has been forwarded to the Military Committee.
'Am Sped'	Glas Srpski on pg. 2 further reported a statement by Cabinet of the RS President, Dragan Cavic, that the report on the violation of the UN embargo by Orao institute from Bijeljina was based of facts and evidence. Thus, the statements given by Milorad Dodik, Ostoja Barasin and Manojlo Milovanovic were incorrect as they commented on something they have not seen nor read. Apart from a detailed answer to all three, Cavic recalls that his constitutional obligation is to tell the truth which can be proved, no matter whether Dodik, Milovanovic and Barasin like it or not and that he will continue to do so in future, in the interest of the RS.
	Avaz pg. 3 'Suspended Jelic and Curak used company cars and mobile phones' — despite the fact that deputy Finance Minister, Sefika Hafizovic, suspended her assistants for treasury and legal affairs, Krunoslav Jelic and Tihomir Curak, the case was never concluded. Due to passivity of the government, which never made a final decision on the appeals by the above named two, Jelic and Curak were receiving salaries even though they had not been working. Also, until recently, both suspended officials were using ministry's cars and mobile phones. According to Avaz, their cases were stagnating because Behmen and Curak are connected through the party membership in the SDP. Both have good positions within the party.

Interview with Tihic	<pre>Avaz pg. 5 'Extremists amongst Bosniaks have no right to play with the state' - a one-page interview with Sulejman Tihic, Bosniak Presidency member and the SDA President. The key issue throughout the interview was extremism amongst Bosniaks. Asked about Kostajnica murders, Tihic replied that he and his party condemned the murders, but also the abuse of the crime for political purposes by those who did nothing to punish criminals from their people committed against other peoples. As for the returnees' security, Tihic said that they had to ensure peace amongst returnees in areas where Bosniaks were majority. "We are all witnesses to the fact that out of 100 attacks, 90 of them are against Bosniaks. However, the remaining 10 are louder and more dangerous from those 90."</pre>
Ravnogorski Chetnick Movement — SRS	Avaz pg. 5 'Ognjen Tadic in Linc requested money for the Ravnagorski Chetnick Movement' – Ognjen Tadic, SRS SG, was recently in Linc (Austria0, for a secret meeting with a smaller number of Serb businessmen working in that country. Tadic, who is also close associate of Vojislav Seselj and Nikola Poplasen, requested from businessmen financial and personnel support for the training and activities of the Movement in BiH.
HDZ requesting Bubalo's resignation	Avaz pg. 8 'A resignation by Emir Bubalo requested' — the HDZ Konjic requested yesterday from the Konjic municipality Head, Emir Bubalo, to submit his resignation. They also requested the abolishing of the illegally set up camp in Falan Hill and allowing the return of Croats to Kostajnica and Falan Hill. The requests were outlined during a session of the HDZ Konjic yesterday. They further concluded that the Konjic authorities had not done much to ensure security for non-Bosniaks in the city.
FBiH HoR session	Oslobodjenje pg. 5 'The regular session only on January 21', Avaz pg. 2 'The Party of Pensioner nominated Dusanka Pecanac' – the Party for Pensioner sent an official request to the FBiH HoR for the nomination of their member, Dusanka Pecanac, for the second Vice-President of the FBiH HoR. The nomination will be discussed at the HoR session scheduled for 21 of January.

СоМ	Nezavisne Novine pg. 2, Glas Srpski pg. 3'CoM —
establishment	an SDS candidate disputable for OHR', Slobodna
	Dalmacija pg. 1 and 15 — by late afternoon
	yesterday, the Chairman of the BiH CoM, Andan
	Terzic, did not receive OHR's answer whether all
	five candidates for ministerial positions had
	passed the vetting procedure. In a statement
	given to Nezavisne Novine yesterday, Terzic
	confirmed that he was waiting the OHR's answer
	and emphasised that there was a chance that one
	of the candidates might not be accepted, given
	the fact that the entire procedure lasted so
	long. The daily has learnt that the disputable
	candidate is SDS's candidate for Justice
	Minister, Mirko Mijatovic, who most presumably
	would not be accepted by the OHR. The High
	Representative, Paddy Ashdown, promised yesterday
	that the OHR would complete the vetting procedure
	within the envisaged deadline. "The vetting of
	the candidates is still ongoing. The whole thing
	is connected to raising of standards during the
	appointment of new ministers. The aim is to
	appoint people who have not been compromised. We
	hope that the vetting will be finished soon but
	we cannot establish the exact date," said OHR
	Spokesperson, Oleg Milisic. He added that the HR
	believed that the appointment of new ministers
	was of crucial importance for functioning of the
	state, which required detailed attention.

DL editorial	Dnevni List pg. 2 by <u>Miroslav Landeka</u> 'Paddy Ashdown introduces prima note (the first/initial note) principle' — reads that the fact that the OHR has to give its consent for each candidate proposed for the BiH Council of Ministers additionally slows down the whole process of forming of the Council. The editorial also says that the SDP and HDZ did not hide their displeasure over such behavior of the OHR, and that the SDP was especially harsh in its stand. The editorial says that such SDP reaction is not a surprise because any well-intentioned person can make a conclusion that the International Community does not want to undertake the responsibility. "Many people were warning earlier that a full protectorate should have been established at the beginning of the IC's mandate because it is obvious that the current way of the IC's work has not given too many positive results," concludes Landeka.
OHR on ministers on HNK	According to ONASA, HR Paddy Ashdown wrote on Wednesday to Speaker of the West Herzegovina Canton (HNK), Zoran Vuksic. He wrote that appropriate procedures had been completed by various organizations and that nothing had come to light in the course of this process, which would prevent the nominees for the ministers of education, justice and interior from being considered for the posts. "The High Representative underlined in his letter that the reviewing procedures were by necessity general in nature, and that his letter should not be taken as implying political or other support for the individuals concerned," OHR Spokesperson Oleg Milisic told a news briefing.

	The DC DM Designate Dynama Millionski alitik
RS government	The RS PM Designate, Dragan Mikerevic, stated
	that the SBiH insisted on getting the Ministry
	for Refugees and Displaced Persons. Even though
	the SBiH is ready to support the new RS
	government, Mikerevic says that the SBiH request
	will be discussed. Previously, Mikerevic offered
	the position of the Justice Minister to the SBiH.
	"If the SBiH does not support the RS government,
	it is only logical that they will not participate
	in division of power. If the SBiH does not
	support the Government, the Ministry for Refugees
	and DPs will be allocated to the
	PDP." The SDA is also interested
	in the Ministry for Refugees and DPs. According
	to Mikerevic, the SDA can count on two or three
	posts in the government. The PM designate is
	willing to offer the following Ministries to SDA
	<ul> <li>the ministries of justice, industry and</li> </ul>
	technology and economic relations with abroad.
	According to Mikerevic, SDA's requests for the
	ministries of finance and interior are not
	realistic. As for the SDS, Mikerevic intends to
	offer the following three ministries to this
	party — ministries of education, economy and
	labour and for war veterans. The ministries of
	health and finance will be allocated to PDP, plus
	according to the daily, the ministry of interior.
	Mikerevic confirmed that PDP's Zoran Djeric was
	one of the candidates for the interior minister.
	The President of SPRS, Petar Djokic, stated that
	his party would not extend its support to the new
	RS government if SDS and PDP keep co-operating
	with the SDA. "If Mikerevic is ready to exclude
	the SDA, we may support the government. It seems
	however, that the PM designate is not ready to
	break the SDS, SDA and PDP coalition. That is
	absolutely unacceptable. The SDA is a lethal
	combination for RS," said Djokic.

Reactions to	Nezavisne Novine pg. 6 'OHR neutral, politicians
Lozancic's	divided'' - reactions to a statement by HDZ Vice
statement	President, Niko Lozancic, about the abolishment
	of the entities.
	OHR Spokesman, Oleg Milisic, said that the
	abolishment of the entities, advocated by the
	Vice President of HDZ was an issue that required
	a decision of the BiH constituent peoples, not
	the OHR decision.
	Vice President of the HDZ Croatia, Andrija
	Hebrang, announced recently that his party would
	request the revision of the Dayton Agreement and
	the establishment of a third entity, with Croat
	majority.
	Chairman of the SBiH Presidency, Safet Halilovic,
	says that his party supports the HDZ idea. "We
	are glad that within the ongoing reform processes
	this issue is coming to the agenda."
	SDA Vice President, Elmir Jahic, sees Lozancic's
	initiative as acceptable. "I am familiar with
	HDZ's ideas on the strengthening of BiH and
	functional state. They have said many times that
	if the entities were not functional, they should
	be abolished."
	The SDS and PDP see the request for abolishment
	of entities as unacceptable, and have the same
	view on HDZ Croatia initiative for establishment
	of the third entity.
	SDS Spokesman, Dusan Stojicic, says that the
	Dayton Agreement has no alternative. "Everything
	not outlined by the Dayton Agreement is anti-
	constitutional, ultimately problematic and opens
	not only problems within BiH but also in South-
	Eastern Europe." He added that HDZ ideas were
	not realistic.
	The RS Prime Minister designate and high PDP
	official, Dragan Mikerevic, believes that the
	statements on the change of internal structure of
	BiH undermines good neighbourly relations between
	BiH and Croatia and do not contribute to the
	stabilisation of BiH. "Individual wishes cannot
	change the existing structure and functioning of
	BiH," said Mikerevic.

Further	Blic pg. 2 — BiH Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Zeljko
reactions to	Komsic, told SRNA that the problem of Kosovo was
Djindjic's	not tied to the situation in BiH and added that
statement	the latest statement of Serbian PM Zoran Djindjic
	showed that 'some concepts, which we would like
	to leave behind, were still present'. Komsic said
	that Djindjic wanted to 'threaten and blackmail'
	the international community, tying problems in
	his country with the problems in the neighbouring
	country. He added that Djindjic's statement was
	not a surprise, because 'that was an old story
	from Belgrade political circles'.
	Avaz pg. 10 'Djindjic's attempt to re-vitalise
	great Serbia concept' — yesterday's SDU press
	conference. Sejfudin Tokic, the party Main Board
	Acting President, said that Djindjic'a statement,
	as well as previous statements by Kostunica, was
	attempts to re-vitalise the great Serbia concept.
	"I think that such statement are synchronised
	with the official entering of the SDS to the
	government, and an attempt to reduce the
	importance of the issue of arresting war
	criminals like Karadzic and Mladic," said Tokic.
	Nacional pg. 5 — Milan Paunovic, Professor of
	International Law at a Belgrade University, said
	that a reaction by the BiH Ministry of Foreign
	Affairs to Zoran Djindjic's statement was an
	international incident. According to Paunovic, it
	is expected that the FRY Ministry of Foreign
	Affairs would react. Otherwise, it will just
	indirectly confirm the accusations directed to
	Djindjic. Paunovic emphasised that such a
	political outwitting would not jeopardise the
	power of DPA, because the IC insisted on that,
	but 'during the history borders have been changed
	in spite of agreements'.
	Vecernje Novosti pg. 2 – the entire Voice of
	America program was dedicated to Djindjic's
	statement. Comment by the US Administration was
	that 'it reminded them of Vojislav Kostunica's
	views'.
	Vecernje Novosti pg. 2 – according to Peter
	Layotta, Professor at Pennsylvania's War College,
	the Kosovo independence would destabilise
	southern Balkans. In his statement to Voice of
	America, Layotta said that events in one Balkan
	country might influence other neighbouring
	countries. He thinks that Kosovo will not survive
	as an independent state.

Dnevni List editorial	Dnevni List pg. 4 by <u>Pejo Gasparevic</u> 'Game of darkness and light' – an editorial dealing with Djindjic's statement. The editorial reads that Djindjic gave this statement at the time when the forming of the authority, consisting of three national parties, was taking place in BiH. "At least to one of these national parties, that is, to the SDS, the entity (the RS) is more important than BiH. This shows that Djindjic's statement supports a stand of such forces." The editorial also says that the aforementioned statement also coincides with the time when Greece, in which Orthodox population dominates, takes over presiding over the European Union and at the time when the US military intervention against Iraq is being widely announced.
Attempted	Nacional pg. 3, Vecernje Novosti pg. 11
arrest of	'Attempted arrest of Mladic' – according to new
Mladic?	Valjevo's weekly 'Rec Nedelje', on the night
HEAUTC:	between 30 and 31 December 2002, unknown persons
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	tried to arrest former RS Army Chief Ratko Mladic
	in the Valjevo area. Valjevo police denies it,
	while sources from Valjevo claim it's well known
	that Mladic very often visits Valjevo area where
	he has many supporters. They say that during that
	night machine-guns were heard from a place where
	attempted arrest took place.
OHR rejected	Slobodna Bosna magazine on pg. 15 in MINI MARKET
Bakir	column tell of a drama during the election of the
Izetbegovic	Sarajevo Canton PM. The SDA nominated Bakir
	Izetbegovic, and even HR Ashdown apparently
	promised while visiting an old friend Alija that
	there would be no problems with the election of
	Izetbegovic Junior. The OHR Anti-Corruption Team
	however had documents that were not in
	Izetbegovic Junior's favor, and the post went to
	an HDZ member — Denis Zvizdic. The magazine is
	also questioning Zvizdic's appointment.
	Apparently Zvizdic was elected by the Assembly
	President, Meliha Alic, and Vice-President, Miro
	Lazovic. According to the legal procedures, an
	assembly president and two vice-presidents should
	elect cantonal PM, but current Sarajevo Canton
	only has one vice-president.

Third entity	Slobodna Bosna pg. 12 'Bishop Peric asks Vrbosic
	to support third entity' by S.M - Mostar-Duvno
	Bishop, Ratko Peric, following the Christmas
	mass, invited a few selected guests to his
	residence including the Croatian Ambassador to
	BiH, Josip Vrbosic, and Croatian Consul in
	Mostar, Ratko Maricic. Apparently, Bishop Peric
	started talking about the inevitability of
	creating a third entity, as the only just
	solution for the Croat people in BiH. His guests
	from Croatia told him that the government they
	represented would not support such political
	solution. The alleged resolute reaction by the
	Croatian diplomats left the Bishop and other
	guests, mostly HDZ leaders, speechless, so the
	remainder of the night went ahead without any
	political issues being talked about.

	International Community
HR Ashdown	Avaz pg. 2 'The EUPM Commissioner will continue
and	having strong authorities' - HR Ashdown and EUPM
Frederiksen	Commissioner Sven Frederiksen announced to meet today with the senior police officials from the entire BiH. OHR Spokesperson, Julian Braithwaite, stated that the aim of the meeting was to ensure the professional police work. If that does not happen, the Commissioner will have the power to recommend to HR to remove from duty all police chiefs who are failing to control their police officers. He also added that Ashdown, as well as the EUPM Commissioner, hoped such measures would
	not have to be taken very often.
Commentary in Avaz	'Comment of the Day' column by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> 'The resistance of the police to corruption'. The article basically is triggered by yesterday's
	announcement that HR Ashdown and Commission Frederiksen would hold a meeting today with the BioH police chiefs. According to Numanoivic, the police professionalism and its resistance to corruption is crucial.

EUPM	Oslobodjenje pg. 2'Ceremony on January 15' –
ceremony	Oleg Milisic, OHR Spokesperson, yesterday
	announced that an official ceremony to mark the
	beginning of the EUPM's work would take place on
	January 15. EU HR for Security and Foreign
	Politics, Javier Solana, Greek Foreign Minister,
	George Papandreu and HR Ashdown will attend the
	ceremony.
OHR on Powel	Oslobodjenje pg. 6'Still without an official
	request for the removal' — Following a request by
	Bosniak returnees from Srebrenica for the removal
	of the OHR Head in Srebrenica, Charlie Powel, the
	OHR stated they would need an official request by
	Srebrenica authorities to consider such action.
	Oleg Milisic, OHR Spokesperson, stated that
	official requests were taken very seriously and
	if they get it they would seriously consider it.

Ashdown in DANI	DANI magazine 'Bosanski Barometar' column on pg. 6. The magazine graded Ashdown's lack of reaction
magazine	in the case of sacked Sarajevo policemen with
	three black dots, meaning a catastrophic move. It
	opens by saying that HR Ashdown realised that he
	should not get too excited during rare
	demonstrations by BiH citizens triggered by non-
	comprehensive and not acceptable decisions by IC
	reps. "While on one hand he has been advocating
	the strengthening of state institutions and
	reform of judiciary, Ashdown on the other hand
	treats the court verdict in favour of the
	Sarajevo policemen as if it was written on a
	toilet paper," reads the article. The conclusion
	is that unless he changes 'disgustingly
	capricious' decision of the IPTF Commissioner
	Frederiksen, the hope remains that journalists
	who follow Ashdown's press conferences from now
	on will not miss a chance to ask him of the
	policemen's destiny. Article abrasive and
	includes very insulting words.
Wheeler's	Slobodna Bosna magazine on pg. 40 carried a
reaction in	reaction by Mark Wheeler to a recent article in
SB magazine	the magazine entitled 'Ashdown threw out his
	countryman Wheeler from the ICG from the FTV
	studio'. Wheeler explained that he was in advance
	informed that HR Ashdown would not be able to
	attend the entire show due to other engagements.
	Also, HR Ashdown apologised to Wheeler for not
	being able to stay the entire show, and therefore
	the recent claims of some sort of dispute between
	the two have no grounds.

## Judiciary Affairs

Mini Hague	Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'Looking for solutions for
	Sarajevo mini-Hague', Avaz pg. 2 'Legal experts
	should establish whether war criminals could be
	tried in BiH' — Claude Jorda, President of the
	ICTY and SDHR Bernard Fassier will chair sessions
	of experts between 13 and 15 January to discuss
	the way of trying war criminals in BiH. Chief
	Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte will attend the
	meetings. OHR Spokesperson, Julian Braithwaite,
	stated that the aim of this important gathering
	was to establish how much time it would take to
	establish relevant structures, to see how many
	cases could appear before the local courts in the
	context of war crime and how much it would all
	cost. In February, another meeting will be held
	where the solution would be finalised about the
	process.

	Crime Affairs
Conference	Oslobodjenje pg. 7 'MoI, tax and customs officers
on organised	against crime' — on a conference held yesterday
crime	between the Federation tax, customs and police
	officers. They agreed to jointly fight organised
	crime. Ramo Maslesa, FBiH Minister of Interior,
	Zelimir Rebac, Director of Customs Administration
	and Mithat Arifovic, Director of Tax
	Administration, attended the conference.

Mandic	Avaz pg. 3 'Momcilo Mandic financing security of
financing	war criminal Radovan Karadzic' — IC officials,
Karadzic's	investigating customs and tax abuses and
security?	connections with financing activities of war
	criminals still at large, identified businessman
	Momcilo Mandic as one of the leading people in
	organised crime. Mandic, according to Avaz's
	anonymous senior IC rep, heads an organisation
	that evades tax and customs paying. Part of that
	money, accordi9ng to the source, goes to
	financing Karadzic's security. The source also
	claims that Mandic is at the top of an organised
	crime web stretches to a political leadership in
	Banja Luka and Belgrade.

	Police Affairs
Kostajnica	Both Slobodna Bosna and DANI (cover page story)
murders	magazine carried several articles related to the
	recent Kostajnica murders. Entitled 'I shot only
	at men and women, I did not want to kill
	children'. SB carried excerpts from Muamer
	Topalovic's confession. He said that the initial
	idea of doing something against Croats came to
	his mind few months back while he was praying in
	a mosque. "I wanted to do something to scare
	them. But I had no intention of killing anyone,"
	said Topalovic. Yet, according to DANI, his uncle
	Rasim, Muamer did not seem to regret his actions.
	Muamer stated that he was surprised he did not
	explode before.