

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 10/2/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on February 10 2005

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
Weather report	Banja Luka : Shortage of electricity
Stolac cross not removed today	RS: No changes to January pensions
Bishops' Office PR on Stolac cross	Truce in Gaza announced

TV news broadcast on February 9 2005

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Mostar Bishop Office announcement	BiH Presidency in session	No heating in BL Clinic Centre
Miletic says ICTY indictees in SCG	Terzic on his visit to Brussels	Jozo Leutar case reopened
SCG Army used to protect Mladic	BiH MoS to coordinate intel. services	HR on police reform
EUFOR on arrest of ICTY indictees	Election of new RS Police Director	

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Karadzic and Mladic in Serbia	Legalisation of prostitution in BiH?	Solana met with Terzic
FBiH HoR in session	FBiH HoR adopted Family Law	No heating in BL Clinic Centre

Hasanic's amendment to family law	BiH Presidency in session	Problems caused by cold weather
BiH citizens on marriage	Terzic met with Solana and Rehn	Military exercise in Manjaca

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	BH authorities do not want cases from The Hague
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Solana will help abolishment of visas for BiH
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Beginning of the Lent marked by pulling down of cross
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Brussels wants to erase crosses in Stolac
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Temperature drops below -30 degrees
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Filip Cepter wants Palas, RK Boska and Medical electronics
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Misery caught in ice
<b>EuroBlic</b>	They performed a joint exercise for Iraq
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	Features Serbian related titles
<b>Nacional</b>	Ratko Mladic: "Rather to death than to the Hague"

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>	
<b>Update to Stolac cross issue</b>	<p><b>RHB</b> – In spite of announcements, the Stolac cross has not been removed today. Head of the Stolac Municipality <b>Stjepan Boskovic</b> stated he has had never received the information on the removal of the cross and in his opinion these were just media speculations.</p> <p><b>FENA</b> – Stjepan Boskovic stated that negotiations on the removal of the Stolac cross are still underway and that nothing concrete has been agreed upon yet.</p>

<p><b>Currency Board remains basis of Central Bank activities – Governor</b></p>	<p><b>SRNA</b> – The governor of the Central Bank of BiH, <b>Kemal Kozaric</b>, said that the Currency Board arrangement remains the basis of the Bank's operations. In an interview published in the Central Bank Bulletin, Kozaric says that all other activities will constitute a supplementation up to the limits allowed by the Law in the Central Bank. <i>"The next priority will be to invest currency reserves for profitability, security and liquidity, and the third priority will be to continue caring about the employees, that is for education,"</i> he said. Kozaric stressed that he would like to see a bonds market established this year, saying that <i>"unfortunately, some people do not see the significance of these projects."</i> As an example he mentioned that statistics are prepared by various Entity agencies by different methods. The Central Bank called on these agencies to cooperate and offered its statistics.</p>
<p><b>BiH CoM in session today</b></p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – Among other things, the BiH CoM should discuss today a draft law on financial leasing, BiH railways and changes to the law on civil service in BiH institutions.</p>
<p><b>FBiH Govt in session today</b></p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – The FBiH Government session is to take place in Sarajevo today. Among other things, the Government will discuss proposals with regard to the law on economic chambers.</p>

**Terzic in  
Brussels with  
Solana, Rehn  
and Frattini;  
talks on  
cooperation  
with ICTY,  
liberalization  
of visa regime**

**Pink**– Report from meetings that the Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers, **Adnan Terzic**, had with the EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, **Javier Solana**, and EU Commissioner for enlargement issues, **Ollie Rehn**. During his meeting with Terzic, HR Solana said that political solution for BiH should be reached by its citizens. Terzic says that the European Commission still points out the necessity for cooperation with the ICTY to be improved. Terzic said that he was about to face numerous tasks. He said: *“The first task would be to try to establish a team which would help in arresting of war criminals, which the Peace Implementation Council requests from the BiH CoM. The team should make Chief ICTY Prosecutor Carla del Ponte say that the cooperation with the ICTY is full.”*

According to **Dnevni Avaz**, front pg splash and pg 3 ‘Solana will help abolishment of visas for BiH, by S. Numanovic, Solana had promised Terzic that *“he would help as much as he could that visas for BiH be abolished”*. Box in Avaz entitled ‘EU willing to liberalize visa regime’ in Avaz reports that Terzic also met with EU Commissioner for Justice, **Franco Frattini**. According to Terzic *“Commissioner Frattini clearly expressed the dedication of his Commission and Commissioner Rehn that an open dialogue with BiH regarding the liberalization of Visa regime be continued”*.

**BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, , Oslobodjenje**, pg 5 ‘Talks with European Commission in May’, not signed, **Dnevni List** last pg ‘EC: BiH deserves to continue to receive support’ by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg ‘Solana: Cooperation with ICTY crucial for BiH’ by H, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 ‘To urgently establish a group for apprehending Hague fugitives’, announced on cover ‘CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic talked with EU officials’ by Mirza Cubro also covered the issue

<p><b>VL on necessity to join PfP</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2 'Army takes BiH to Europe!' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> carries that the NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) is the next big task ahead of the BiH authorities during this year. The author says that because of any kind of possible conflicts the PfP must be a true orientation not only because of appearances but since then the world would recognize BiH as a secure and stabile country for foreign investments.</p>
<p><b>DL op-ed on role of HR Ashdown in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Lord in bloom of reforms' by <u>N. Bise</u> carries an editorial in which the author says that the statement given by Head of the EC delegation in BiH <b>Michael Humphreys</b>, who said that BiH does not have to hope that it will join the EU as long as it has the High Representative, might be interpreted in many ways and the most probable interpretation is identifying of the real problem of BiH in the institution of the HR. The author also says that in this case this is not only about the institution but also about the HR himself, since according to the author's opinion the role and efficiency of Lord <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> is definitely the worst thing that arrived as an international assistance to our country.</p>

<p><b>Oslobodjenje's Beric wonders why the IC has not resolved crisis in BiH in the past nine years</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 9 'Madly shirt' Op-ed by <u>Gojko Beric</u> – The author wonders why the international community has not succeeded to resolve crisis in BiH in the past nine years since the Dayton Agreement signing? The answer, according to Beric, probably lies in different views of the Western countries on the causes and consequences of the political developments in BiH. Beric also wonders if the Dayton Agreement's provisions are leading BiH to Europe or distancing the country from the Euro-Atlantic integration? Describing the Dayton Agreement as a straightjacket for BiH, Beric emphasizes that citizens in BiH are becoming patients of a large psychiatric clinic, whose physicians do not properly perform their duties. Beric concludes that the real question is who is going to take this 'shirt' off the BiH citizens (resolve the crisis in the country through change of the Dayton provisions) since those who want to do it are actually not able to do it. On the other side, those who can resolve BiH problems do not want to do that, according to Beric.</p>
<p><b>Miletic on Karadzic, Mladic whereabouts</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Pink, Hayat, RTRS</b> – FBiH Police Director <b>Zlatko Miletic</b> claims that FBiH holds evidence on <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b> being in Serbia . He said that FBiH police was following Karadzic and Mladic and that it held evidence on their moves. He claims that Mladic is being hidden in barracks while Karadzic hides in religion institutions.</p>

<p><b>Matijasevic on Miletic's statement</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'I will exchange information on Karadzic and Mladic with Federation of BiH MoI' by <u>D. R.</u> – Upon Federation of BiH Police Minister <b>Zlatko Miletic's</b> statement that Karadzic and Mladic are in Serbia since last summer, RS Minister of Interior <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> Wednesday stated that he would exchange information with the Federation of BiH MoI. <i>'I would be glad to exchange information with Miletic with regard to all issues, including this one. Should he have any information on this, we will cooperate'</i>, Matijasevic said. He added he could only confirm no person whose name is on the list of Hague Tribunal indictees resides in the area of RS.</p>
<p><b>Momcilo Mandic on Mladic</b></p>	<p><b>Nacional</b> pg 4, mentioned on cover 'I would rather die than go to The Hague' by <u>N.B.-U.M.</u> – The report carries the statement of <b>Momcilo Mandic</b>, saying that he attended Holy Saint celebration at a friend's place in 1999 and 2000, when he also saw <b>Ratko Mladic</b> for the last time, who told him he would rather die than surrender to the Hague. According to Mandic, Ratko Mladic said he did not trust the new military establishment in Serbia and therefore he must have left the state.</p>
<p><b>Report on alleged Mladic stay in Han Pijesak to be completed by Feb 14</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Report on alleged Mladic stay in Han Pijesak to be completed by Feb 14' <u>E. S.</u> – The BiH Defence Ministry on Wednesday confirmed that the process of finalizing the report on the alleged wartime RS Army Commander and indicted war criminal <b>Ratko Mladic</b> stay in the Han Pijesak military facility last year was underway. The report will be completed by February 14, according to Defense Ministry Spokesperson <b>Uma Sinanovic</b>.</p>

<p><b>Kreso: BiH authorities not clear about taking over cases from ICTY</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> front pg splash and pg 7 'BH authorities do not want cases from The Hague?!' <u>A. Omeragic</u> – BiH Court President <b>Meddzida Kreso</b> told the daily that the BiH authorities should, like our neighbours, have a more clear strategy on war crimes processing. She said that the two-day meeting held in Belgrade last weekend, which was attended by judges and prosecutors from BiH, Serbia-Montenegro and Croatia, had showed that the neighbouring countries were interested in taking over the Hague cases as BiH has still not said it clearly. <i>"Only Prosecutor <b>Marinko Jurcevic</b> and I have said that BiH should get the Hague cases, and the BiH authorities should say it as well,"</i> emphasized Kreso.</p>
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## Political Developments/Reforms



<p><b>BiH Presidency on US Proliferation and Security Initiative (PSI)</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Pink TV, BHT, Hayat, FTV, Oslobođenje</b>, pg 5  ‘Prevention of spreading of weapons of mass destruction’, by <u>A. Terzic</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 2  ‘Covic and Paravac refuse to appoint Vahid Karavelic as ambassador’, by <u>A. M.</u> <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 3, mentioned on cover ‘BiH is revising agreement with Holy See’ by <u>M. Zorlak</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2  ‘BiH to revise agreement with Holy See’ by <u>F.</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> last pg ‘BiH Presidency: to revise agreement with Holy See’ by <u>D. Pasic</u> – The BiH Presidency on Wednesday discussed the US Proliferation and Security Initiative [PSI] and the country’s stance on UN reforms and expansion of the Security Council. Regarding the US initiative on proliferation and security, the Presidency Chairman, <b>Borislav Paravac</b>, told a news conference held after a Presidency session that this was about the US request for countries to sign an agreement on preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. At the proposal of the BiH Foreign Ministry, the Presidency concluded – inter alia – that BiH would send a political statement lending support to the PSI and accepting principles of prevention and their implementation within its capabilities. Moreover, according to Pink TV, the Presidency ordered BiH Council of Ministers to establish inter-resource group which would be in charge of revision of document on BiH security policy, in order for recent changes in defence and security reforms to be incorporated in it.</p>
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<p><b>Covic and Paravac rejected to appoint Vahid Karavelic as BiH Ambassador to Pakistan</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3, announced on cover 'Karavelic will not be BiH Ambassador to Pakistan' by N. Krsman, <b>Glas srpske</b> pg 2 'A ramp for Karavelic' by Srna, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Covic and Paravac rejected appointed of Vahid Karavelic as Ambassador', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Against Karavelic for principled reasons' – BiH Presidency Chairman <b>Borislav Paravac</b> and Croat member of the Presidency <b>Dragan Covic</b> did not approve appointment of the retired BiH Army general <b>Vahid Karavelic</b> as the BiH Ambassador to Pakistan. Karavelic's wartime engagement as the BiH Army's Sarajevo Corps Commander was disputable for Paravac and Covic.</p>
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**HR Ashdown in  
Tesanj, Usora  
on Police  
reform**

**BHT** – The High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** emphasised that the political discussions on Police reforms should be finished by the end of April. HR visited Police stations of Doboј, Tesanj and Usora. According to the Police Reform Commission, this region will be integrated with FBiH Police after the reforms are completed. Police officers both from RS and FBiH expressed cooperativeness. Political top in RS, on the other hand, rejected the suggested solution for integration in this region. They feel that all the changes should be made by a compromise and that the final word has the RSNA. **Dragan Cavic**, President of RS stated, *“For reforms yes, principles yes, and organisation yes, compromise would be the existence of RS Police and MoI, as we said before.”* HR stated that one thing that cannot be changed is that European Union has set standards that must be accomplished in order to become a part of Europe . It set three principles and the first one is that there should be exclusive authority of BiH Ministries over Police. HR stated that the Police Reforms are not going to be imposed, but they have to be implemented.

**Dnevni Avaz**, pg 2 ‘Police reform would help save 140 million KM’, by M. Cabric– Also covered the issue. According to HR’s statement in Avaz, the result of the Police reform would be saving of some 140 million KMs. *“In that system, Police officers would get paid, not the bureaucracy. We can expect financial help of European partners in that case. Otherwise, the road to EU is closed”*, said HR Ashdown.

**FTV, Oslobodjenje**, pg 8 ‘Politicians care more about themselves than about security of citizens’, by M. Be, **Dnevni List** pg 8 ‘High Representative in police patrol’ by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 18, mentioned on cover ‘Policemen without winter shoes’ by B. Jelic also reported on the issue.

<p><b>Sakan and Mikes criticize police reform</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'Bad foundation – weak structure' by <u>N. Diklic</u> – The Chairman of the Board for Surveillance over work of defence and police institutions, <b>Velimir Sakan</b>, thinks the changes, proposed by HR <b>Ashdown</b> and <b>Wilfried Martens</b>, would lead to deterioration, and not improvement, of security. He warned that, in case Ashdown's model is adopted, it would create confusion in field because several courts and prosecutor's offices would have the jurisdiction over one police region. A lawyer from Banja Luka, <b>Miroslav Mikes</b>, warns that the model proposed by HR Ashdown would lead to Constitutional changes and he says RS would lose all elements of its sovereignty in case this model is adopted.</p>
<p><b>PRC member Zilic says establishment of five police regions only right solution</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5, mentioned on cover 'Mountain of Trebevic a part of Foca police region' <u>E.S.</u> – According to the article, when one looks more carefully at the borders of the 'nine plus one' police regions map proposed by HR <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, it is clear that there are a number of failures particularly due to extremely illogical solutions for some areas. The objections to the map have been more and more frequent particularly for the regions of Sarajevo and Foca. Advisor to the Bosniak member of the Presidency and the member of the Police Restructuring Commission <b>Mehmed Zilic</b> considers as absurd that mountains of Bjelasnica, Igman and Trebevic together with Trnovo municipality are planned to be part of Foca Police Region. He reiterated that the only right solution would be organization of police forces at the local level in five regions.</p>

<p><b>RS Police Director update: Candidates submit incomplete documentation</b></p>	<p><b>Pink TV, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b>, pg 3 'None of candidates submitted complete documentation', by <u>O.V.</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 2 'None of five candidates submitted complete documentation', by <u>J. S.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Five candidates for RS police director' by <u>D. R.</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS7 'Bosniaks want Jaganjac' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Five envelopes were opened' by <u>V. J.</u> – Independent Board for nomination of RS police director was not able to bring decision on the nomination, since documentation of all 5 candidates is incomplete. The Board is going to hold its next session for 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, and the potential candidates are going to be interviewed. By 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, all candidates should complete their documentations. The candidates are: <b>Nedeljko Kesic, Nenad Dragisic, Dragomir Jovicic, Fadil Jaganjac</b> and <b>Dragomir Andan</b>. The Chair of the Board <b>Ilija Lukic</b> says that the future police director cannot be a member of any political party. SDA representatives warns that nomination of new RS police director should be done in accordance with decisions of BiH Constitutional Court on constitutionality of nations, which means that the future director should be Bosniak.</p> <p><b>Pink TV</b> – SDA representative <b>Sefket Hafizovic</b> said <i>"Due to police reform, my opinion is that there should be no hurry in nomination of new RS police director, since, according to the reform, the state is going to be in charge of authorities. Anyhow, we believe that a Bosniak is going to be nominated for the position."</i></p>
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<p><b>Bishop's Ordinariate on Stolac crosses</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Dnevni List</b> cover pg splash and pg 5 'Beginning of the Lent marked by pulling down of cross' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> cover pg splash and pg 3 'Brussels wants to erase crosses in Stolac' by <u>V. Rupcic</u> – Carry a press release issued by the Bishops' Ordinariate Mostar, which says that the Peace Implementation Council (PIC) stated 7 things because of which implementation of the Dayton Peace Accord in BiH is late and the Stolac cross is among them. The Bishops' Ordinariate wonders as to how it is possible that the cross is endangering the Dayton peace in the same way as the organized crime in BiH and whether it is possible that the PIC believes that the rule of law in BiH will start to function if the Stolac cross is removed. The Bishops' Ordinariate also says that Catholics, Moslems and Orthodox believers respect Jesus Christ and his symbols, however, perhaps, Brussels minds such symbols and wonders whether Brussels is here to bring reconciliation among BiH peoples or to bring disquiet and destroy trust.</p>
<p><b>FBiH Urban Planning Minister Mehmedagic: Illegal crosses in Stolac must be removed</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Removal of illegal crosses in Stolac postponed due to Lent' – FBiH Urban Planning and Environment Minister <b>Ramiz Mehmedagic</b> on Wednesday rejected a request by Stolac Mayor <b>Stjepan Boskovic</b> to annul the Chief Urban Planning inspector's decision on removal of illegal crosses in the town. Mehmedagic says that this means the inspector's decision must be implemented, but in a peaceful manner.</p>

<p><b>Mostar City Council on names of disputable streets in Mostar</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Dnevni List</b> pg 17 'Working group for renaming of streets appointed' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 4 'Revision of streets' names follow' by <u>M. Relota</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 8 'Revision of names of streets and squares' by <u>M. Landeka</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 12 'Change names of streets that irritate Mostarians', by <u>F. Vele</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Audit of names of streets, squares and facilities soon', by <u>L. Ba</u> – Mostar City Council session – The session of the Mostar City Council was held on Wednesday and during this session the decision on forming a working group that will make revision of names of streets, squares and public facilities in Mostar and propose new names was passed. Also, they gave consent for adoption of the Confidence Building Measures Committee recommendations.</p>
<p><b>DNS on support to new RS Government</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 8 'DNS will not participate in Bukejlovic's Government', by <u>J. S.</u> – <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'Decision on the support to the Government to be reached at the Presidency session' by <u>V. P.</u> – DNS will not participate in the Government of <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>, while it will decide on the support to the new RS Government at the Presidency session of the party. The Main Board of DNS asks from RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> to convene a meeting of signatory parties of the Agreement on Harmonized political activities because the party thinks '<i>a majority of the signatory-parties have violated the document, because of which the question of its value was raised</i>'. DNS President <b>Marko Pavic</b> said the decision of DNS will not depend on decision of PDP on whether to support the new RS Government, however, he added, if all signatory-parties decide to support the Government, then DNS would support it as well.</p> <p>Also reported by <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'They do not want to enter the Government' by <u>D. Z.</u></p>

<p><b>Colak on position of BiH Croats</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 2 'Croats are uncomfortable in Bosnia' by <u>Dusan Stojakovic</u> – In a half a page interview to VN, <b>Barisa Colak</b>, HDZ President, openly admits <i>"BiH is a specific state by many elements"</i>, claiming it is not tenable in the long run. He agrees with the journalist suggestion that Croats do feel uncomfortable in BiH, adding: <i>"I wish it were not like that. The fact itself that Croats cannot achieve some issues through entity and state institutions stipulated anywhere in Europe, such as right to university, language, press and electronic media access. Owing to these reasons, Croats do not support centralisation of the state, which does not suit us at all. However, we are also aware of the fact that some institutions must exist at the state level, since the world demands it."</i></p>
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<p><b>Economy/Social Affairs</b></p>	
<p><b>FBiH HoR: Family law adopted</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Pink TV, BHT, Hayat, FTV, Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 9 'Proposal of family law adopted', by <u>A. Basic</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 2 'Family and law on protection from violence in family adopted', by <u>S. Se</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 6 'Proposal of Family Law adopted' by <u>J. Petrovic</u> – During the session of the Federation of BiH House of Representatives held on Wednesday a proposal of the Family Law was adopted, while representatives did not declare themselves on the amendment of SDA representative <b>Mirsad Hasanica</b> on the right to have more than one marriage at the same time since this amendment was not forwarded to the procedure on time.</p>



**OHR on public  
expenditures  
in BiH**

**Dnevni Avaz**, pg 8 'BH authorities must resolve issue of crisis of budget', not signed, **Oslobodjenje**, pg 11 'BiH must solve forthcoming budget crisis', not signed **Dnevni List** pg 4 'OHR: Authorities must act fast if they want to avoid financial collapse' by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'BiH faced with financial collapse' by Z.Z., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'BiH must be resolving forthcoming problems of the budget' by Onasa – OHR spokesperson **Sanela Tunovic** talked at the press conference held in Mostar on Wednesday about difficulties caused by budgetary deficits and reminded that in Brussels last week the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council called on the State and Entity authorities to address the unsustainable cost of governance – now consuming more than half of the national economic production. She also stated that if this issue is not addressed in the first half of 2005, it may be impossible by as early as the end of this year for the authorities to meet all their obligations in regard to civil servants' salaries.

<p><b>FBiH Tax Administration Director Arifovic says BiH tax system illogical</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5, mentioned on cover ‘Our tax system is illogical and inappropriately organized/structured’ – <i>“The complete tax system in BiH is pretty illogical and inappropriately organized/structured. There is still much to be done and changed in order for collection of taxes/public revenues to be increased for the benefit of all the citizens. Unfortunately, no one is consulting us as the experts before drafting necessary tax legislation,”</i> said <b>Midhat Arifovic</b>, the Federation of BiH Tax Administration Director, in an interview with the daily.</p>
<p><b>Surgeries in Banja Luka cancelled due to low temperatures</b></p>	<p><b>BHT, Hayat, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2, announced on cover ‘Surgeries were cancelled, -10° at surgery department’ <u>by Z. Galic</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> cover pg splash and pg RS1 ‘Patients are freezing, sergeants are not operating’ <u>by EuroBlic team</u> – Patients of Surgical Ward of Clinical Hospital in Banja Luka will be discharged home due to extremely low temperatures in the surgery theatres. Hospital board considers City Heating Plant responsible for this. Management of the Heating plant claims that Clinical Hospital is responsible for maintaining the heating</p>

## Legal Proceedings

<p><b>Jelavic trials continue</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Unknown destiny of about 50 cars owned by company Monitor M' by <u>E. Mackic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'Former Director of 'Monitor M' testified' by <u>ra</u> – Carry that Former Director of 'Monitor M', <b>Ignjacije Rakic</b>, testified in the Hercegovacka Bank case on Wednesday. <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 17 'Ante Jelavic has nothing to do with Monitor' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> also says that Rakic stated that former HDZ President and suspect in this case <b>Ante Jelavic</b> has not issued any order to Monitor and he did not influence business operations of this company in any way. (also in <b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 2 'Monitor M a shareholder in HB with one employee', by <u>A. N.</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 11 'Monitor M was receiving money from FBiH Defence Ministry', by <u>H. Orahovac</u>)</p>
<p><b>Leutar case to be re-opened</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 2 'Investigation team formed again', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pgs 2 and 3, mentioned on cover 'Investigation on Leutar murder renewed' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – Carry that the Sarajevo Canton Prosecutor <b>Branko Sljivar</b> renewed the investigation on the assassination of late Federation of BiH Deputy Minister of Interior <b>Jozo Leutar</b> after new evidence became available to the Prosecution. BHT reports that Cantonal Public Prosecutor's Office in conjunction with FBiH Prosecutor's Office, announced the reopening of the case.</p>

**Jerko  
Ivankovic  
denies  
charges**

**Dnevni Avaz**, pg 10 'Jerko Ivankovic-Lijanovic interviewed at BiH Prosecution', by F. Vele, **Oslobodjenje**, pg 2 'Jerko Ivankovic Lijanovic expects the investigation to be called off', by A. N., **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Foreign lobbies staged investigation against Lijanovici!?' by M.K., **Vecernji List** pg 3 'We are victims of campaign of import BiH lobby' by D. Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** -Report that **Jerko Ivankovic Lijanovic** gave a testimony yesterday (Wednesday) before Prosecutor **Mats Mattsson** and this should be the last testimony in this case. According to Jerko Ivankovic Lijanovic, it has been proved that foreign lobbies staged the whole investigation and it is expected that the Prosecutor will decide that there is no ground for further continuation of this case.

<p><b>Filip Cepter wants “Palas”, “Boska” and “Medicinska Elektronika”</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5, mentioned on cover ‘Filip Cepter wants “Palas”, “Boska” department store and Medicinska Elektronika’ by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – <b>Nebojsa Pantic</b>, one of legal representatives of “Cepterfona” Company, owned by <b>Filip Cepter</b>, confirmed that: <i>“Along with out-of-court settlement of BAM 6.5 million, the Company expects from RS Government to ensure strategic partnership to this company at some companies as a sort of compensation for the non-accomplished deal with GSM licence.”</i> NN learnt that the companies “Cepterfona” is interested in are: Department Store “Boska”, Hotel “Palas” and Medicinska Elektronika facility.</p>
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**Investigation  
into alleged  
illegalities  
in  
Elektrobosna  
of Jajce**

**Nezavisne Novine** pg 2, mentioned on cover  
‘Investigation on illegalities in  
‘Elektrobosna’ started’ by R. Cengic – An  
anonymous source from the Federation of  
BiH Police Administration stated that the  
FBiH Police entered ‘Elektrobosna’  
according to the instruction of the BiH  
Prosecution. NN also carries Director of  
this company **Tomislav Mihalj** who stated  
that the FBiH Ministry of Interior took  
away from the Cantonal Prosecution in  
Travnik all material on illegalities  
committed within this company and  
forwarded it to the BiH Prosecution.  
Mihalj added: *‘All criminal charges filed  
by the FBiH Financial Police to the  
Cantonal Prosecution were put away for a  
long time, however, the FBiH MoI took and  
forwarded them to the BiH Prosecution.’*  
The FBiH Financial Police confirmed that  
they filed 4 criminal charges against 15  
people because of illegalities in  
‘Elektrobosna’. One of the Financial  
Police inspectors stated that they have  
been working on the Elektrobosna case for  
5 years already, however, that it is up to  
the Prosecution to determine what is a  
criminal act and what is not. He added:  
*‘Our investigation has determined illegal  
activities with regard to co-  
capitalization, business operations with  
Elektroprivreda of Herceg Bosna and  
relations with companies from the RS.’* NN  
also says that they failed to get more  
detailed information in the BiH  
Prosecution yesterday.

<b>Charges pressed against former Assistant Minister for Refugees in RS Govt</b>	<b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 'RS Government authorised official damaged the budget for BAM 477,548' by <u>SRNA</u> – The Crime Department of the Banja Luka PSC filed charges with the District Prosecutor's Office against S.M. (born in 1960), former assistant minister for refugees and displaced persons in the RS government, on suspicion of committing the criminal act of abuse of office, which resulted in damaging the RS budget for BAM 477,548.
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