

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 10/3/2003

CROAT RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
"Bingo" building owned by local businessman Dinko Slezak has been attacked today by a hand missile-launcher	High Representative claims Ratko Mladic is in Belgrade	Retired BiH Army General Mehmed Alagic buried today in Fajtovci village near Sanski Most	World News – Iraq
Trial against Muamer Topalovic, accused for murder of Croat returnee family in Konjic, begins tomorrow	Trial against Muamer Topalovic, accused for triple murder of Andjelic family members, begins tomorrow	Investigation in Pogorelica case could be completed this spring, says President of the Federal Supreme Court	High Representative Ashdown confirms Mladic isn't in BiH
Bocinja Serbs claim Federal authorities help foreign citizens in order to prevent return of Serbs	American administration lobbies for and French against war resolution on Iraq	Strong explosion occurred again in Mostar	Crossing to Serbia won't be possible with IDs

RS citizens will need a passport travelling to Serbia and Montenegro		Due to the single documents, even RS citizens will be obligated to have passport while entering Serbian and Montenegro	University in RS doesn't have sufficient number of professors
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<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	20,000 people attended burial ceremony to late General Alagic
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	US Administration on the action in BiH: The Balkan Evil operation underway
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Projectile from rocket launcher fired on "Bingo"; Ashdown: Mladic is in Belgrade suburb; Interview with Ambassador Thomas Young. New Director of OSCE Regional office in Mostar: We help BiH authorities make quality education system
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Bazooka on centre of Slezak's wealth; The Hague gets all documents, prisoners do not
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Pat Cox, Speaker of European Parliament: Croatia in EU in 2007
<b>Glas Srpski</b>	Metropolitan Amfilohije invited Carla Del Ponte to visit Ostrog: More just speech and trial
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	BiH authorities received instructions from Brussels: NATO wants one BIH General Staff; Authority crisis in the RS: SDS top wants to break coalition with PDP
<b>Belgrade Nacional</b>	Marovic: We will remove generals if they protect Ratko Mladic

<b>Blic</b>	<p>From RS to Serbia with passport; Ashdown:</p> <p>Karadzic launders money through Mandic's bank;</p> <p>EFT's answer: Across-the-board labelling of auditors about trade with electricity; A bomb exploded in garbage; Savanovic: Lack of money obstructs education reform</p>
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War crimes	
<b>The Balkan Evil operation underway</b>	Dnevni Avaz front page, pg. 2 – The US Treasury announced on Sunday it had undertaken the Balkan Evil operation directed against two persons, one oil company and one bank because they were providing financial support to the war criminal Radovan Karadzic. Glas Srpski, page 4, 'Balkans Vice' also reports on the issue.
<b>Paddy Ashdown: We know where are Mladic and Karadzic</b>	Dnevni Avaz pg. 2 'Paddy Ashdown: We know where are Karadzic and Mladic' – The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, claims that the international representatives in BiH now have new instruments for fight against the war crime indictees still at large. "It is not just about freezing assets and finances but about other methods we will use to bring before justice and sanction the persons indicted for war crimes as well as their supporters," said Ashdown.
<b>HR Ashdown for BBC on Mladic whereabouts</b>	<p>Dnevni List (front and page 2, <u>unsigned</u>. "Ashdown: Mladic is in Belgrade suburb") says the High Representative for BiH, Paddy Ashdown, told BBC that General Ratko Mladic, an ICTY indictee at large, is not in the RS but in the suburb of Belgrade. "I think Mladic most probably is not here although they say he sometimes comes to hunt. I think he is in the Belgrade suburbs and it is down to authorities in Serbia to arrest him. We have to tell them clearly: you will not get economic aid and you will not get closer to the EU unless you capture Mladic", said HR Ashdown.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine, page 3, 'Ratko Mladic is in Belgrade suburb' and Vecernje Novosti pg. 4 headline 'Mladic in Belgrade' also carry the statement.</p> <p>The same papers on the same page "Army does not provide security to Ratko Mladic" carry a reaction by the press office of the Serb and Monte Negrin Army which says the Army does not provide security to any war crime indictee including Ratko Mladic. DL also reports that the President of Serbia and Monte Negro, Svetozar Marovic, told Podgorica-based TV "IN" that he would request the Army HQ to provide information whether a part of the Army guards Mladic and prevents the arrest. Marovic expects full co-operation of the military and says if any of the senior military figures tries to delude the public there will be removals.</p> <p>Dnevni List (page 3, by EENA, "Sljivancanin and Radic arrest a matter of days") carries the Serbian Minister of Interior, Dusan Mihajlovic, as saying it is a question of day when the former JNA officers indicted of war crimes committed in Vukovar (Croatia), Veselin Sljivancanin and Miroslav Radic, will be arrested. "The renegades will be arrested not because The Hague Prosecution wants it but because the judiciary in Serbia requests it from the police", says Mihajlovic.</p>
<b>What claim Mandic and Bjelica: No one wants to know where Karadzic is</b>	Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'No one wants to know where Karadzic is' – Although the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, blocked all the banks accounts of Momcilo Mandic and Milovan Bjelica over suspicion that they had been financially supporting war criminal Radovan Karadzic, the two most influential SDS officials still persistently deny they have been doing anything like that. "With President Karadzic I was meeting from 1990 to 1998, but right now I do not have any contacts with him," Bjelica recently said in an interview with the Sarajevo magazine Slobodna Bosna.
<b>Karadzic controls RS</b>	Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'Karadzic controls Republika Srpska' – The authorized bodies in Banja Luka have never expressed readiness to fulfil their obligations from the Dayton Agreement related to the apprehension of the war crime suspects and their transfer to The Hague. Quite opposite. The main suspect, Radovan Karadzic, is still main actor at the RS political scene. According to the SENSE news agency, these assessments could be heard in the past days during the talks of the RS Vice-president Adil Osmanovic with the officials of the US Administration and Congress in Washington.

<b>Reactions/articles in RS/Serbian press related to SFOR/OHR/US action</b>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 3, ‘Confiscated documents under SFOR review’ – The findings of the SFOPR action three days ago (believed to be connected with the action of cutting the supportive net to Radovan Karadzic) are still unknown. SFOR representatives stress that the overall review process of documents confiscated during the action has not completed as yet. According to Ives Vaniet, SFOR Spokesperson, “We cannot disclose what we were looking for, because it would then jeopardise our intelligence information.”</p> <p>According to NN inset, unidentified person on Saturday threatened to SFOR stationed in one house in Prnjavor, telling them he would blow them up. Since then, SFOR is under local police surveillance.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine, page 3, ‘International community does not trust RS authorities’ – Ivan Tomljenovic, RS Vice President, assessed that the SFOR barging into RS institutions represents a provocation to authorities for being inefficient in arresting Radovan Karadzic, and also for inefficiency in conducting a thorough investigation into Orao affair. Tomljenovic called on RS authorities to turn in Karadzic to the Hague Tribunal.</p> <p>Dragan Kostic, President of DNS, condemned the SFOR action, assessing it to represent mandate overstepping. He further called on the RS authorities not to make available and disclose any document sought by SFOR in the future.</p> <p>Dusan Stojicic, SDS Spokesperson, told Srna news agency that: “SFOR demonstrated a level of distrust in RS institutions dealing with the implementation of the military parts of Dayton Peace Agreement.” Dnevni Avaz pg. 2 ‘SDS believes the SFOR action was unnecessary’</p> <p>Tihomir Gligoric, SPRS Vice President, stressed that in a brutal manner, SFOR demonstrated lack of respect to RS institutions, which may lead to their fall.</p> <p>Igor Crnadak, PDP Spokesperson, is of the view that it is too early to talk about the nature of the developments.</p> <p>Glas Srpski, cover page story, ‘More just speech and trial’; Nezavisne Novine, page 3, ‘Amfilohije calls on Del Ponte to visit Ostrog’ – Both dailies report on yesterday’s statement by Metropolitan of Montenegro and Seashore Amfilohije, who invited Carla Del Ponte to visit Ostrog monastery and see for herself whether Radovan Karadzic is hiding there or not. (Nacional pg. 2, Vecernje Novosti pg. 4)</p> <p>Luka Karadzic, brother of Radovan Karadzic, also called on Del Ponte to visit Ostrog and see whether Radovan is hiding there or not.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine, page 2, ‘NATO wants BiH General Staff’ – NATO has warned BiH Permanent Committee for Military Affairs (SKVP) that BiH must have a unified BiH General Staff or command HQ as one of key pre-requisites for its admission into Partnership for Peace.</p> <p>Stjepan Pocrnja, SKVP Secretary General, explained that this warning was passed on to them on Friday by Bruce McLane, Director at NATO Operations for BiH. According to Pocrnja, three most important issues, which must be resolved asap, are “role of Secretary General of SKVP as chief civilian commander, establishment of General Staff at BiH level and role of BiH Presidency.”</p> <p>Glas Srpski, page 4, ‘Radovan will not come’ – Luka Karadzic, brother of the former RS President, Radovan Karadzic, denied claims of international officials that businessmen Milovan Bjelica and Momcilo Mandic are financing the hiding out of his brother. He further added that: “I guarantee that my brother would never come to Montenegro, RS or Serbia, in order to avoid being a hindrance to his own people and to avoid brining local authorities into position of being under pressure because of him.”</p> <p>Glas Srpski, page 4, ‘Confiscated things being listed’ – Predrag Lasica, Serb Sarajevo Mayor, stated that SFOR soldiers took all of his personal documents and belongings, stressing that “it would take us some time and patience to establish what was taken from the premises of the Municipal Assembly.”</p> <p>Glas Srpski, page 4, ‘Right to justice’ – Milovan Bjelica, reiterated his readiness to comply with all decisions passed by HiRep to BiH, Paddy Ashdown. He further stressed that if proved that anything imputed to him is true, he is ready to face all the consequences. According to him, “the truth should surface upon facts, not the rule implied during single-party system. Accordingly, as one other individual, I am entitled to my right to file a motion to Human Rights Chamber and other international and local institutions.”</p> <p>Newly-elected President of Serbia and Montenegro Svetozar Marovic has said that he will request the Serbia and Montenegro Army Headquarters to check the information that a part of the Army protects Ratko Mladic. “I do not expect that anyone from the Army would try to deceive us, because that would mean deceiving of people.” Marovic said that the cooperation with the Hague Tribunal was an obligation and everyone must respect it. According to Marovic, Radovan Karadzic is not in Montenegro. “I visit Ostrog very often and I do not have information that Karadzic is hiding there. But if someone thinks that is not true, s/he could come to check it personally,” Marovic said. (Nacional pg. 3 headline ‘To replace all who protect Mladic’)</p> <p>The Army of Serbia and Montenegro General Staff’s information service said that the army was not guarding Ratko Mladic nor any other person indicted for war crimes. “Prompted by recent public information saying that the army allegedly protects Ratko Mladic, the Army of Serbia and Montenegro General Staff’s information service repeatedly notes that the Army of Serbia and Montenegro is not protecting either him or any other person indicted for war crimes,” the Army HQ said. (Vecernje Novosti pg. 3 headline ‘We do not protect Mladic’; Nacional pg. 3)</p>
<b>EU’s plan how to hit network of war criminals</b>	<p>Dnevni List (page 3, by EENA. “EU’s black list for western Balkans”) reads that the EU is considering making of a so-called “black list” which will list names of persons connected to ICTY indictees who are still at large. Persons on the black list would not be allowed to enter the EU countries. DL says Board of EU Council for west Balkans already discussed the idea and the process is still in its early stages.</p>

## Affairs/investigations/incidents

<p><b>Orao</b></p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 5 'Siljegovic did not travel to Iraq' – The chief of the RS Army Air Forces, General Marinko Siljegovic, denied in a statement for the newspaper allegations that SFOR Commander William Ward had requested from RS President Dragan Cavic proofs on Siljegovic's trip to Iraq. "The information is fully incorrect since I have never travelled to Iraq," said Siljegovic.</p>
<p><b>Citluk BarPeh Company on Elektroprivreda of HZ HB issue</b></p>	<p>Vecernji List (front "I will sue Elektroprivreda" and page 5 "I deny audit, I will sue Elektroprivreda of H-B") carries the manager of BarPeh company in Citluk, Ivan Barbaric, as denying the audit report on the Elektroprivreda of Croat Community of Herzeg-Bosnia (EP HZ HB), which accused the company of illegal connection to the power grid and illegal consumption of electricity. Apparently, Barbaric wrote to the High Representative for BiH, Paddy Ashdown, expressing dissatisfaction with the fact the company has been put into political context announcing a lawsuit against EP HZ HB over untruths regarding the connection to the power grid. Barbaric says BarPeh invested half a million KM into the EP HZ HB which now takes the profits. He says the company was connected to the system after receiving consent in September 2001 and that the official consent followed a year later. Regarding the audit report claims that the company that were illegally connected to the system were close to HDZ BiH and people close to HDZ BiH, Barbaric says his company does not deal with politics. (Slobodna Dalmacija, page 13, by <u>Miroslav Landeka</u>, "We are unnecessarily involved in OHR report")</p>

<p><b>VL on prices of telecommunication services</b></p>	<p>Vecernji List (front and page 2, by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, "More expensive calls despite competition") says although BiH citizens expect a lot from the liberalization and privatization of the telecommunication sector in BiH, it looks likely the processes will result in higher prices of services for both land lines and mobile phones starting next year. The daily says the Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA) announced it would propose the State Government a change of tariffs for the land lines which in reality, according to VL, means more expensive phone calls. Apparently, CRA explains its moves by saying that the competitiveness of the current state-owned telecommunication companies ought to be secured prior to entrance of private operators that is to happen in 2006.</p>
<p><b>Explosion in Mostar</b></p>	<p>Vecernji List (front and page 2 and 3, by <u>Robert Soldo</u>, "Bazooka on centre of Slezak's wealth") reports that on a night between Saturday and Sunday, around 0100 hrs, a projectile from an RBR M80 rocket launcher was fired on betting shop "Bingo" owned by Mostar businessman, Dinko Slezak AKA Dika. There were no casualties but the material damage is said to be worth several thousands of KMs. The perpetrator(s) so far remained unknown. VL reminds this is a 9<sup>th</sup> attack on Slezak's property and says a similar attack occurred a year ago when Slezak's house came under fire. The daily speculates it is either a war of betting shop owners or a case of racketeering.</p> <p>(Dnevni List, front and page 35, by <u>De. L.</u>, "Projectile from rocket launcher fired on 'Bingo'", Slobodna Dalmacija, page 14, by <u>Miro Skobic</u>, "Betting shop blown up by Bazooka" and Jutarnji List, front and page 2, by <u>Snjezana Pavic</u>, "War of bookies or racketeering- Mostar" Betting shop blown up by Bazooka")</p>

<p><b>Pogorelica case</b></p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg. 2 ‘Investigation into Pogorelica will be completed this spring’ – The President of the BiH Federation Supreme Court, Sadudin Kratovic, said on Sunday in a statement for the F BiH Radio that the investigation related to the Pogorelica case might be completed this spring, according to FENA. The investigation is being headed by the Court’s Judge Mirjana Persisic with the participation of the Deputy Federation Prosecutor Vlado Miskovic and the lawyers of the suspects.</p>
<p><b>‘What contains audit report on BiH Elektroprivreda operations</b></p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg. 4 ‘What contains audit report on BiH Elektroprivreda operations: Millions-worth misuses of Bicakcic and Obradovic’ – The auditor’s team has been discovered in the operations of the BiH Elektroprivreda as well the illegal payments worth millions of KM from the account of the public enterprise, learns the newspaper from reliable sources. The report that will be presented to the public early this week unveils a series of manipulations carried out by the company’s former management teams headed by Edhem Bicakcic and Meho Obradovic.</p>
<p><b>SDS-PDP coalition breaking down over RS Elektroprivreda</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 2/also cover page, ‘SDS top wants to break coalition with PDP’ – At the session held mid last week, SDS Presidency supported the request for breaking the coalition with the PDP and re-composition of the political scene in the RS. According to NN source close to SDS Presidency, the SDS decided to make such move following most recent development regarding RS Elektroprivreda and measures taken on this issue by the RS Prime Minister, Dragan Mikerevic. According to NN source, “the final decision on this is to be made by the SDS Steering Board. The Presidency proposed that the coalition is proposed to SNSD.”</p> <p>Igor Crnadak, PDP Spokesperson, yesterday confirmed to NN that certain convulsion between SDS and PDP does exist, noting that those should not lead to any authority crisis.</p>

<p><b>Ceko denies EFT claim</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 4, 'Bosko Ceko denies EFT'; Glas Srpski, page 3, 'Signature aimed to raise confusion' – Both dailies report on the denial by Bosko Ceko, RS Chief Public Auditor, who said that the EFT claims (that he along with International Auditor Ellen Ralph signed the audit report on RS EP) is not true. According to Ceko, "RS Chief Audit for Public Sector did not conduct nor participate in audit on RS EP. Conclusively, I could not have signed the audit report."</p>
<p><b>Potocari memorial</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 6, 'Binding payment of KM 4 million' – According to information NN received at RS Government Bureau for Public Relations, RS should pay the amount of KM 4 million to the Potocari Srebrenica Foundation, which would additionally impede the financial situation in the RS. Human Rights Chamber passed this decision on 7<sup>th</sup> March on the basis of motions filed by 49 Srebrenica citizens, who complained that the RS authorities deprived them of information on their family members.</p> <p>According to press release issued by RS Gov. Public Affairs Bureau, "bearing in mind the decision is binding, it would result in negative financial consequences for the RS".</p>



<p><b>Patriot: Ashdown asked donation from HB Elektroprivreda</b></p>	<p>Patriot, page 13/14, 'Noone writes to Premier' –</p> <p>This article on audit reports on RS Elektroprivreda and Elektroprivreda HB includes an inset, according to which High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, asked donation from the EP HB. The full translation of inset is as follows:</p> <p>"Following the publication of the Special Audit Report on Elektroprivreda of Herceg Bosna, the OHR officials strongly criticised the leadership of this firm for having been too willing to give donations. At the same time, HiRep imposed the new law, which clearly sets who and in what manner can in the future receive donation from public firms. However, the public was not informed that Ashdown himself sought from the HB EP to provide donation for building of the Potocari Memorial. Patriot got in possession of the letter dated 27 January, which Ashdown addressed to the leadership of HB EP, BiH EP, BiH Telekom and HTP Mostar, from which he asked to provide financial donations for the construction of the Potocari Memorial near Srebrenica. Patriot was informed that some of these four firms provided the amounts of around KM 70 thousand. Ashdown's kind tone towards the leading officials of the HB EP in the letter (although they seem to have met his appeal and provided donation for Potocari Memorial) later turned into shouts accusing them of being thieves and criminals."</p>
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<p><b>CIPS</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 4, 'Ministers "outwitting" over ID cards' – Milan Skrbic, Director of CIPS Project, is of the view that the old and new composition of the BiH CoM are "outwitting" over the project of ID cards. He also denied any responsibility for jeopardising the CIPS project and state budget. Safet Halilovic, BiH Minister of Civil Affairs, claims that ID cards should have been issued at over 100 issuance points, in which order the amount of KM 18 million would have been collected in a couple of months. This amount actually represents a loan, which BiH is supposed to repay to Reiffeisen Bank until April this year. According to Adnan Terzic, BiH CoM Chairperson, since only five issuance points were opened, the process of repaying the loan has been jeopardised, as well as the state budget and CIPS project itself. Terzic finds the old composition of the BiH CoM to be responsible for this. Halilovic reiterates that the original idea was that the project was to be self-financed. Svetozar Mihajlovic, former BiH Minister of Civil Affairs and Communications, commented on Terzic claims by stressing that: "In two or three days time, I plan to address the public and comment on his claims."</p> <p>LJILJAN pg. 28 and 29 'Secret ID' by <u>Enes Jakupovic</u> – The main question of this article is how the cost of the CIPS project was increased. The article goes on to reveal that some of the non-transparent financial dealings done by the CoM Treasury included the cost of the reconstruction of the fifth floor of the CoM building in Sarajevo as well as the reconstruction of the printing house in Banja Luka. The cost of the fifth floor adaptation cost 562,333 KM, while the reconstruction of the printing house amounted to 55,663 KM. "What is then happening with the CIPS project? Could there be a control of the expenditures after the second attempt to increase the price of the Ids? Is it possible to find out, even after the job is done, what prices were used as guidelines for the job and these enormous price increases?"</p>
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## Political affairs/appointments

<p><b>DL: Finci:</b>  <b>“Vacancy for civil servants next week”</b></p>	<p>Dnevni List (p 5, unsigned) reports that all the Ministries within the BiH Council of Ministers are to submit to the Civil Service Agency requests for announcement of job vacancies for the positions of the Ministry Secretaries by close of business today and then the actual announcement of vacancies is to follow. Jakob Finci, the Agency director, has stated for F BiH media that public vacancies will be announced for filling the positions in the Standing Secretariat of the BiH Election Commission, for the position of the BiH Council of Ministers’ Secretary General, for the position of the director of the Agency for European Integration and the Secretary of the Legislative Office. Finci has said that filling the positions will be done in line with the new BiH CoM structure and with the provisions of the Law on Civil Service Agency. He believes the entire procedure will be completed in 6 weeks time.</p>
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<p><b>Appointment of FOSS director</b></p>	<p>Vecernji List (page 10, by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, “Intelligence in BiH still without director”) says the Federation Intelligence Service (FOSS) is still without a director owing it to resistance of the IC in BiH. The daily says SDA’s candidate for the office, Sead Kikic, was not appointed because the US Ambassador to BiH, Clifford Bond, directly prevented the appointment. Allegedly, Kikic is questionable to the US administration because he hid evidence on crimes committed by the Bosniak soldiers in central Bosnia. The daily says SDA warns Bond makes bad moves thanks to misinformation provided by Munir Alibabic Munja and Zlatko Lagumdzija. LJILJAN pg. 5 (no title) – an editorial by <u>Mirsad Sinanovic</u> regarding the events surrounding the (non) appointment of Sead Kikic to the post of the FOSS Director. The author chronologically lists the events related to the appointment – that Tihic nominated Kikic, that the nomination was then forwarded to Federation President, Niko Lozancic, who was suppose to confirm it and forwarded it to the Federation government. Lozancic however did not do so since US Ambassador, Clifford Bond, was against Kikic’s appointment. Sinanovic goes on to point out that no one really has an answer to the main question – why is Bond opposing Kikic’s appointment. According to the author, even the HR does not have an answer to it. “Everything would fall apart like if Ambassador Bond would break the diplomatic-security cliché and present the local public with ‘ the local’ documents that compromise Kikic, even if the author of the documents was not to be named. Mr. Kikic has been put in a difficult situation not because Bond is opposing his appointment, but because he does not know what he is guilty of, or whether he’ll ever find out.”</p>
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<p><b>Schroembgens on Law on appointments</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 7, 'Directors are not elected by politics' – According to Gerhard Schroembgens, Senior Deputy High Representative, Law on appointments (recently imposed by HR) has enabled a transparent process of appointing leading officials at firms of interest for governments. According to Schroembgens, basic principles, which will have to be respected during the appointments of directors and members of steering boards at public firms are: qualifications, independence of the commission in charge of appointment, equal opportunities for all candidates, transparency of the process. Furthermore, Ombudsmen would have an important role in reviewing whether the principles were respected or not.</p>
<p><b>SIPA</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, page 5, 'SIPA gets leading officials'; Glas Srpski, page 2, 'Intelligence officers on the street' – Both dailies report on the statement by Dragan Lukac, SIPA Deputy Director, who said that the SIPA Open Competition Commission (SIPA stands for State Information and Protection Agency) will today open the competition for admission of ten leading officials of the Agency. According to him, "the ad will be announced in media on Tuesday." According to him, 574 candidates would have been employed upon ads announced in media during the month of March. According to Glas Srpski, SIPA may close unless premises for its work in Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Mostar are provided in the near future. According to Sredoja Novic, SIPA Director, "we demand appropriate premises be provided to us. If it cannot be done, the Agency will close only five months after it was established."</p>

<p><b>Dnevni Avaz interview with HDZ's Martin Raguz</b></p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg. 5 'Constitutional competences of the domestic institutions have been brought into question' – Interview with Martin Raguz, the BiH House of Representatives deputy speaker and senior HDZ BiH official. "The partnership between the international community and BiH authorities was just formally being proclaimed, as in the essence the powers of the international organizations in BiH were constantly being strengthened, but in a way which was bringing into question constitutional competences of the domestic institutions," said Raguz.</p>
<p><b>Milorad Dodik: "The International Community in BiH is losing credibility"</b></p>	<p>Carrying parts of his interview for Belgrade-based Blic, Dnevni List (p 11, unsigned) quotes Milorad Dodik (SNSD) as saying that, due to the fact that the IC is losing credibility in BiH, it is necessary to create an atmosphere of reconciliation between the IC and the local population. "Everything that is happening in BiH, whether good or bad, cannot give amnesty to the IC representatives who have created lots of good but also lots of bad things", Dodik has said. Judging by the steps currently taken in that direction, he assessed that BiH would join the EU in some 30 years' time. He also assessed that it would have been good that the EU has annexed the BiH issue and had put BiH under the monetary, political, economic and any other kind of authority of Brussels as the people from Banja Luka would rather accept the authority from Brussels than the one from Sarajevo. Dodik added the number of scandals in the RS proves that the authority made of SDS, PDP and SDA can only turn bad situations into worse ones. As for the BiH lawsuit against FRY, Dodik said it was not in the function of reconciliation and stability in the region.</p>