

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 10/8/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 10 August

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)
Lukic denies charges
HR requested to assist return
Slovenian alpinist rescue

TV news broadcast on 9 August

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
ICTY on Lukic's extradition	Lukic arrested in Argentina	Milan Lukic arrested in Argentina
Interpol confirms Lukic arrest	Mathias Hellman on Lukic	Chinese swords in Sarajevo
HR Ashdown criticizes Tihic	Alagic's wartime engagement	Genetically Modified Food in BiH
SDHR Ney and Kresimir Zubak met	Regional News	Miner killed in accident in Djurdjevik

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Lukic arrested in Argentina	Milan Lukic arrested in Argentina	EC on BiH path towards EU
Feature stories on Lukic's victims	Testimonies about Lukic's crimes	Lukic arrested in Argentina

Feature Story on Lukic	Reactions on Lukic's apprehension	RS police about Karadzic location
820 swords smuggled in BiH	Regional news	Irregularities in Gacko Municipality

Oslobodjenje	Milan Lukic arrested with forged passport
Dnevni Avaz	Criminal Lukic to be tried in BiH?
Dnevni List	First Boeing landed down in Mostar
Vecernji List	BH Telekom obstructs installation of cable TV
Slobodna Dalmacija	Nobody wants to adopt baby?!
Glas Srpske	Milan Lukic was arrested
Nezavisne Novine	Milan Lukic awaits for extradition to the Hague in detention
Blic	Cattle eats genetically modified soy
Vecernje Novosti	Murderer without limits
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbia related titles

	LATEST NEWS OF TODAY
Lukic case update	RHB – ICTY outreach in BiH Mathias Hellman stated that there was no new information as to when Milan Lukic would be extradited to the ICTY. On the other hand, Lukic agrees that he gets extradited to the ICTY, but in the same time he denied charges filed against him.

<p>Returnees' associations want HR to de-block return process</p>	<p>RHB – Representatives of 90 returnees' associations from BiH, Croatia and Serbia-Montenegro are requesting from the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, to de-block the return process in the region and organize a conference on sustainable return. The letter was sent, on behalf of associations, by the BiH Association of associations of refugees and DPs.</p>
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	<p>War Crimes</p>
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**ICTY welcomes
the arrest of
Milan Lukic in
Argentina**

RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 'Milan Lukic arrested with forged passport', **Dnevni Avaz** cover page, pg 3 'Criminal Lukic to be tried in BiH?', **Dnevni List** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Milan Lukic in The Hague soon' by E. Mackic, **Vecernji List** pg 4 'After arrest of Lukic, Radovan Karadzic also goes to The Hague' by V. Rupcic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 5 'The Hague indictee from BiH Milan Lukic arrested in Argentina' by H. AFP – The UN war crimes court for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) on Tuesday welcomed the arrest of alleged Serb war criminal **Milan Lukic** in Buenos Aires. The court in The Hague did not say anything about a possible demand for extradition of Lukic. Lukic, a Bosnian Serb, was arrested in Buenos Aires Monday at the request of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Lukic is accused of forming a paramilitary group at the outbreak of the 1992-95 war that worked with local police and military units to impose a "reign of terror" against the Bosniak population in the eastern Bosnian city of Visegrad. In two separate incidents, the indictment says, Lukic and his group forced civilians into homes, which they set ablaze, killing at least 140 people. On Tuesday Lukic will appear in court in Argentina for a formal hearing to establish his identity. The ICTY will then have 30 days to formally request his extradition. Interpol confirmed that a man arrested in Buenos Aires is the ICTY indictee Milan Lukic, even though he has been arrested with forged documents, Head of the Serbia-Montenegro National Council for Cooperation with the Hague Tribunal **Rasim Ljajic** said on Tuesday.

ICTY indictee **Milan Lukic** must be extradited to the Hague Tribunal and only then a decision can be made on eventual transfer of his case to the BiH judiciary, said on Tuesday in Sarajevo ICTY Outreach Officer in BiH, **Mathias Hellman**. He reminded that the ICTY Prosecution recently requested transfer of Lukic's case to the Court of BiH. The ICTY will soon decide on this request. Lukic is indicted for crimes against humanity and violations of laws and customs of war.

Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pgs 2-3 'Milan Lukic awaits for extradition to the Hague in detention' by D. Risojevic and M. Cubro, **Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Milan Lukic was arrested' by N. Z., **EuroBlic** pgs 4-5 'Lukic was Hague informer' by Zeljka Jevtic, **Vecernje novosti** cover pg splash, pgs 12-13 'Murderer without limits' by E. Radosavljevic also report on the arrest of **Milan Lukic**.

Vecernje Novosti pg 12 'That is him' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash, pgs 2-3 'Milan Lukic awaits for extradition to the Hague in detention' by D. Risojevic and M. Cubro carried ICTY spokesperson **Florence Hartmann** statement welcoming the arrest of Lukic.

Vecernje Novosti pg 13 'Urgently to Holland' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash, pgs 2-3 'Milan Lukic awaits for extradition to the Hague in detention' by D. Risojevic and M. Cubro, **Glas Srpske** cover pg splash inset 'Long list of crimes' by N. Z. carried ICTY Hellman's statement.

<p>NATO welcomes apprehension of Lukic</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Responsibility lies with entities', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Schook: We hope arrests will continue', Vecernji List pg 4 'After arrest of Lukic, Radovan Karadzic also goes to The Hague' by V. Rupcic, Vecernje Novosti pg 12 'Strong pressure' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'OHR, EUFOR and NATO welcomed the arrest' <u>not signed</u>, FENA – NATO Headquarters Sarajevo (NHQSa) welcomed the news of the detention of Milan Lukic. Lukic was detained in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 8 August 2005.</p> <p>Milan Lukic is under indictment for war crimes by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) for crimes committed in the Visegrad region, NATO said. According to NHQSa Commander, Brigadier General Steven Schook, the capture of Milan Lukic, and the location where he was captured, is a direct reflection of the tremendous pressure NATO, the local authorities, and the international community have placed on fugitive war criminals in BiH and the continued commitment of everyone involved to bring those fugitives to justice. <i>"I am pleased at the participation of the international community in the effort to capture fugitive war criminals but I want to be mindful that the responsibility for the detention of indicted war criminals ultimately rests with the entities,"</i> Schook emphasized. Fugitive war criminals and their supporters represent a threat to sustained peace in BiH and ultimately to the country's progress and development. The capture of each indicted war criminal is an important step toward lasting peace and stability in the region, NATO said. According to media, EUFOR also welcomed the apprehension of Lukic.</p>
<p>OHR considers apprehension of Lukic an important step forward in establishment of full cooperation with ICTY</p>	<p>Pink, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'RS cooperation with The Hague slowed down', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Schook: We hope arrests will continue', Vecernji List pg 4 'After arrest of Lukic, Radovan Karadzic also goes to The Hague' by V. Rupcic, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'OHR, EUFOR and NATO welcomed the arrest' <u>not signed</u> – OHR spokesperson Kevin Sullivan said on Tuesday that the arrest of ICTY indictee Milan Lukic is an important step forward in implementing a basic requirement of the DPA – and of BiH's postwar recovery – that all those accused of war crimes appear before the Hague Tribunal. <i>"Full details of this are yet to emerge. However, it should be noted that this is the first time in more than three months that an ICTY fugitive has been brought into custody. The pace of cooperation on the part of BiH – and in particular the RS – authorities must quicken. After a significant effort regarding ICTY cooperation at the beginning of the year there has been an unsatisfactory lull. The pace must quicken if BiH is to meet its international obligations in regard to Euro-Atlantic integration",</i> Sullivan told journalists in Sarajevo. He stressed that this transfer must be followed by other transfers, including that of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. <i>"The journey will only be complete when every indicted war criminal is inThe Hague",</i> Sullivan said.</p>

<p>RS MoI: RS authorities involved in arrest of war crimes suspect Lukic</p>	<p>FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 4 'Lukic apprehension a result of joint action', Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Both RS SCG claim they have made the operation possible', ONASA – Republika Srpska authorities said on Tuesday they were involved in the operation to arrest indicted war criminal Milan Lukic in Argentina. Lukic was arrested in Buenos Aires Monday at the request of The Hague-based International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. <i>"This arrest is a result of intense intelligence and security measures of RS Interior Ministry and cooperation with Serbia-Montenegro Interior Ministry and the international community,"</i> RS Ministry of Interior said in a statement.</p> <p>Vecernje Novosti pg 12 'He had helpers?' by <u>M. L.</u>, Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pgs 2-3 'Milan Lukic awaits for extradition to the Hague in detention' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> and <u>M. Cubro</u>, Glas Srpske cover pg splash inset 'Main role' by <u>N. Z.</u> carry RS MoI spokesperson Pejic's statement on the issue.</p>
<p>DL op-ed welcoming Lukic's arrest</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Nevertheless, wheel of justice goes around' by <u>M. Karacic</u> carries an editorial welcoming arrest of Milan Lukic and the author says: <i>'Nevertheless, the wheel of justice goes around although it goes slowly just like the development of BiH.'</i></p>
<p>EuroBlic: According to IWPR, Lukic had been supplying the Tribunal with information on Karadzic</p>	<p>EuroBlic pgs 4-5 'Lukic was Hague informer' by <u>Zeljka Jevtic</u> – Apart from reporting on the arrest of Milan Lukic, the article reads according to information of IWPR Lukic had been supplying the Hague Tribunal with information on Radovan Karadzic during the past years. <i>'Because of his activities he was a target of RS police. Last year's action in April, in which his brother Novica was killed, IWPR assessed as an attempt to silence Lukic'</i>, the article reads. The article also claims the crucial moment in Lukic's stance towards the Hague Tribunal occurred in January last year, when he got in conflict with members of "Preventiva" – Karadzic's armed security guards. There had been shooting and, allegedly, Lukic was injured. <i>[Note: this paper actually carries bits and pieces of an article published on IWPR web site on May 4 last year]</i></p>
<p>Serbian Justice Minister Stojkovic: We will ask for extradition of Lukic</p>	<p>Vecernje Novosti pg 12 'We will ask for an extradition' by <u>Tanjug</u> – Serbian Justice Minister Zoran Stojkovic stated Tuesday SiCG will ask for an extradition of Milan Lukic having in mind the fact he was sentenced for war crimes to 20 years in prison in Serbia, however the Hague has the priority over Serbian judiciary since a proceeding against Lukic is underway in the Hague as well. Stojkovic explained SiCG should wait for the procedure before the Hague Tribunal to be completed before Lukic's extradition to SiCG judiciary would be possible.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pgs 2-3 'Milan Lukic awaits for extradition to the Hague in detention' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> and <u>M. Cubro</u> also carried Stojkovic's statement.</p>

<p>RS MoI spokesperson Pejic: Karadzic is not in BiH</p>	<p>RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 3 'Radovan Karadzic is not in RS', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Pejic: We are sure Karadzic is not in BiH', Dnevni List pg 2 'Police reliably knows that Karadzic is not either in RS or BiH' <u>not signed</u>, EuroBlic pg RS2 'Karadzic is not in BiH' by M. M., Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Radovan Karadzic is not in BiH' by D. R., Glas Srpske pg 3 'Karadzic is not here' by D. N., FENA – The RS Ministry of Interior has credible information that indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic is neither in the RS nor BiH, spokesperson for the RS Police Radovan Pejic said on Tuesday. He did not want to comment on reports by western media that Karadzic is hiding in Montenegro.</p>
<p>The Society for Modern Politics appeals to Karadzic to surrender</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 16 – The Society for Modern Politics published an appeal to Radovan Karadzic to surrender. The appeal was written in the form of a full-page ad and it reads: <i>'Ljiljana, we are with you! Radovan, save your family and all of us! Surrender!!!'</i></p>
<p>VL: Herzegovina to demand war compensation from SCiG</p>	<p>Vecernji List pgs 2 and 3 'Herzegovina demands war compensation from SCiG', mentioned on cover 'Herzegovina also demands war compensation from Montenegro' by M. Vaslij – After Montenegro paid some sort of war compensation to Konavli, Croatia, VL learns from a reliable source that the BiH bodies, first of all the Croat side, will demand from Montenegro to pay in a similar way the war compensation to citizens of Herzegovina. The article also says that since the BiH lawsuit against Serbia and Montenegro for genocide and aggression has been before the ICTY, legal experts stress that SCiG would have to pay the war compensation only if charges for genocide and aggression of SCiG were proven before the court.</p>

	<p>Political Developments/Reforms</p>
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<p>HR Ashdown says BiH international credibility depends on ways to appoint SBS Director</p>	<p>RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 4, mentioned on cover 'Bosniaks are highly represented', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Institutions should appoint SBS Director' by <u>N. N.</u> – The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, stated on Tuesday for BiH Radio 1 that appointment of the BiH State Border Service (SBS) Director should be left to the institutions authorized to implement law and regulations. He HR said that there should be no political interference into this issue and that it should not be used for solving the SDA internal problems. HR made this statement after member of the BiH Presidency, Sulejman Tihic, said that mistake was made in appointment of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) Director. Ashdown reiterated that BiH's international reputation depends on ways to appoint of the SBS Director.</p>
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**Tihic for
Avaz: Ashdown
is coming out
with untruths**

Dnevni Avaz, pg 4 'Tihic: Ashdown is coming out with untruths', mentioned on front 'Tihic: High Representative is telling untruths', by A. M. – The Bosniak member of BiH Presidency, **Sulejman Tihic**, stated for Avaz that the appointment of State Border Service (SBS) director has nothing to do with internal party relations within the SDA. "Regarding **Paddy Ashdown's** statement, I can only comment that he is coming out with untruths. The issue of appointment of SBS director is not used for any kind of turmoil in SDA, which he (Ashdown) might wish for. When it comes to relations between the Chairman of BiH CoM, **Adnan Terzic**, and me, there are our clear statements about it. There are no serious people in the SDA who would transfer some internal affairs onto the functioning of state institutions", says Tihic. Tihic also commented on the HR's statement that "the Bosniaks are highly represented, some might say even too much, in BiH security services". "I would like to repeat that the Security Minister is from the Croat people, deputy from the Serb people. SIPA director is from the Serb people, as well as the BiH Interpol director. Now, if he wants to appoint the SBS director from the line of the Croat people, I do not see that the Bosniaks are represented at all, let alone highly represented. I think that is not the most important issue, it is more important to have competent people. However, since we have three constituent peoples in BiH, one has to take care of that too, no matter who makes the appointments, be it domestic authorities or the High Representative. With such ungrounded charges, Ashdown is trying to deny my basic human right, which is the right to freedom of speech and present views", said Tihic.

<p>EU against political interference in security and police services</p>	<p>BHT, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz, pg 4 'EU does not support political interferences', by <u>Fena</u> – The country presiding the EU at the moment, the UK, stated via its embassy in Sarajevo that the EU did not support political interferences in professional appointments in police and security sectors. The press release calls on all parties involved in the process to act in accordance with the law and procedure, without political interference.</p>
<p>SD on correspondence Tihic/Ashdown and results of Ashdown's mandate in BiH</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 13, mentioned on cover 'Tihic's fire over Ashdown' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – Commenting on the correspondence between High Representative Paddy Ashdown and Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic, the author says: <i>'Certainly, the HR was hurt by the Tihic's claim that by December last year 'Ashdown was the most successful HR and that during this period BiH made strong steps when its strengthening is in question'.</i>' The author goes on to say that as far as this year is concerned the HR was very successful in preservation of the RS. The author also says: <i>'Actually, by his tolerance for RS obstructions in implementation of necessary reforms, the HR is on the right way to be qualified as the most successful HR from the aspect of state institutions' functioning, increase of poverty, deepening of inequality of peoples and losing hope in the future of BiH even among the biggest advocates of BiH.'</i></p>

<p>CoM Chairman Terzic: police reform talks to resume in the course of next week</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'The Governments are negotiating on police regions' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic Tuesday confirmed police reform talks would continue in the course of the next week, while RS Government will host the negotiations. CoM representatives and representatives of the entities' Governments will attend the meeting and ground documents for the talks will be the proposal of Police Reform Commission and Vlastic agreement of political parties. <i>'The talks will resume on issues that we have not resolved so far, primarily with regard to maps of police regions'</i>, Terzic added.</p>
<p>SDHR Ney meets with NHI leader Zubak</p>	<p>RHB, Oslobođenje pg 8 'Police reform a way towards negotiation on stabilisation', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Police reform a main obstacle on path to EU', Dnevni List pg 6 'Talks on burning issues' by <u>NINA</u>, Vecernji List pg 3 'Intensive talks on defence and police reforms' by <u>ra</u> – The Senior Deputy High Representative, Martin Ney, agreed on Tuesday with the NHI President, Kresimir Zubak, that it is imperative that BiH fulfil all the conditions of the EU Feasibility Study so that it can move forward towards Euro-Atlantic integration. Discussion covered a broad range of concerns within the Croat political spectrum in BiH. Zubak briefed Ambassador Ney on the NHI's position on education reform, PBS and refugee return.</p>

<p>BiH Presidency Chair Jovic meets with Russian Ambassador Suvalov</p>	<p>RHB, Oslobođenje pg 2 'Resolve the issue of debt for Russian gas', Dnevni Avaz pg 4, Vecernji List pg 2 'Improving of economic cooperation between BiH and Russia' <u>by ra</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Relations between the two countries are improving' <u>by N. N.</u> – BiH Presidency Chair Ivo Miro Jovic and Russian Ambassador to BiH Konstantin Suvalov agreed in Sarajevo on Tuesday that bilateral relations between the two countries are constantly improving and that they need to be developed even further to the benefit of both countries. They concluded that there is still a lot of space for improving economic cooperation. Suvalov said that Russia wishes to see BiH as an economic partner and a European state, and added that Russian businesspersons are interested in investing in BiH. The two officials also emphasized a need for urgent resolution of a wartime BiH's debt for Russian natural gas.</p>
<p>NATO Schefer praises progress made in defense reform</p>	<p>BHT, Hayat, Oslobođenje pg 8 'NATO satisfied with progress made in establishment of a single army', Glas Srpske pg 3 'Progress is visible' <u>by N. Z.</u> – In a letter sent to the BiH Presidency, NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer expressed satisfaction with the progress BiH made on the path of creating joint armed forces. The foreseen concept of regiments and structures consisted of three multiethnic brigades is a good start, said Scheffer. He urged BiH authorities to ensure that laws, which regulate defence issues, are ratified and accepted as soon as possible.</p>

<p>PBS General Manager on law on public RTV system</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3 'Building of strong regional and not national production centres' by I. <u>Glibusic</u> carries an interview with PBS General Manager Drago Maric who says that PBS wants a proposal of the law on public RTV system to be adopted as soon as possible. He added that certain shortcomings of the aforementioned law were noticed and he hopes that some of them would be corrected. DL reminds that by adoption of the law on RTV system BiH would meet the 16th pre-requisite for approaching the European integration. Commenting on this situation, Maric said that meeting of the other part of the pre-requisite which envisages securing of long-term sustainability of the financial, editorial, independent and unified RTV system is more important for public broadcasters. Maric added that they are not certain that the law in the current form would make possible financial sustainability.</p>
<p>HDZ: Parties which make parliamentary majority and not HDZ can remove Doko</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 5 'HDZ cannot remove Minister Doko' by A. Vrebac – With regard to the demand of the BiH Association of Farmers according to which HDZ President Dragan Covic should remove BiH Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations Dragan Doko (see OHR BiH Media Round-up, August 9, 2005) HDZ spokesperson Miso Relota stated: <i>'Gentlemen form the BiH Association of Framers are probably aware that Doko is a member of the HDZ, but he is also a Minister in the BiH Council of Ministers and therefore Covic cannot remove a member of the BiH CoM self-willingly on the ground of his signature.'</i> Relota added that the Doko's removal is a matter of an agreement of the political parties, which make parliamentary majority.</p>

	<p>Economic/Social Issues</p>
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<p>Mostar airport: First direct flight from USA after war</p>	<p>Vecernji List cover pg splash ‘First Boeing landed down in Mostar’ and pg 3 ‘First post-war flight over ocean’ by M. Brkic-Milinkovic, Dnevni List pgs 12 and 13, mentioned on cover ‘First direct flight from America after war’ by <u>S. Bjelica</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover ‘210 pilgrims came by a direct flight from USA’ by <u>V. Coric</u> – A US plane with 210 passengers landed down on the Mostar airport on Tuesday and this is the first direct flight from the USA to some of former Yugoslavia airports after the war.</p>
<p>Update on tax stamps printing/Grafotisak case</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 6 ‘ ‘Grafotisak’ possesses 100 % protection from falsifying’ by <u>E. Mackic</u> – Director of ‘Grafotisak’ Stjepan Vranjes said: <i>‘Attacks on ‘Grafotisak’, which meets all conditions for printing tax stamps for cigarettes and control stamps for alcoholic beverages for unified market of BiH, are ungrounded.’</i> Vranjes added that they have technology, which secures full protection from falsifying. Vecernji List pg 4 ‘Grafotisak was selected legally’ by <u>ra</u> carries Andja Cosic from the ITA’s Press Office who says that Grafotisak was selected in a legal and transparent manner.</p>