

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 11/1/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 11 January 2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
HR Ashdown on Mladic (Han-Pijesak)	RS PM meets with Austrian co. reps
BiH MoD on Mladic (Han-Pijesak)	BiH farmers on free trade agreem.
News from ICTY	Assistance to refugees and DP's

TV news broadcast on 10 January 2005

RADIO HERCEG BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
Helsinki Committee report	Support for PM-designate	Issue of doctors' mistakes	Mladic wasn't in C. Rijeka
NHI on RS PM-designate	IC on BiH CoM sessions	Strike in Agrokomerc	Support for PM-designate
FBiH Gov. in session	Third Bulldozer phase	Terzic met with HR	HR and Terzic on RS Gov.
War crime cases criteria	Strike in Agrokomerc	USA Embassy on RS PM	HR on police restructuring

Oslobodjenje	A hundred of suspects for crimes in Srebrenica will be interrogated
Dnevni Avaz	10 million KM to returnees in 30 municipalities
Dnevni List	FBiH Government supported organization of police in five regions

Vecernji List	Property above 25.000 marks to be checked
Slobodna Dalmacija	Quarry on skiing slopes
Glas Srpske	Crna Rijeka is clean; One beat up his father to death
Nezavisne Novine	Mladic was not hiding in RS Army premises; Nationalistic parties are still spreading fear; Pero Bukeylovic was bad Minister; 300 million KM was donated for Srebrenica, maximum 10 million KM were invested; Protest of Agrokomerc workers
Blic	SDA awaits for a call and agreement
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbian related titles
Belgrade's Nacional	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
RS PM Mikerevic meets with Austrian investors	<p>RS Radio – Dragan Mikerevic, the RS PM in resignation, stated during today's meeting in Banja Luka with representatives of Austrian Company "Alstom" that RS Government would ensure all assistance possible to companies that want to invest in RS. Wolfgang Koeviher, Executive Director of the Company, stated that the recent presentation of economic potentials in RS in Vienna had made a good impression upon Austrian investors. The meeting in Banja Luka was also attended by Pantelija Dakic, Director of the RS Elektroprivreda. According to press release issued by RS Government Public Affairs Bureau, the Company of "Alstom" is engaged in construction of mini-hydro-power plants.</p>

<p>BiH farmers request suspension of free trade agreements</p>	<p>RS Radio, RHB – BiH Association of Farmers today demanded suspension of Agreements on free trade with Croatia and SiCG from BiH Council of Ministers. In an open letter to BiH COM, farmers remind of precautionary measures BiH CoM passed in December. Farmers demand suspension of customs tariffs. If BiH CoM fails to act accordingly, farmers announce protests.</p>
<p>RS President Cavic meets with EUFOR Commander Leaky</p>	<p>SRNA news agency – EUFOR Commander, David Leaky, today met with the RS President, Dragan Cavic, in Banja Luka. There were no statements for the press following the meeting. Leaky is also expected to meet with the RS Defence Minister in resignation, Milovan Stankovic.</p>

<p>Political developments/reforms</p>
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<p>BiH can become Belgium of the Balkans – Ashdown</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘I see BiH as Belgium of the Balkans’, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘BiH may become Belgium of the Balkans’, Glas srpske, pg. 3 ‘I am not asking from them to arrest them’ by Beta, EuroBlic, pg. RS2 ‘Bosnia as Belgium’ by Beta, ONASA/BETA news agencies – High Representative Paddy Ashdown assessed as a necessity that Republika Srpska establishes cooperation with the Hague tribunal and that the issue of punishing criminals is not only brought to arresting of former leaders of Bosnian Serbs and accused war crime suspects Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. <i>“I do not ask from RS to arrest them (Karadzic and Mladic), although I think they could do that, but to start cooperating with the tribunal,”</i> he said in an interview with the Czech daily Pravo. Ashdown stressed that the authorities of Bosnian Serbs had arrested not a single war crimes indictee for nine years while NATO had arrested even 20 persons in their areas of responsibility. <i>“A stabile peace is not possible without justice,”</i> he warned, adding he personally sees the future of BiH as a ‘Balkans’ Belgium.’ <i>“The Dayton Accords did not aim to build a state but secure peace. The fact is that BiH is not a state, which functions. It will also never be a national centralized state according to the model of Great Britain or France. But, it might be something like Belgium.”</i> He also warned the country’s spending must gradually reduce because currently 60% of tax income goes to the state administration. <i>“This is the reason why pensions are so small, hospitals old-fashioned, schools poor-equipped. Such country cannot count on loyalty of its citizens.”</i> Ashdown assessed that the institution of HR would be replaced by a EU special representative prior to local elections in 2006 and that between 2,000 and 3,000 soldiers will be sufficient to fulfill tasks of the EUFOR mission in the next few years.</p>
<p>ESI Director Gerald Knauss on HR mandate</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 7 ‘I referred to Institution of High Representative’ by <u>Gerald Knauss</u> – NM carry a denial of Gerald Knaus, Director of ESI, referring to his interview published on 27th December in NM. He explains that <i>“when I said Lord Ashdown would remain on the position after 2005, I referred to the institution of the High Representative, not Ashdown himself.”</i></p> <p>On HR’s decisions, he says: <i>“If we review his latest decisions, I am afraid we will be seeing more of such in the future.”</i></p>

<p>FTV interview with Ashdown on RS government appointment, police reform</p>	<p>FTV – HR Paddy Ashdown said that the main task of new RS Government would be cooperation with ICTY. He said that issue of nomination of the new Government had to be solved by RS officials and that OHR did not want to interfere. HR is satisfied with the report, submitted by Police Reform Commission Chairman Wilfred Martens. HR reminded that state had to be in charge of police. HR is going to decide on the number of police regions after having consulted with the members of the Commission. Ashdown said <i>“How the RS Government is going to be formed has nothing to do with me. I think that what we see, after all these resignations, nothing has changed. The job is still the same job as it was before; to cooperate with the Hague.”</i> Reporter asked: <i>“Crisis, which, we may say, is fabricated, in BiH, BiH is losing the time. But the fact that BiH Government cannot hold its sessions is much more dangerous.”</i> HR said <i>“Let’s be honest. This occurred just before Christmas. If the situation, you call it crisis, but I still do not want to use that term, extends till the end of January or February, then it is going to be crisis. But I am quite optimistic that the issue is going to be solved, that the small breakage in the reform process is going to be forgotten, and that state institutions are going to work commonly and efficiently. I cannot be sure, but it seems as if the things have been going in that direction. And, with no HR’s reactions. It is of extreme importance for BiH, that if having internal problems, to solve them on its own.”</i> Reporter asked: <i>“Are entities’ Ministries of Interior going to be preserved in future police structure?”</i> HR said <i>“It is not a part of the Police Reform Commission’s recommendations to abolish entities’ MoI. This is not one of the Commission’s conclusions. Whether entities’ MoI are going to be abolished, depends on BiH authorities.”</i> Reporter asked: <i>“Have you thought about the maps submitted by Wilfred Martens?”</i> HR said <i>“I am not going to state my opinion on the maps, until having them examined more thoroughly, and after having some discussions. I decided to have it done by the end of this month; I want to discuss on them and to hear the opinion of each involved party. I think that you are right when said that the solution, which was not in accordance with the best professional service, should not be accepted.”</i></p>
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<p>RTRS interview with HR on police reform</p>	<p>RTRS – HR Paddy Ashdown stated that the most acceptable concept of police reform in BiH will be decided upon by the end of January. He stressed that EU expects control of police forces at BiH level. HR also stated that he will speak with representatives of all 3 people in the Commission before making the final decision. He also announced public debates in February and March in order to gain support for police restructuring and explain the necessity of it. <i>“There is nothing in the report that requires the abolishment of entity MoI’s”</i>, says Ashdown. He adds that MoI has many different functions and police is just one of them. Ashdown also says that police regions will be determined based on functionality and efficiency and not based on political interests. He also explained that the abolishment of entity Defence Ministries is necessary due to surplus of command structures which does not mean that RS Army will be abolished. Nezavisne Novine, pg. 6 ‘Model of reform of BiH police by the end of January’ by Onasa, Glas srpske, pg. 2 ‘Agreement by spring?’ by Fena also carried the HR’s statement.</p>
<p>Federation of BiH Government endorses police reform commission report</p>	<p>BHT, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘Five regions – optimal solution’, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘KM 100,000 for tsunami victims’, Dnevni List front pg splash ‘FBiH Government supported organization of police in five regions’ and pg 2 ‘Five police regions received support’ <u>not signed</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg ‘Unified MoI accepted’ by D. Pasic, ONASA – The Federation of BiH Government on Monday accepted a report of the FBiH Minister of Interior Mevludin Halilovic on the work of the BiH police restructuring commission, which ended last December. The government voiced its support for the commission and its proposal for the establishment of a single police structure on the state level, under control of a minister at the BiH Council of Ministers. According to the Government, a territorial police organization, which foresees the establishment of five regional police forces, is a feasible and optimal solution from the aspect of operative management. <i>“Due to the complexity and political sensitivity of police work, we feel the reforms should be implemented gradually through several phases,”</i> the Government said.</p>

<p>CoM Chairman Terzic, HR Ashdown urges RS to set up government as soon as possible</p>	<p>BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'CoM session to be scheduled only after establishment of RS Government', Dnevni List pg 2 'To form RS Government urgently' by <u>NINA</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'To form RS Government urgently' by B. Kristo, Nezavisne Novine, pg. 3 'Support to Pero Bukejlovic is still uncertain' by V. Popovic, inset 'Terzic and Ashdown on RS Government', Glas Srpske, pg. 2 'Council awaits for the Government' <u>not signed</u>– Adnan Terzic, chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, and Paddy Ashdown, High Representative of the international community in BiH, agreed on Monday that the RS Government needs to be established as soon as possible so that it could be established which political forces will participate in it and that the situation in the BiH Council of Ministers must be resolved. After the meeting, Terzic said it made no sense to schedule a session of the BiH Council of Ministers before the establishment of the RS Government. Asked whether it was realistically possible that Prime Minister-designate Pero Bukejlovic establish the RS Government, Terzic expressed the hope that would happen as soon as possible because it was in the interest of both the RS and BiH.</p>
<p>US Embassy on new RS Government designate, obligations of RS towards ICTY</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, pg. 3 'RS authority still have an obligation to cooperate with the Hague' by A. S. – US Embassy to BiH, in its reaction to the appointment of Pero Bukejlovic, has stated that regardless of who would sit at RS Government, they will have the obligation to cooperate with ICTY. <i>'We have no comment as to who should be the new RS Government Prime Minister. Nevertheless, we will continue to monitor activities by which RS will be fulfilling obligations that derive from the Dayton Agreement'</i>, US Embassy has stated.</p>

<p>Tihic says SDA will not support new RS Government</p>	<p>BHT, Oslobođenje pg 2, mentioned on cover ‘SDA will not support RS Government’, Vecernje Novosti, pg. 5 ‘SDA against RS Government’ <u>not signed</u>, FENA – The Party of Democratic Action (SDA) will not support the RS Government because its establishment is aimed at stopping the reform of the defence/security system and continuing the obstruction of cooperation with the ICTY as well as BiH’s moving towards Euro-Atlantic structures in general, SDA President Sulejman Tihic told FENA on Monday. Commenting on the statement made by RS President Dragan Cavic on Sunday that <i>“there would be no room for SDA representatives in the new Government led by Pero Bukejlovic”</i>, Tihic said that SDA ministers do not want such a Government in the first place. Tihic said that SDA thinks that the situation in the RS has radicalizes, that the position and opposition have united with the objective of preserving the RS in the shape and form created by war criminals Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.</p>
<p>Osmanovic: Cavic directly challenged IC nominating Bukejlovic</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Dragan Cavic “directly challenged” the international community’, mentioned on cover ‘Cavic uses lack of unity in the international community’ by <u>E. Sarac</u> – The RS Vice-President Adil Osmanovic says that RS President, Dragan Cavic, <i>“has managed well following 16 December... and he directly challenged the international community with his moves.”</i> One of those moves, says Osmanovic, is a nomination of Pero Bukejlovic to RS PM-designate, which enabled SDS for the first time in six years to have its member on this position. <i>“Following the measures, confusion and political fear was felt among leaders of Serb parties. However, pretending to speak on behalf of all Serbs in RS, Cavic said ‘no’ to the international community. That ‘no’ says that reforms will not go as IC has envisaged it,”</i> said Osmanovic adding that Cavic felt there is a lack of unity in the IC and decided to use it which is also visible in his nomination of Bukejlovic.</p>

<p>Reactions to SDA's Osmanovic's statement that SDA might block certain projects in RS Council of Peoples</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Threats would not be accepted' by <u>E.G.S.</u> – Below are some reactions on the announcement of Adil Osmanovic that Bosniaks at RS Council of Peoples would take advantage over this institution if RS <i>"slows down or halt the reforms in defence and police"</i>.</p> <p>Desanka Radjevic, Head of SDS Caucuses at RS CoP, said that by giving this statement, SDA had once again showed its real face and core of its actions, adding that RS Constitution Court has been filled it now and will be passing final assessments on possible violations of basic national interests. Hence, the threats of Osmanovic would not be accepted, according to her.</p> <p>Dragomir Kosoric, President of the EastSarajevoCity Hall, said that: <i>"SDA is again giving an ultimatum to RS. We can hear old stories. Aren't these threats the biggest obstacle to reforms and integration path towards Europe?"</i></p> <p>Mile Mutic, delegate at Prijedor Assembly, said that owing to many problems in F BiH, SDA, as well as other parties in F BiH, are attempting to divert all the attention to RS and reforms of police and defence.</p> <p>Obren Petrovic, Doboj Parliament Speaker, said that all issues could be resolved through agreement, including reforms of police and defence. He added: <i>"I see not national interest of Bosniaks in abolishment of Ministries of defence and interior affairs in RS."</i></p>
<p>Miroslav Mikes on disputed Osmanovic's statement</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'No room for blackmails' by <u>D. Zec</u> – Below are some further reactions on the same issue.</p> <p>Miroslav Mikes, Vice President of the RS CoP, said that Adil Osmanovic should be protecting democracy and legal state, instead of making threats to block legislative authority in RS. He added: <i>"Regardless who makes such statements, such threats are not praiseworthy of any basic, democratic principles."</i></p> <p>He noted that any sort of threat should be condemned.</p>
<p>Reactions of economists on new RS Government designate</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, cover 'Pero Bukejlovic was bad Minister' and pg. 3 'Bukejlovic suffered a debacle as Minister too' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – Borislav Bijelic, an economic analyst, thinks RS will see no improvements in economy if Pero Bukejlovic is appointed new RS Government designate, considering the results of his work as the Minister of Industry.</p> <p>Damir Miljevic, an economic analyst and the President of the RS Association of Employers, shares a similar view but also thinks it is good that SDS has nominated its candidate for this position and stopped hiding behind PDP.</p>

<p>NN on support to the new Government</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, pg. 3 'Support to Pero Bukejlovic is still uncertain' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – the article claims Pero Bukejlovic would have a sufficient support of delegates if, apart from the support of SDS with 26 delegates, he manages to get the support of PDP (9 delegates), SRS (3 delegates) and newly-formed "Club of center" (DS, RS Pensioners' Party, NDS and SPAS) with four delegates. So far, it is certain SDS would support Bukejlovic, while PDP has announced it would reach a decision on this matter at a session of the party presidency that will take place at the end of the week.</p> <p>SRS expressed its readiness to support the new Government if no Minister from SDA, SDP and Party for BiH participated in it. The "Club of center" would give its support to Bukejlovic under the condition no SDA Minister participates in the Government's work.</p> <p>SNSD, SP RS, DNS, SDP, Party for BiH and NHI have announced they would not give their support to Bukejlovic, while DPS has announced it would not give a "bianco" support to anyone.</p>
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<p>SDA, PBiH and SDP on the new RS Government, PM designate</p>	<p>EuroBlic, cover 'SDA awaits for a call and agreement' and pg. RS1 'They are waiting for a call to an agreement' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u> – SDA thinks exclusiveness of RS President Dragan Cavic, who claims there will be no SDA Ministers at the new Government, is a consequence of new political ambient that was created after the agreement on harmonized political acts of Serb political parties was signed. Tarik Sadovic (SDA) expects the new designate would invite SDA for consultations in order to inform them of the priorities of the future work of the cabinet. Muharem Murselovic (Party for BiH delegate at RS NA) says the story on break of cooperation between SDS and SDA is not clear since these two parties have always cooperated well. He stressed the Party for BiH would not support any majority in which SDS participates.</p> <p>SDP thinks there will be no problems regarding the support to the new Government and they think <i>"Bukejlovic is not a good solution for a designate"</i>. <i>'Should Bukejlovic show the same at the new Government as he showed at Ivanic's Government we will have great problems. We will not support such a government nor we would participate in it regardless of what would be offered to us'</i>, SDP delegate at RS NA Slobodan Popovic has stated.</p> <p><i>EuroBlic</i> inset 'More than 42 votes for the Government' – as according to some assessments of RS NA delegates, the new Government might get a support of a bit more than 42 needed votes. It is expected Bukejlovic would get a support of SDS, PDP, SRS and "Club of Centre", as well as several other individual votes of support.</p>
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<p>RS political parties on agreement on principles, signed by 6 political parties</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'As they find it suitable' by <u>N. Diklic</u> – GS writes that although the Agreement on principles, which six parties in RS have signed, is still in force, each of the signatory of the Agreement seems to be interpreting Item 6 (concerning the selection of new Government) as it finds appropriate.</p> <p>Mladen Bosic, SDS Presidency member, says that statements SNSD and SP RS officials gave sound as it these parties have given up on the Agreement, but they have not still violated it. He notes that new designate would offer signatory-parties of the Agreement to participate in the new Government.</p> <p>Milanko Mihajlica from SRS agrees with Bosic.</p> <p>Mirko Banjac, DNS Vice President, also regarded SNSD and its President, Milorad Dodik, as being mostly responsible for violation of the Agreement.</p> <p>Nebojsa Radmanovic, SNSD Executive Board President, confirmed this party would no longer take part in talks on Government composition, adding SNSD would not support new Government. He also said that SNSD had not violated the Agreement.</p> <p>Goran Milojevic, PDP Vice President, said that <i>"selectiveness of some political party's leaders have resulted in discord amongst Serb parties"</i>.</p>
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<p>Helsinki Committee: BiH authorities responsible for situation in the country</p>	<p>RHB, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Non-arresting Karadzic and Mladic is an obstacle to establishment of justice' by <u>Fena</u>, Nezavisne Novine, cover and pg. 9 'Nationalistic parties are still spreading fear' by <u>R. Cengic</u>, Glas srpske, pg. 2 'Partnership instead of orders' by <u>Srna</u> – The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in BiH published the report the human rights status in 2004, bringing conclusion that while BiH authorities in the past year expressed aspirations for accessing Euro-Atlantic integrations, the country still stands in one place very much behind other transition countries. Presenting the report to public, Committee's president, Srdjan Dizdarevic, noted that there were progressive steps made in 2004 – such as property return, Srebrenica Commission and free and fair elections, however he noted that the great obstacle to normalization in BiH remains the fact that Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic are still at large. He added that the past year was also marked by the stagnation and further degrading of the institutions for protecting human rights.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 7 'BiH cannot get admitted to EU before 2014', mentioned on cover, by <u>S. Sehercehajic</u> – Dizdarevic also said that <i>"the primary responsibility for this situation lies with the BiH authorities, which failed in showing enough of responsibility and willingness to carry out necessary reforms."</i> Dizdarevic concluded: <i>"The High Representatives should give up on commanding function, and respect the BIH Parliament's dignity and start building partnership with domestic authorities."</i></p> <p>Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on front, 'BiH can join Europe possibly in 2014' by <u>D. Polovina-Mandic</u>, Vecernji List pg 5 'Ombudsmen are in state of decomposition' by <u>E. Medunjanin</u> also covered the issue.</p>
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<p>New Croat party to be formed in BiH soon</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 7 'Party which will stand for abolishment of entities', mentioned on front 'Establishment of new party announced' by <u>Z. Jukic</u> – Slaven Kozul, who is a Head of the Election Headquarters for the campaign of an independent candidate at the Croatian presidential elections, Boris Miksic, stated that Miksic's supporters will form a new political party with a Croat prefix in BiH soon. According to Kozul, this party will be connected to Miksic's party, whose establishment in Croatia has been expected, through joint economic programs only. Kozul stressed that the return of Croats will be their priority and they will insist on abolishment of BiH entities and organization of BiH in few regions.</p>
<p>DL: SDHR Wnendt visits Mostar today to warn parties that reform cannot be stopped</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 13, mentioned on front 'Urgent adoption of city budget', by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – Announces that the Senior Deputy High Representative, Werner Wnendt, will be visiting Mostar today (Tuesday) in order to talk to Mayor of Mostar, Ljubo Beslic, President of City Council, Murat Coric, and five Heads of Departments with the City administration of Mostar. According to DL, the visit is triggered by the latest crisis in the authorities of Mostar, which was caused when the City Council could not adopt a decision on temporary funding of the City of Mostar . DL goes on to say that SDHR Wnendt will send a message to both the SDA and HDZ that the OHR is not interested in how the two parties solve debatable issues among each other and in the same time he will warn them that no debatable issue can halt reforms in Mostar.</p>

War crimes/cooperation with ICTY

**Ashdown: I know
Mladic was in
Han Pijesak**

RTRS interview with HR Paddy Ashdown –
RTRS reporter: *“You have mentioned the
issue of war criminals, who were hiding in
Han Pijesak. Due to the fact that Minister
of Defence was asking for evidences on
such allegations, have you submitted the
evidences to the Ministry?”* HR said *“What
do you expect them to say? If they say yes
he did hide there, what would happen? Of
course they say that they have no
evidences, of course they say that they do
not believe that he hid there, but I know
he did and minister **Stankovic** has to say
that **Mladic** was not in Han Pijesak, but I
know that he was there. What I am asking
for is what steps and actions have to be
undertaken, I am not asking for an
investigation to see whether he was there
or not; I saw an evidence to know that he
was there.”*

**BiH Defence
Ministry denies
Mladic stayed
in Han Pijesak
in 2004**

BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'No evidences that Ratko Mladic was hiding in Han Pijesak' by E. Sarac, **Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5 'No evidences on hiding of Mladic' by A. Prlenda, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'RS Army did not hide Mladic' by B. Kristo – The Defence Ministry of BiH has issued a statement in response to reports claiming that **Ratko Mladic**, Bosnian Serb army wartime commander, stayed in the military complex of Crna Rijeka, near Han Pijesak, last summer, with the knowledge of the RS Army. The chief inspector of the investigation team formed by the Defence Ministry, Brigadier Gen **Rizvo Pleh**, found no evidence suggesting that Crna Rijeka had been used for illegal anti-Dayton activities of hiding or supporting Hague tribunal indictees, including Ratko Mladic.

Nezavisne Novine, cover and pg. 2 'Mladic was not hiding in RS Army premises' by M. Cubro also covered the issue. An inset 'HR: RS Army was hiding Mladic' contains OHR Spokesman Vedran Persic 's statement on existence of evidence that Mladic was in Han Pijesak.

<p>Oslobodjenje publishes a part of Srebrenica Commission-made list of war crimes suspects</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg5 'A hundred of suspects for crimes in Srebrenica will be interrogated' by <u>Avdo Avdic</u> – The articles reads that daily has obtained the list, submitted to the RS Government as the annex to Srebrenica Commission report, of about 100 person suspected of committing war crimes in Srebrenica in 1995. The majority of these persons were members of Bratunac brigade and Drina military corpus, but there are also several police officers. Daily reads that following the “order” of the HR Paddy Ashdown these persons should be interrogated; and its gives the list of about dozen names of suspects.</p>
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Economic/social issues

<p>Bulldozer Committee delivers 50 new measures to BiH Governments</p>	<p>RHB, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5, mentioned on cover ‘Employers handed proposals for removing bureaucratic obstacles to governments’ by <u>Marina Kavaz – Sirucic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 ‘Bulldozer Committee handed 50 new proposals to Terzic’, mentioned on cover ‘Terzic: Governments and employers will be partners’ by <u>F. Cardzic</u>, Dnevni List pg 5 ‘Prime Minister Terzic is shifting responsibility on entities’ by <u>M. Zorlak</u>, FENA – The Bulldozer Commission delivered to state and entity representatives in Sarajevo on Monday the third package of 50 initiatives for removing bureaucratic obstacles to doing business in BiH. BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic received the new proposals on behalf of all three governments. BiH Association of Employers President Tomislav Grizelj said that this is the third set of measures aimed at removing bureaucratic obstacles that hamper the work of domestic businesspersons with abroad and simplifying procedures for foreign investors to invest in BiH. The set of new measures was prepared in approximately 2 months, i.e. since the BiH Association of Employers took over the “Bulldozer” process from OHR, and its implementation will be monitored by the team that prepared the reform proposals. The “Bulldozer” project was launched with the objective of allowing BiH businesspersons to propose changes to legislation which pose an obstacle to the success of their businesses.</p>
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<p>BiH authorities to spend 10 million KM for reconstruction in 30 municipalities</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 5 '10 million KM to returnees in 30 municipalities' by <u>J. Sogolj</u> – In an interview to DA, the BiH Human Rights and Refugees Minister, Mirsad Kebo, says that the Ministry has received 24.000 applications to its tender for reconstruction of housing premises. Kebo notes that this indicates still present need in BiH for reconstruction works, thus return process cannot be limited time-wise. He explains that Commission for refugees and DPs brought decision to spend just bit over 10 million KM for reconstruction in 30 municipalities in order to facilitate return process.</p>
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<p>VL: CoE wants adoption of Law on confiscation of illegally acquired property</p>	<p>Vecernji List, front pg splash ‘Property above 25.000 marks to be checked’ and pg 3 ‘All property valued at more than 25.000 marks is suspicious’, by <u>Zdenko Jurilj</u> – Notes that despite both chambers of the BiH Parliament adopting a conclusion, on basis of recommendations of Council of Europe’s Commission, that the BiH Council of Ministers should adopt certain measures that should facilitate making of a law on confiscation of illegally acquired property, such law has not been adopted even one year after. VL explains that a block of opposition parties, led by SDP, has been trying to push into the parliamentary procedure a Proposal of law on agency in charge of confiscation of illegally acquired property, however the opposition’s initiatives always get rejected by the parties whose members are linked to illegal acquiring of capital. VL notes that according to the Proposal of the said law, all property whose value exceeds 25.000 KMs could be subjected to confiscation.</p>
<p>Canton 10 Govt plans to open quarry on place of skiing slopes</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, front pg splash and pg 15 ‘Quarry on skiing slopes’, by <u>Blanka Magas</u>, <u>Ivo Curkovic</u> – Reports that the Government of Canton 10 is planning to open a quarry in the area of Lupoglava near Kupres despite the decision of the Municipal Council of Kupres, which designated the area as the sports-recreational area, and a petition which was signed by more than one thousand people from Kupres.</p>

<p>Bosniak war veterans request removal of FBiH Defence Minister Nikolic</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 2, mentioned on front ‘Golden lilies’ request removal of Minister Nikolic’, by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – VL reminds that the Association of laureates of the ‘Golden lily’ award (highest decoration of the former BiH Army) last year requested a removal of the FBiH Defence Minister, Miroslav Nikolic, who they accused of not wanting to solve defenders-related issues and belittling of defenders. According to VL, the attacks came after FBiH PM Ahmet Hadzipasic criticized Minister Nikolic, which resulted in a letter that the aforementioned Association sent to the Speaker of the FBiH Parliament’s House of Representatives (Muhamed Ibrahimovic) in which they request removal of Minister Nikolic. Minister Nikolic commented the issue by saying: <i>“I will not allow anyone to interfere into the work of the Ministry. To me it is an association that can criticize someone’s work, but they sure will not decide on the Ministry’s moves.</i></p>
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<p>Lijanovici' employees embittered by fact that this company gave donation for Mesic's pre-election campaign</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 2, mentioned on front, 'They should give scrip to Mesic and cash to us!' by <u>D. Ivankovic</u> – Many employees of 'Lijanovici' company were unpleasantly surprised when they heard the news coming from the Election Headquarters of candidate for the Croatian presidential elections, Stjepan Mesic, which says that 'Lijanovic' have donated 200 000 Kunas for Mesic's pre-election campaign so far. The employees who wanted to stay anonymous stated that they are embittered by this fact since they have been receiving scrip instead of salaries for months.</p>
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