

OHR BIH Media Round-up, 11/3/2006

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Bank robbery in Mostar	BiH House of Peopl. on vital nat. int.	The court trial in Kravica case
BiH HoP in Session	Kosor on rejection of agreement	Trial for crimes committed in Zvornik
HNC teachers update	High Representative on BiH	Fight against organized crime in RS
Brkic on const. changes	Frattini on liberalizat. of visa regime	BiH lawsuit against SCG before ICJ

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Trial on genocide in Srebrenica	The court trial in Kravica case	Regarding "Nezavisne Novine" article
On mass graves in BIH/RS	BiH lawsuit against SCG before ICJ	Seventeen in custody in Banja Luka
BIH Lawsuit vs. SiCG update	Trial for crimes committed in Zvornik	Trial for genocide on May 4 th
Trial to Oric	NGOs on Commission for Truth	RSNA session on March 16 th

Oslobodjenje	SCG still claims that civil war occurred in BiH
Dnevni Avaz	[Police inspector Alic on trial in Belgrade] I interrogated infamous Legija in Zvornik
Dnevni List	Bosniaks blocked aid to HVO

Vecernji List	My best men destroyed my life [Story on private tragedy of a Mostar Businessman]
Nezavisne Novine	Protecting criminals, Dragan Cavic showed who is their mentor in RS
Glas Srpske	Sky full of stars [Story of a man who regained his eyesight]

War Crimes

Trial of eleven members of RS Army indicted for genocide in Kravica case, Srebrenica, to commence on May

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BHT1 by Boris Grubescic – The trial in case of eleven former members of RS Army indicted for genocide in Srebrenica will commence on May 4 before the Court of BiH.

Petar Mitrovic, Milos Stupar, Milenko Trifunovic, Brane Dzinic, Aleksandar Radovanovic, Slobodan Jakovljevic, Miladin Stevanovic, Velibor Maksimovic, Dragisa Zivanovic, Branislav Medan and Milovan Matic are indicted for participating in the massacre of more than one thousand Bosniak men in the warehouse of the farming cooperative in Kravica, in July 1995. On Friday, Prosecutor's Office announced that during the trial it would interrogate 45 witnesses and two experts, and present the evidences and statements obtained during the trials before the ICTY afterwards. The BiH Prosecutor **Ibro Bulic** stated that his office would need 15 days only to interrogate witnesses. **FTV** by Sinan Saric – On the other hand, defence attorneys opposed such way of proving the guilt of their clients, and announced that they would demand to cross-examine those ICTY convicts whose statements would be used. Six out of eleven defence attorneys have already announced that they would request psychiatrists' opinion on the mental health of their clients. Due to the fact that defence attorneys are not adequately prepared for the beginning of the trial, the Trial Chamber of the Court of BiH presided by **Hilmo Vucinic** decided that the main court hearing in this case would start on May 4. **Hayat** – Reporter noted that ICTY already sentenced six war crime indictees charged with committing genocide in Srebrenica. **RHB, PINK and RTRS** carried similar reports. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'Main hearing starts on May 4' by Aj.Delic **Oslobodjenje** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Advocates want to check on ICTY proofs and evidences' by A.Omeragic **Dnevni List** pg 6 'Four indicted demand psychiatric expertise' **Dnevni List** pg 6 'Four indicted demand psychiatric expertise' by Erna Mackic

<p>SCG continued its presentation before the ICJ;</p> <p>Stojanovic: fight for territories the main reason for 'civil war' in BiH</p>	<p>BHT1 by Dzenita Zirdum, Laura Bosnjak – Introductory presentation of the SCG legal team, in the case of BiH lawsuit against SCG for aggression and genocide, continued before the International Court of Justice [ICJ] in The Hague on Friday. Head of SCG legal team Radoslav Stojanovic said that the conflict in BiH was a civil war, in which all three major national groups participated. <i>"The nature of war in BiH was not defined in the Dayton Peace Agreement, but the Agreement does conclude that it was a 'tragic event'. For me, it is the best definition of the war in BiH"</i>, stated Stojanovic. FTV by <u>Zeljko Tica</u> – The beginning of the war was prepared in advance and expected, since all three sides armed themselves, stated Stojanovic, adding that all three peoples had the support from outside BiH. Stojanovic pointed to the fact that the percentage of Bosniaks in BiH increased after the war. <i>"It is impossible that the group, which was the victim of genocide, practically increases its number on the territory on which the genocide had been committed"</i>, concluded Stojanovic. RTRS by <u>Momcilo Ostojic</u> – Stojanovic said that around 20.000 Muslims lived normally during the wartime in Belgrade. in May 1992.</p> <p>Stojanovic said that there was no war project on Serb side in December 1991 and explained that SDS accepted BiH as independent country, confederation of three entities. Hayat, RHB, PINK also covered. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BIH accused for increasing number of victims' by <u>Sense</u> Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'SCG still claims that civil war occurred in BiH' by <u>Nagorka Idrizovic</u> Dnevni List pg 6 'War in BiH was prepared' Glas Srpske pg 2 'Civil war, not aggression' <u>not signed</u></p>
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<p>American journalist Gutman respond on allegations of SCG legal team: More than thousand people were killed in Omarska</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2, mentioned on cover 'More than thousand people were killed in Omarska' by <u>Almasa Hadzic</u> – Pulitzer Award winner, American journalist Roy Gutman denied claims of SCG legal representative Sasa Obradovic in BiH lawsuit against SCG that BiH legal team brought irrelevant data on number of victims in war in BiH. <i>"My estimation from that time, that over thousand were killed in camp Omarska, was very cautious, in order to avoid possible mistakes."</i></p>
<p>The trial of six persons indicted for war crimes committed in Zvornik Municipality in 1992 continued in Belgrade</p>	<p>BHT1 – The trial of six persons indicted for numerous war crimes committed in Zvornik Municipality in 1992 continued before the District Court in Belgrade. Former Assistant Commander of the Zvornik Police Asim Alic testified that former commander of "Red Berettas" Unit Milorad Ulemek Legija was arrested in Zvornik in April 1992. Alic explained that, when arrested, Legija and three other persons were in camouflage uniforms, armed with automatic guns, pistols, and knives; they had numerous different identification documents on them, including the one issued by the Serb Cetnik's movement. FTV carried similar report. Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'I interrogated infamous Legija in Zvornik', pg 3 'Alic: If I used force over Legija, Djindjic would be alive' by <u>Almasa Hadzic</u> Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'All camps in RS formed by paramilitary units by directives of SDS' by <u>Divna Vidakovic</u></p>
<p>ICTY fined Rebic and Marijagic with 15,000 Euro each for the contempt of the Court</p>	<p>RHB – ICTY found journalist Ivica Marijagic and Markica Rebic guilty on charges that they had intentionally revealed the identity of protected witness in a trial before ICTY thus putting the witness into jeopardy in case of ICTY indictee Croat general Tihomir Blaskic. They are fined with €15.000 each. PINK, BHT1, Hayat also reported. Vecernji List pg 10 'Marijagic and Rebic €15.000 of fine' by <u>Goran Jungwirth</u></p>

RS: Fight against organised crime

RS MoI Cadjo rejected accusations on politicization filed by RS President Cavic; SNSD's Spiric: SDS is in panic; SRS 'Vojislav Seselj' said they knew about SDS is behind many crimes

RTRS By Sinisa Mihajlovic – RS Interior Minister **Stanislav Cadjo** rejected accusations on politicization of police that RS President **Dragan Cavic** brought on Thursday. Cadjo said that these accusations present pressure on work of RS MoI with purpose to stop and disable fight against organized crime and corruption. Cadjo did not want to comment statement of Banja Luka Public Security Centre [PSC] in which they asked RS Police Director, MoI and BiH Prosecutor's Office to give explanation regarding this issue and establishment of special commission due to frequent destroy of RS police reputation. Cavic stressed that he wants an apology from Nezavisne Novine for publishing the article on alleged investigation against SDS high officials, otherwise he will file a lawsuit against them. Announcement from Cavic's office states that it seems that the article in NN was prepared by RS MoI Cadjo and NN staff, adding that SDS believes that these writings are harangue with clear aim. According to NN, high SDS officials **Dragan Cavic, Dusan Stojcic, Pero Bukejlovic, Dusan Kos, Dragomir Andan** and many others were meeting secretly with people from criminal circles on several locations in Banja Luka area. SNSD believes that SDS is in panic because of the program orientation of the new RS Government. *"Press release of RS President Cavic that he would oppose personnel changes within RS Ministry of Interior shows that SDS is afraid to loose parallel systems of power and safety"*, said SNSD's **Nikola Spiric**. Serb Radical Party "Dr. Vojislav Seselj" reported that knew about SDS being behind numerous criminal acts. **BHT1** also covered. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 'No politicization of smaller entity' by Fena **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'They want to stop fight against criminal by political attacks' by P.K. **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Panics in the opposition' by Z.M. – carrying Spiric's statement. **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Low kicks' by V.J. – carrying Cadjo's statement.

<p>SNSD's Spiric: SDS leader Cavic is mentor of organized crime in RS</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover splash, pg 2 'Protecting criminals, Dragan Cavic showed who is their mentor in RS' by <u>V.Popovic</u> –In an interview for NN, SNSD Main Board member Nikola Spiric said he expected support from RS President Dragan Cavic in fight against organized criminal. By opposing changes of personal in RS Ministry of Interior, Cavic showed that he is a mentor of organized crime in RS, said Spiric, adding: "<i>Cavic showed who should be arrested by RS MoI Stanislav Cadj</i>o." In the rest of the interview, Spiric was explaining that SNSD has no intention to stop fight against organized crime. Nezavisne Novine pg 3, mentioned on cover 'SDS organized three groups for protecting criminals in RS MoI' – Daily continued to publish documents on SDS high officials allegedly supporting organized crime. Dnevni List pg 4 'Spiric expected Cavic's support'</p>
<p>Nezavisne Novine editor said they received threats for publishing list of SDS high officials allegedly involved in criminal</p>	<p>RTRS By <u>Sinisa Mihajlovic</u> – After RS President Dragan Cavic stressed that he wants an apology from Nezavisne Novine for publishing the article on alleged investigation against SDS high officials, otherwise he will file a lawsuit against them, NN said they received threats, adding that they only published documents of BiH Prosecutor's Office, which is conducting the investigation. "<i>We are shocked and astonished with RS President's Office press release. We get impression that it is about threats but not by court but by some other means. We received threats by letters. We informed police. We will see whether police will act in following period</i>", said Aleksandar Sekulic, editor of NN. According to NN, the controversial information came from BiH and foreign intelligence and EUFOR. BiH Prosecutor's Office has not still confirmed the information. Nezavisne Novine Director Zeljko Kopanja said that goal of his papers is to clear up crime and corruption in RS. NN announced new articles on involvement of individuals from SDS and police in illegal businesses with criminal circles.</p>

<p>RSNA Board member Sakan:</p> <p>There is no info RS Police Director Andan is involved in crime; EUFOR could not comment intelligence operations;</p> <p>BHT1: BiH and foreign institutions are checking Andan's wartime past</p>	<p>Hayat By <u>ATV</u> – RS National Assembly's Board member Velimir Sakan, who has been collecting the relevant information from all institutions regarding this issue, said that at moment he has no information on involvement of RS Police Director Dragomir Andan in any criminal activity. Sakan added that in the case Andan was involved that the relevant institutions should deal with it. The information on Andan's involvement was allegedly provided by EUFOR, but in an interview for ATV, EUFOR's spokesperson Jem Thomas stated that they have been conducting the investigation in entire BiH adding that he couldn't comment some intelligence operations. RS Minister of Interior Stanislav Cadj, on the other hand, has stated that any his alleged connection with the published articles is absurd. He denied any remarks on his attempts to improve the situation in RS MoI commenting all this as a political pressure. BHT1 by <u>Zoran Sarenac</u> – BiH Prosecutor's Office is trying to discover the participants of the organized crime in RS, representatives of this institution confirmed for BHT. Although there is no official investigation against RS Police Director Dragomir Andan, BHT learns that domestic and international institutions are trying to check certain written clues that confirm Andan's wartime past. Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'Policemen demand BiH Prosecution to say whether are they under investigation' by <u>E.Sarac</u>Nezavisne Novine pg 6 – whole page dedicated to letters of denials of former RS PM Pero Bukejlovic and Head of Banja Luka PSC Dusan Kos.</p>
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<p>NN op-ed: Government must not remain silent regarding allegations from NN</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 7 'Who is silent over there?' by <u>Dragan Risojevic</u> – Commenting recent occurrences regarding allegations of criminal structures within RS Ministry of Interior, editorial reads that current RS Government is not doing its job, since. Justifying his stance, author notes that Government should either have official stance on what is going on, either to deny allegations of NN. Editorial concludes that it is unacceptable that Government is being silent regarding such important issues.</p>
<p>RS PM Dodik on action plan of his Government: We do not want seats, but changes</p>	<p>Glas Srpske, Glas Plus pg 2 'We don't want seats, but changes' by <u>Boro Maric</u> – Commenting reactions of opposition on his announced reforms, RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik in an interview for GS said: <i>"Government has no intention to quit programme that received public support in the RS National Assembly... Next couple of days we will do action plan to implement it [expose], which means that Government will act even stronger in setting things, first of all in suppressing organized criminal."</i> Dodik said that his Government is not looking for political revenge or seats, but for changes, as they stated in their expose before RSNA, adding that he counts on some people from the previous administration. The rest of the interview carries Dodik repeats reforms he mentioned he would fight for [including issues of raising pensions, Brod Oil Refinery, agriculture, constitutional changes]. Inset 'Police reform' – Dodik explicitly said that his Government would only support the frame that keeps police as organized part of RS, not any other.</p>

BiH HoP: dispute over law on HVO victims

Bosniak Caucus asked for protection of vital national interest, giving no consent for ratification of contract between BiH and Croatia on cooperation in realizing rights of BiH war victims

Pink By Zeljko Mandic- Bosniak Caucus in BiH House of Peoples started the issue of protection of vital national interest due to the agreement that BiH and Croatia signed on cooperation regarding protection of rights of war victims in BiH. This contract, signed on December 23, 2005 by BiH Minister of Security **Barisa Colak** and competent Croatian minister, should provide additional financial resources to HVO victims and their families from Croatian budget in order to make equal their compensations with compensations that are being paid in Croatia. Reporter said that all competent institutions agreed on this issue except Bosniak deputies in BiH HoP who believe that ratification of this agreement would endanger vital national interest of Bosniaks in BiH. **Halid Genjac**, Bosniak deputy in BiH HoP believes that this agreement is discriminating and that BiH should not sign it. Croatian deputies in BiH HoP objected request of Bosniaks. **BHT1** by Vanja Filipovic – Bosniak representatives also claim that this contract violates the BiH Constitution, and that it would produce discrimination within certain categories of veterans' populations in BiH. **Hayat** By Nebojsa Radulovic – Presenter stated that Croat caucus has warned that unless the agreement is adopted they will leave the BiH HoP. Serbs were ready to support the agreement only if it read that the HVO victims died in armed combat and not defending BiH. **FTV** by Adisa Ruzdic – Bosniak Caucus requested that this contract is returned to the competent commission for finishing off, which other two caucuses rejected. Bosniak delegates deem that giving consent for ratification of this contract will only mean new obligations, instead of help to invalid funds. In line with the procedure, after Bosniak Caucus asked for the protection of vital national interest, a three-member commission has been formed in order to resolve this issue in the period of five days. If they fail to find a solution, this matter will be forwarded to the BiH Constitutional Court. **RTRS** also covered. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'Bosniak Caucus stopped agreement on HVO' by H.Orahovac **Oslobodjenje** pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Bosniaks challenged Croatian aid for HVO' by A.Terzic **Vecernji List** pg 14 'BiH against aid for HVO members', mentioned on cover 'Bosniaks demand financing of BiH Army and RS Army' by Deana Knezevic and Dejan Jazvic **Dnevni List** cover splash, pg 3 'Bosniaks blocked aid for HVO war victims' by D.P.Mandic **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Controversial agreement with Croatia' not signed

<p>HDZ deputy Jukic: contract would bring benefit to categories that suffer the most and would not endanger anyone in BiH</p>	<p>BHT1 by <u>Vanja Filipovic</u> – Commenting the fact that Bosniak Caucus in BiH House of Peoples did not ratify the contract between BiH and Croatia on realising rights of war victims, HDZ representatives claim that such decision would aggravate the relations between two countries. HDZ representative Velimir Jukic stated: <i>“This contract was ratified in Croatian Parliament, it was signed between the governments of two countries, BiH Presidency and the House Representatives passed it as well. I truly believe that there is no room for politicising about this contract”</i>. Pink By <u>Zeljko Mandic</u> – Jukic said that this contract would bring benefit to categories that suffer the most and would not endanger anyone in BiH. FTV also covered.</p>
<p>Former HVO soldiers accuse both Bosniaks and Croats in institutions for agreement is not ratified</p>	<p>BHT1 by <u>Vanja Filipovic</u> – Former Croat Defence Council [HVO] soldiers accuse representatives of both Bosniak and Croat people in governmental institutions for this situation. <i>“This is just another hypocritical act. This is the crime committed against HVO victims for the second time”</i>, HVIDRA’s representative Marinko Ljoljo said in a telephone statement for BHT.</p>
<p>Croatian Deputy PM Kosor is surprised that Bosniaks rejected agreement on cooperation in realizing rights of BiH war victims</p>	<p>PINK – Croatian Deputy Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor said that Croatian Government is surprised with rejection of the agreement on cooperation regarding rights of HVO members and their families by Bosniak Representatives in BiH House of Peoples. Kosor added that Croatian Government would ask for the official stance of BiH Government since two Governments signed this agreement. FTV, BHT, RTRS also covered. Dnevni Avaz pg 10 ‘Bosniak Caucus stopped agreement on HVO’ by <u>H.Orahovac</u> Inset ‘Kosor: Croatian Government is surprised’</p>
<p>DL op-ed harshly criticizes Bosniak Caucus in BiH HoP for preventing lot of money to enter the state</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 ‘Scandal in the Parliament’ by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – Editorial harshly criticizes Bosniak representatives in BiH House of Peoples for raising issue of vital national interest, giving no consent for ratification of contract between BiH and Croatia on cooperation in realizing rights of BiH war victims. Noting that Bosniak politicians refuses lot of money to enter the country, author concludes that this is not the way politics should be lead.</p>

Other political issues

<p>Ivanic to attend meeting between EU and west Balkans MFA</p>	<p>PINK – BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanic will be present at the unofficial meeting of EU Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Salzburg on Saturday. <i>“All countries of Western Balkans are in the phase of coming closer to the EU, actually the hardest phase with hardest and most serious reforms when we need the highest financial support. That is why I expect from EU budget for the next year... to prove EU determination to support countries of Western Balkans”,</i> said Ivanic. Ivanic said that expected mitigation of visa regime and that would continue talks on that issue on Saturday. Hayat, RHB, RTRS also reported. Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Liberalisation of visa regime and increase of financial support are expected’ by A.M. Oslobodjenje pg 4 ‘Cooperation between Western Balkans and EU’ by Fena Dnevni List pg 2 ‘EU representatives on liberalisation of visa regime’ by <u>D.Kozina</u></p>
<p>EU Commissioner Rehn: next round SAA talks with SCG to be postponed</p>	<p>Hayat – EU Commissioner for Enlargement Ollie Rehn stated that the next round of the talks on Stabilisation and Association Agreement would be postponed unless SiCG starts improving the cooperation with ICTY. Oslobodjenje pg 4 ‘No cooperation with ICTY, no talks’ by <u>Die Presse</u></p>

HR Schwarz-Schilling: Ease of visa regime is priority; it would be unjust if EU cease talks with BiH, for Karadzic and Mladic are not in BiH

Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'It is not fair to punish BiH for Karadzic and Mladic', mentioned on cover 'Ease of visa regime is priority' by Tarik Lazovic – After visiting IT fair in Hanover, High Representative **Christian Schwarz-Schilling** is leaving for Salzburg to participate at the unofficial meeting of EU Ministers of Foreign Affairs on Saturday. Schwarz-Schilling said that he would try to convince EU Foreign Ministers to ease visa regime for BiH citizens, especially for businessmen and public workers, because that is interest of both BiH and EU. HR notes that this region has to be prevented from becoming the "*black hole*" – crossroads of poverty, drugs smuggling and corruption, which would then represent the real threat for EU. HR added that he would insist on EU to help economic development of BiH and fight against organized criminal. Schwarz-Schilling also stressed that it would not be just if EU would cease talks on Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] with BiH for "*None of the two most wanted war criminals is not in BiH. Authorities here are working everything within their power to arrest them, but it seems they are not here. I have these things confirmed by ICTY Chief Prosecutor **Carla del Ponte**, NATO and EUFOR.*"

<p>BiH Chief Negotiator Davidovic: Threat that EU could cease SAA talks with SCG should not reflect on BiH</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Davidovic: Threat should not reflect on BiH' by <u>A.Malagic</u> – Commenting announcement of postponement of talks on Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] unless SCG starts improving the cooperation with ICTY, BiH Chief Negotiator Igor Davidovic said it should not inflict BiH, adding that it is clear that these messages should be perceived as additional warning on obligations of BiH in that regard.</p>
<p>HR on Ce-BIT: BiH got back to global technology market</p>	<p>PINK – High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling apprised in Hanover on Friday that BiH got back to global technology market. HR said that first participation of BiH on the biggest world IT fair [Ce-BIT] represents important initial step toward improving of relations between information technology sector and potential international partners as well as toward changing of negative perceptions on BiH. HR stressed that present visa regime makes difficult business activities for companies in BiH that try to provide international contracts Schwarz-Schillingsaid that would discuss this issue with EU Ministers. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Fight with bad state image' by <u>T.Lazovic</u> Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Ease visa regimes for businessmen' Vecernji List pg 4 'BiH on global technology market' by <u>Mario Koturic</u> Dnevni List pg 5 'Schilling: It is important BiH not to loose right opportunity' Glas Srpske pg 2 'Technological comeback'</p>

<p>SNSD will support dismissal of BiH CoM</p>	<p>RTRS – SNSD Main Board member Nikola Spiric said that party would support the initiative for dismissal of BiH Council of Ministers since it did not work in accordance with BiH Parliament decisions. Spiric said that CoM did not respect 95% of decision that was supposed to respect. Spiric added that SNSD would support dismissal of CoM since did not respect decision on dismissal of Head of ITA Steering Board Joly Dixon. Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Spiric: Removal of BiH CoM will not slow down talks with EU’</p>
<p>NN: Talks on const. changes to continue by end of next week</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 ‘Peace Implementation Council session is awaited’ by <u>M.Cubro</u> – Daily learns that talks on constitutional changes will be continued by end of next week, when political parties will be ready to come up with their stances on recommendations of Venice Commission and after Peace Implementation Council session, scheduled for beginning of next week in Vienna.</p>
<p>US Ambassador McElhaney: special attention should be paid to the allocation of budget funds on the entity level</p>	<p>BHT1 – US Ambassador Douglas McElhaney stated for BHT that, along with constitutional changes in BiH, special attention should be paid to the allocation of budget funds on the entity level. <i>“We have been working very hard with parties on this politically very sensitive issue – how to allocate the revenues on municipalities and other levels... We have to bring the money to the level where it should be spent”</i>, stated Douglas McElhaney.</p>

<p>US Ambassador McElhaney: BiH has never had better friend than America , we wont fail that</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje, Pogled pg 4 'BiH has never had better friend than America, we wont fail that' by <u>Aldijana Omeragic</u> – In an interview for daily, US Ambassador Douglas McElhaney repeated stances of his Government that US is partially satisfied with talks on constitutional changes, because, there is a significant improvement reached, said he, adding that it is sad that certain parties left the talks. He stressed once again that this is just first part of talks on constitutional changes, adding that US will keep on with pressure on all sides, since they want to create more functional state of BiH. He stressed that BiH has never got a better friend than USA, and promised that USA will never disappoint BiH people: <i>"We will keep on making pressure for things we think that are good for this country."</i> McElhaney denied he promised help to some parties win elections if they sign agreement on constitutional changes. He repeated that BiH could not enter Partnership for Peace while Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic are still at large.</p>
<p>RSNA session on March 16</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Stela Jungic</u>- RS National Assembly decided to discuss proposal of budget for this year on extraordinary session, which is to be held right after the regular session on March 16. RSNA will discuss proposal of budget along with proposal of Law on budget implementation and proposal of changes and amendments of Law on RS budget system. Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Budget draft on Thursday' by <u>O.V.</u></p>

<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed: Radicalisation of EU towards enlargement could cost region</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Radicalisation of EU' by <u>Daniel Omeragic</u> – Commenting proposal of German SPD that talks on Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] with Western Balkan countries could start only after no foreign troops are in the region, editorial reads that there is a noticeable radicalisation within EU regarding enlargement issues. Article comments that this could lead Balkans into the trap, since without foreign troops there would be no peace and stability.</p>
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