OHR BiH Media Round-up, 11/4/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 11 April

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	**BH Radio 1** (12,00 hrs)	**RTRS** (12,00 hrs)
Cro, FBiH delegations visit Aluminij	CoE on BiH constitutional changes	ITA SB in session
On public discuss. on Constitution	Amend. to FBiH Law on advocatory	Ivanic on ITA
Canton 10 to get more incomes	Skorpioni trial continues	Dunav, Tisa and Sava flooding

TV news broadcast on **10 April**

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
Turkish President visits BiH	Turkish President visited BiH	Missing persons-related protest in SA
Cavic receives Derik(SP)	Croatian Minister is visiting BiH	Turkish President Sezer in BiH
Drvar: no reply on church request	BiH CoM on old foreign currency sav.	BiH's trade exchange with Turkey
FBIH CoTP in session	Poll on employment in BiH	Posters in support to Mladic in BG

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
Issue of Journalists' pension contrib.	CoM on old foreign currency savings	Protest in front of FBiH Government

EUFOR raided Autoprevoz in BL	Missing persons-related protest in SA	EUFOR action in Banja Luka
Protest in front FBIH Gov't building	Grahovac on missing persons	Dismissal in Trebinje PSC
Oric's trial finished	Turkish President Sezer in BiH	Explosion in Trebinje

Oslobodjenje	Solving issue of old currency savings in next 13 years
Dnevni Avaz	[BiH Foreign Ministry] CIA has no illegal prisons in BiH
Dnevni List	Questioning of MoI officials starts (BiH Prosecution investigates possible illegalities in Canton 7 MoI)
Vecernji List	28 little schools are being shut down (rationalization of schools in canton 10)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Solution for Croats is federal state (one Mr. Ivan Zlopasa comments const. changes)
Nezavisne Novine	They did not tell me how my Atonio was murdered (*feature story of mother of JNA soldier murdered in 1991 at watch-tower Holmec in Slovenia)*
Glas Srpske	Joly is (not) Tosa
EuroBlic	Car owned by police inspector mined
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related topics

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

RS Fin. Min: Entities' premiers and BiH CoM Chair should also attend today's session of ITA SB	**RTRS** – ITA Steering Board (SB) is in session in Sarajevo. The RS Finance Minister and member of ITA SB, **Aleksandar Dzombic**, stated prior to session that apart from ITA SB members, the BiH CoM Chair, **Adnan Terzic,** and entities Premiers are also expected to attend the session. Dzombic said: *"There are several points on proposed agenda: coefficient and distribution of revenues for 2005 and setting of coefficients for 2006."*
BH For. Min. Ivanic: HR has made a mistake by extended ITA SB' President mandate	**RTRS – Mladen Ivanic,** BH Foreign Minister, has assessed that the current relations within ITA SB have a bad influence upon economic and political stability of BiH, adding that the sole solution to this crisis would be if domestic institutions fully took management over ITA SB. According to him, the greatest responsibility for distribution of revenues at ITA rests with **Joly Dixon,** who gave legitimacy to such a practice and who has brought his own dignity into question by implementing subjectivism in allocation of resources. Ivanic also said that HR has made a mistake by having extended Dixon 's mandate without an attempt to have Dixon 's work discussed at the sessions of BiH institutions, especially BiH CoM.

CoE Parliamentary Monitoring Committee urges politicians to adopt const. changes	**BH Radio 1** – Following discussion on the situation in BiH on Tuesday, the Monitoring Committee of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly invited BiH political parties to adopt the agreed amendments to the BiH Constitution as soon as possible, confirmed Head of the permanent delegation of the BiH Parliament to the CoE, **Elmir Jahic**. Jahic stated that the Committee expects both the talks on constitutional changes to be continued after October elections and abolishment of the entity voting in the BiH House of Representatives. The Committee also stated that the mechanisms for protection of the vital national interest should be defined more precisely.
Explosive planted under car of Trebinje judge's son	**RTRS** – Explosive device was activated in Trebinje last night under the car of **Srdjan SImovic,** son of Judge with Trebinje Basic Court, **Ljiljana Simovic.** Major damage was caused to vehicle, while windows on Simovic's house and neighbouring houses broke, reads press statement released by Trebinje Police Station.

War crimes

Families of RS fallen/captured soldiers and civilians protest in front of FBiH Govt building demanding establishment of Commission as promised	**BHT1** – Several dozens of members of the Association of families of fallen and captured soldiers and missing civilians from the RS on Monday peacefully protested in front of the FBiH Government building in Sarajevo demanding the Commission for establishing truth about the suffering of Serbs in Sarajevo to be formed. The FBiH Prime Minister **Ahmet Hadzipasic** promised to do some time ago [when he set the deadline to March 31], however nothing has happened yet. "*Since it did not happen, we have decided to gather here for a peaceful and dignified protest, in order to speed up a process of finding the missing persons*", explained **Mirjana Simanic**, one of the Organisation. **Dnevni List**, pg 2, mentioned on front 'Gathering assessed as highly risky', by D. P. Mandic – since the gathering of the Organization of members of missing Serbs from Sarajevo was labelled as a potentially hazardous event, many police officers were guarding the protesters. **RHB, PINK, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 9 'Families of missing Serbs in Sarajevo want to know the truth' by Se.M. **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 'They are not backing of establishment of the commission' by A.Becirovic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5, announced on cover 'They demand truth about missing Serbs' by R.Cengic, **EuroBlic** RSpg 3 'Protest in front of Government, Hadizpasic on leave' by D.S., **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'In front of wall of silence' by Z.Domazet, **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'Families of missing persons protested', by ra – reported.

FBiH Vice-President Grahovac sends a letter to RS PM Dodik informing that Govt is prepared to form Commission, but requires help of RS authorities	**BHT1** – FBiH Deputy Prime Minister **Gavrilo Grahovac** sent a letter to the RS PM **Milorad Dodik** informing the FBiH Government has prepared proposal for the commission for establishing the truth about the suffering of Serbs in Sarajevo, but added that they need to coordinate activities with the RS Govt in this field. **FTV –** Grahovac also noted the FBiH Govt has no authority to carry out activities in pre-war municipalities of Sarajevo which are now located in the RS, thus he suggested for two entity Justice Ministries to make a proposal on establishing a joint commission. "*There are no reasons for any kind of protests… FBiH Government is ready; in fact, it already met all conditions necessary to establish Commission*", stated Grahovac, adding that RS Government should adopt the same decision, "*because such Commission should have the authority on the territory of both BiH Entities*". **BHT1** – Director of the Investigative-Documentation Centre **Mirsad Tokaca** says the state Institute for Missing Persons should do the job, not Commissions. BiH Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees also urged FBiH authorities to meet their obligations under the decision of the BiH Constitutional Court. **PINK, Dnevni Avaz** pg 9 'To establish joint Commission' not signed, **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 'Joint Commission for truth on missing' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5 inset 'Establishment of a joint Commission proposed' – also carried Grahovac's statement.

NN op-ed critical of F BiH Min. Grahovac for failure to address Association of families of killed and missing persons	**Nezavisne Novine** op-ed pg 7 'Truths and lies' by Natasa Krsman – Writing about peaceful protest of RS Association of families of murdered/missing persons, author annotates the failure of **Gavrilo Grahovac**, FBiH Vice Premier, to address families and instead addressed a letter to **Milorad Dodik** explaining why nothing has been done on establishment of Commission for search after missing Serbs in Sarajevo. She raises the question as to whether anything would have been different if there had been more people who gathered instead of approximately 100 people, concluding: "*It is scaring to think that such issues of human destinies are settled through quantity. Game with numbers is dangerous and unacceptable when lost human lives are in question.*"

Round Table 'War crimes: an obstacle to our future'- NATO HQ Political Advosir stresses that NATO and EUFOR have no information that Karadzic and Mladic are in BiH	**BHT1** – At the roundtable 'War crimes: an obstacle to our future', organised by the Centre for Security Studies, NATO and EUFOR, held in Banja Luka, political adviser in the NATO Headquarters in BiH, **Raffi Gregorian**, said NATO has no information on **Ratko Mladic** and **Radovan Karadzic** hiding in BiH. As the ICTY announced transfer of a number of cases to the BiH judiciary, BiH Court officials stressed they were ready to process them. The Court's President **Meddzida Kreso** underlined trials would last as long as it takes to process all war crimes indictments. Domestic and international institutions should cooperate to arrest remaining ICTY fugitivies, including Karadzic, Mladic and **Stojan Zupljanin**, concluded participants of the roundtable. "*We know they are supported by huge criminal 'group', which took millions of KM away from BiH economy, health care and education… It is a good thing that the BiH Parliamentary Assembly has adopted the law on freezing the property of persons who support war crimes indictees*", stated Gregorian. **Dnevni List**, pg 5 'Arrest of war criminals is necessary', not signed – carries Gregorian as reiterating that a full cooperation with the ICTY is a pre-requisite for BiH to become a Partnership for Peace program member. **RHB, PINK, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Karadzic and Mladic are not in BiH!' by O.Vukovic **Dnevni Avaz** pg 'We cannot still say that BiH is fully cooperating with the Hague' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5 'Karadzic and Mladic are not in BiH at the moment' by Agencies, **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Where are Karadzic and Mladic' – covered.

Poster supporting Mladic appear in Belgrade ; clerical-fascist organization 'Obraz' behind it	**BHT1, FTV, Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Posters with Ratko Mladic appeared in Belgrade', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'Clerical-fascists put posters with the image of Ratko Mladic' by Fena, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, back pg 'Belgrade: Posters supporting Mladic', by H – The posters in support to the ICTY indictee **Ratko Mladic** appeared on several places in Belgrade on Monday morning. Organisation 'Obraz' Fatherland Movement of Serbia signed those posters later removed by police and the workers of Belgrade utility company. 'Obraz' Fatherland Movement of Serbia in an extremely rightist organisation; their main goal is to establish Orthodox Christianity as a state religion in Serbia . Serbian Ministry of Interior consider them to be a clerical-fascist organisation.
Association of WW II inmates hopes HR CSS would pay respect to victims at Donja Gradina	**RTRS, Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'They invited High Representative to Donja Gradina' by G.G., – The Association of Prisoners of World War II from Banja Luka invited High Representative **Christian Schwarz Schilling** for the commemoration to victims of Jasenovac camp that would be held on April 16 in Donja Gradina. **Glas Srpske** pg 4 'Paddy has gone, shame has remained' by D.Majstorovic – In regard to invitation Association of WW II inmates addressed to HR **Christian Schwarz Schilling** to attend commemoration at Donja Gradina, Association President, **Gojko Knezevic**, Monday expressed hope new HR to BiH would attend ceremony and show respect to victims unlike previous HR to BiH, **Paddy Ashdown**, who consciously evaded commemoration in 2005.

NN op-ed critical of Serbian approach to Karadzic and Mladic issue	**Nezavisne Novine** op-ed pg 7 'Western Balkans and European integrations' by Zarko Korac – The author is critical of the fact that the ruling authority in SICG does not react on systematic attempts of public rehabilitation of **Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic,** claiming they should surrender out of "patriotic" reasons, i.e. it should indicate thet are patriots. The author is critical of this latter term, stressing that the settlement of three issues – status of Kosovo, status of Montenegro and ICTY cooperation – is a condition for stabilisation.

Economic issues

BiH CoM passes amendments to law on old foreign currency savings, reducing payment period to 13 years, setting fixed interest rate	**FTV** – The BiH Council of Ministers held the extraordinary session on Monday and passed several amendments submitted by the state parliamentarians to the Law on old foreign currency savings. Among other things, CoM accepted the amendment to change the name of the law, which is now called the Law on settling obligations on basis of the account of old foreign currency savings. Additionally, CoM also endorsed a reduction of the payment period to 13 years [instead of 15], setting fixed interest rate to 2.5 % for bonds, and the amendment regarding the role of the BiH Central Bank. CoM also accepted the amendment that tasks BiH to help the savers with savings in banks with offices outside BiH territory. The Council also accepted the amendment that ascertains that on basis of preliminary information of banks with offices in BiH, the old foreign currency savings are estimated at one billion and 979 million KM. **BHT1**– The Law adopted is in accordance with the decision of BiH Constitutional Court, which ordered BiH authorities to legally regulate this issue. **Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5, inset – The BiH Constitutional Court set 16 April as deadline for adoption of the legislation regulating this issue. Both Houses of the BiH Parliament will discuss it at the sessions scheduled for 13 April. **RHB, PINK, Hayat, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'Savers not satisfied' by N.Krsman, **Dnevni List**, pg 9 'Payment of old foreign currency savings in 13 years', by Danijela Kozina – also reported.

BiH HoR Commission recommend HoR to adopt CoM-proposed law; Holders of savings object amendments	**Oslobodjenje** cover splash and pgs 4-5 'Solving of the old foreign currency saving in next 13 years' by A.Terzic – BiH House of Representative's Commission for Finance and Budget held the session on Monday giving positive mark to the amendments proposed by the Council of Ministers to the law regulating payment of the old foreign currency savings and recommended the HoR to adopt them. Inset 'Deadline could be shorter'- Co-Chair of the Commission **Ruza Sopta** told daily that, nevertheless, the deadline for payment of the savings could have been shorter. Inset 'They would ask resignation of Ljerka Maric' by S.R.– Association of holders of old foreign currency savings criticises amendments recommended by the Council of Minister and demands resignation of the BiH Finance Minister **Ljerka Maric** as well as all the other Ministers. They strongly object timeframe for payments of savings. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Deadline for payment of the old foreign currency shorten', mentioned on cover, by H.O.– Member of the Commission **Beriz Belkic** told DA that holders of savings would, in the first year of payment, receive KM100, following year they would receive KM1000 and in 2007 issuing of bonds with payment period of 13 years would start.

Former RS fin. Min. Cenic rejects claims of ITA SB President Dixon reg. distribution coefficients	**Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Joly is (not) Tosa' by D.V.M. – Daily features a story about dispute between RS and ITA Steering Board regarding distribution coefficients, making a special reference to latest statement **Joly Dixon,** ITA SB President (in FBiH media Monday, when he said "*I am sorry to hear stories that some lost some share of money").* Daily underlines that RS Government has been engaged in actions to return the amount of money GS claims was "*stolen*". **Svetlana Cenic,** former RS finance minister, commented on latest Dixon's statement, stressing he is pretending ignorant and trying to amnesty both, himself and members of ITA SB from F BiH from this scandal regarding distribution coefficients. On this, she notes meetings were held in June 2005 and some decisions were reached through outvoting of her and **Miodrag Kudic,** RS member of ITA SB, rejecting by that claim of Dixon that "*new people in RS sometimes do not understand or are not aware of what was agreed earlier*".

ITA SB to resolve the issue of coefficient distribution; Entities' Premier Dodik and Hadzipasic to attend Tuesday session of ITA SB; RS PM Dodik: RS Govt. intends to demand money through Court	**EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'BAM 100 million unassigned' by Nedeljka Breberina – The ITA Steering Board today in Sarajevo is expected to discuss the issue of distribution coefficients from ITA single account. Daily observes that the amount of BAM 100 million is now on the single account, laying unassigned. ITA confirmed the money will remain on the account until decision is reached on basis of which ITA will be allocating money to BiH institutions, entities and Brcko District. The Office of ITA SB President **Joly Dixon** told daily that today's meeting in Sarajevo should also be attended by entities premiers, **Milorad Dodik and Ahmet Hadzipasic.** RS Premier Monday reiterated the issue of distribution must be resolved as soon as possible. During Monday's meeting with the French ambassador to BiH, **Henry Zipper de Fabiani**. Dodik confirmed that the RS Government intends to demand money, for which RS has been damaged during distribution process from a single ITA account, through Court. Daily also carries SNSD press statement released Monday.

SNSD demands settlement of distribution coefficient; demands legal settlement of the issue related to ITA SB President Dixon	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'SNSD questions prolongation of mandate to Joly Dixon' by Fena, **Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'RS opened for foreign investors', **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Theft and minor frauds' by Z.M., **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'BAM 100 million unassigned' by Nedeljka Breberina, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'Urgently to resolve distribution coefficient' by D.R.– SNSD Monday released a press statement demanding urgent legal settlement of the issue concerning ITA Steering Board President, **Joly Dixon.** Regarding this, release reads that BiH cannot go ahead not even in "*providing preferential treatment to voluntarists such as Joly Dixon during his illegally extended mandate.*" SNSD also demands establishment of distribution coefficients in RS, F BiH and Brcko District in line with initially set criteria, demanding from RS Government to persist in "*removing anomalies at ITA and also all other issues related to agreed manner of business conduct at BiH level*". Release further reads: "*Similar political technology was applied in some inappropriate formulations of constitutional amendments, and also parity body for application of police reform.*"

BiH, FBiH and RS Finance Ministers agreed on drafting and enacting of the law on National Fiscal Council	**BHT1** – BiH, FBiH and RS Finance Ministers **Ljerka Maric, Dragan Vrankic** and **Aleksandar Dzombic** respectively, agreed on Monday to support the drafting and enactment of BiH legislation that will regulate the status of the BiH National Fiscal Council, OHR said. The three ministers reached agreement during a meeting at the OHR with Principal Deputy High Representative **Lawrence Butler**. Currently, the NFC, comprising the three prime ministers and the three finance ministers meets irregularly in order to coordinate the administration of fiscal revenue in BiH – a core task of any functioning government. However, the NFC acts on an ad hoc basis. The law currently being drafted by a Working Group that consist of members of the BiH Finance Ministry, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers' Cabinet, and the Entity Finance Ministries, will allow the NFC to function on a statutory basis, increasing its authority and improving its efficiency. **RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Ministers agreed on drafting of the Law on Fiscal Council' by Onasa, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'Draft law on Fiscal Council soon' by R.S., **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Soon about Law on BiH Fiscal Council' – also reported. _

Head of BiH Statistics Agency: VAT introduction reduced grey economy	**Hayat-**BiH Agency for Statistics published the report on foreign trade in the first three months in 2006 according to which in the first three months of this year BiH has increased export by 38.8% and import decreased for 0.4% in comparison with the same period last year. Head of BIH Statistics Agency **Zdenko Milinovic** stated that the growth was facilitated by the VAT introduction as it has reduced the "*grey economy*". **PINK**, **RHB, Oslobodjenje** pg 10 'Coverage of import by export 48,2 percents' by Fena, **Glas Srpske** pg 4 'Exports goes up' – also reported.
RS PM Dodik announces final version on privatisation of Telekom should complete by end of April	**EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Telekom on sale, bad offer for Refinery' by M.S., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 8 'Large interest of world companies' by R.S., **Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'RS Telecom can not be sold for less then 350 or 400 million euros' by Fena– – The RS Premier, **Milorad Dodik,** has stated that RS Government is determined to start with the privatization process of "Telekom Srpske", expecting that to receive a final version on flow of privatization from consultants by the end of April. He also observed that the Telekom should not be privatized for the sum less than EURO 350 to 400 million.

BiH HoR Deputy Pecanac [SDU]: All deputies supported initiative to put decision on electricity price increase out of force	**Oslobodjenje** pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Deputies against electricity price increase' by S.Se. – Announcing extraordinary sessions of FBiH Parliamentary Assembly [on April 18-19] on increase of electricity prices in FBiH, article brings statement of SDU deputy to FBiH House of Representatives **Nermin Pecanac**: "*I think this is the first time that all the deputies supported an initiative, which was also signed by the FBiH Vice Presidents **Sahbaz Dzihanovic** and **Desnica Radivojevic**, as well as FBiH Deputy PM **Gavrilo Grahovac,**…demanding annulment of the decision to increase electricity prices, and that is the priority in this phase.*"

Political issues

Turkish President Sezar visits BiH; meets BiH Presidency Chair Tihic	**PINK**– Turkish President **Ahmet Necdet Sezer**paid official visit to BiH on Monday. Sezer met the BiH Presidency members and discussed foreign and political priorities of both countries, as well as the situation in the region. BiH Presidency informed Turkish President on reforms currently underway, especially the constitutional reform. *"Our (BiH and Turkey) foreign and political priorities are membership to EU and for BiH membership in NATO as well. We stresses [our] clear political stance and determination to fully cooperate with the ICTY,"* said **Sulejman Tihic**, BiH Presidency Chair. *"We focused on activities that could improve our economic and trade relations. We used this opportunity to renew our wishes and decisiveness to expand cooperation of these two countries in these areas",* said Sezar. **BHT1**– *"We support recently launched changes in BiH, and wish that they are successfully carried out as soon as possible*", stated Sezer. **RHB, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Sezer: We are supporting recently started changes in BiH' by A.Malagic **Oslobodjenje** pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Support to BiH reforms and path towards NATO' by A.P., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2, announced on cover 'BiH has a full support of Turkey on the course to EU' by A.Sisic, **Dnevni List**, pg 5, mentioned on front 'Common priority is membership in EU', by R. Dautefendic, **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'Sezer: Strong ties between BiH and Republic of Turkey', by F – also reported.

OSCE Head Davidson meets RS PM Dodik, RS President Cavic to discuss judiciary and education reform	**RTRS** by Marina Marjanovic – Head of OSCE Mission in BiH **Douglas Davidson** and RS Officials talked on judiciary reform and reform of higher education. RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik** said that RS Government would support new RS Law on Higher Education that would be in accordance with Bologna Declaration and European standards. Dodik also talk to Davidson on economic development and upcoming elections. *"We expect election campaign to be fair and that would show political progress in BiH",* said Dodik. RS President **Dragan Cavic** stressed the importance of the judiciary reform due to taking over of war crime cases from the ICTY. Davidson believes that judiciary reform and higher education reform are the most important and that would give the biggest contribution to the future and stability of BiH. Davidson said that is nicely surprised with work of RS National Assembly (RSNA) due to discussions before RSNA Boards in order to adopt the most important RS laws. *"We expect talks in following two months on implementation of military reform"*, **Igor Radojicic**, RSNA Speaker informed Davidson. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 "To pass law on high education as soon as possible' by Fena, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 8 'It is necessary to adopt Law on high education' by D.Risojevic, **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'He expects fair elections' by M.S., **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Support and trust' by D.Mo.

Posters of a 'dragon' which devours RS symbols and finances appeared in Banja Luka , Doboj and Bijeljina	**RTRS** – In organization of Serb National Movement NGO 'Choice is Ours' [Izbor je nas] posters showing a dragon, which devours RS finances and attacks its symbols were placed all over Banja Luka. Chair of the NGO **Dane Cankovic** said that 'dragon' represents BiH Institutions, as well as the relation between entities and BiH Institutions, which not only destroys the RS, but are also jeopardizing individuals and Serb people's identity. Cankovic said that posters were also placed in Doboj and Bijeljina. **BHT1, Hayat, Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Call for separation' by V.Du.,, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'BiH presented as dragon that devours RS' by Onasa, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Dragon swallowing money' by M.Mi., **Dnevni List**, pg 6 'Unusual posters in RS', not signed, **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'Warning posters', by bs– also reported.

VL interview with US Ambassador McElhaney: I expect Secretary of State will soon send new ideas about 2nd phase of constitution changes	**Vecernji List**, pg 6 'C. Rice sending new message to political leaders of BiH', mentioned on front 'We want BiH with one president', by Dejan Jazvic – the US Ambassador to BiH, **Douglas McElhaney**, says in an interview to VL that he believes the constitutional amendments will be adopted in time and applied during the October elections. He also says it now time (for BiH) to complete this (the process of constitutional changes), organize elections, elect one president, extend the Parliament so it could meet the challenge of negotiations with the EU and establish a government with a prime minister that has broader authorities. Questioned what the second phase of negotiations will be all about, given that the RS negotiators are already saying the status of RS cannot be put into question, the Ambassador says there will be *"surprises and surprises after the elections"* i.e. during the second phase. *"(…) We have made certain changes at the state level and now we can start talking how different levels of authority are related to each other. What you can continue with, what you cannot continue with. The next phase of talks will be extremely interesting. I expect my State Secretary will soon send her ideas about what we should talk about and a message to political leaders of BiH"*, says Ambassador McElhaney.

HSP Djapic-Jurisic proposes: Speaker of BiH HoR, HoP cannot come from lines of peoples of Speakers of respective entity parliaments	**RHB**, **Dnevni List**, pg 3 'Amendments to Constitution are strengthening crisis', by A. Beus– the HSP Djapic-Jurisic stated at a press conference held in Mostar on Monday that the proposed constitutional changes will only deepen crisis in BiH and confirm that peoples in BiH are not equal. **Zeljko Asic** from the party's commission for constitution proposes that the BiH HoR Speaker cannot come from the line of the same people as Speakers of the FBIH HoR and RSNA, the same applies for the Speaker of the BiH HoP. Also, the President of BiH CoM cannot come from the line of peoples as Prime Ministers of entity governments. **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'President of BiH CoM through consensus', by tk, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 15 'Third channel at all costs', by Z. Zekic – the party also insisted that the Croats are entitled to a TV channel in mother tongue.
Author of book 'Destiny of Croats in BiH' Zlopasa says only solution for BiH Croats is 3 federal units	**Slobodna Dalmacija**, front pg splash and pg 10 'Solution for Croats is federal state', by Danijel Ivankovic – in an interview for SD, the author of a book entitled 'Destiny of Croats in BiH' (book was published owing to sponsorship by Croat Block of BiH), **Ivan Zlopasa**, criticizes the proposed constitutional changes, saying they will only fortify the two-entity division of BiH in which the Croats would be unequal. He notes the solution for the Croats is a BiH organized as a federal state with 3 federal units.

HDZ 1990 Chair Ljubic announces party will propose its own amendments to BiH Constitution	**FTV** current affairs program '60 minuta' by Bakir Hadziomerovic– In interview to FTV '60 minuta', Chair of HDZ 1990 **Bozo Ljubic** says party members were not dissatisfied with their position in the HDZ, but with the with HDZ politics in the last couple of years. Asked to comment announcements that members of HDZ 1990 in the BiH House of Representatives would not support amendments to the BiH Constitution, Ljubic said that their goal is to act proactively and they want to correct amendments and make them in favour of Croats. "*I am aware of the fact that it would not be an easy job but we have prepared amendments which we are going to discuss through at our session on Wednesday*", said Ljubic and added that he was sure that it was possible to reach solutions which would make BiH a more functional state, without having position of Croats in BiH endangered.
Pensioners Party to support const. amendments	**Oslobodjenje** pg 8 'Support to amendments to the Constitution' by A.T.– Presidency of Pensioners Party held a session on Monday and gave full support to amendments to BiH Constitution. Presidency concluded that proposed amendments are a guarantee of strengthening of state institutions and authorities of BiH parliament and that they are in accordance with international and Euroepan Conventions on human rights. Leader of PP **Husein Vojnikovic** expressed hope that second phase would start immediately after elections. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Amendments are strengthening state institutions' by Fena – also reported.

DL op-ed: RS politicians only care to preserve offices in RS, do not care about European integration	**Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Dodik dethroning Terzic', by Rsad Dautefendic – commenting on the announcements that the BiH House of Representatives will be discussing the motion of vote of no confidence in **Adnan Terzic's** Council of Ministers this week, the author insists the new RS PM, **Milorad Dodik**, is going against Terzic because he (Terzic) does not want remove the Chairman of ITA Governing Board, **Joly Dixon**, who does not want to give the extra money Dodik needs to sort things out in the RS. Dautefendic also believes that almost all politicians from the RS, that includes Dodik and RS President **Dragan Cavic**, are not interested in the European integration, they would rather attack the BiH CoM in order to gain few political points and remain in their respective offices in the RS authorities.
Chair of Ind. Board for Appointment/Removal of RS Police Director, Lukic: RS MoI Cadjo have not yet submitted proposal to remove Andan	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Lukic: Cadjo still did not submit proposal for removing Andan' by N.Diklic – Daily carries that RS Police Director **Dragomir Andan** will remain at his position until RS Interior Ministry and Independent Board do not harmonize their election of a person for this position. Chair of Independent Board for Removal and Election of RS Police Director **Ilija Lukic** confirmed for daily that RS MoI **Stanislav Cadjo** did not fulfill his obligation and submitted proposal for Andan's removal, which is necessary legal precondition for removing the RS Police Director.

RS Vice President Osmanovic: Politics again interferes with appointment of RS Police Director	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Politics chooses RS Police Director again' by E.Sarac – Commenting resignation of former RS Police Director **Dragomir Andan** and process of choosing the new person for this position, RS Vice President **Adil Osmanovic** warns that RS Interior Minister **Stanislav Cadjo** [SNSD] will appoint "politically suitable person" and not "a professional". Osmanovic said that that was the principle in the past, and that instead of Bosniak candidate, former Government chosen Andan.

BiH HoR's delegates to demand postponement of vote of confidence in BiH CoM owing to absence of 7 delegates from Thursday session of BiH HoR	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Kunic will demand postponement of a vote' by V.Popovic – **Tihomir Gligoric,** SP RS delegate who launched an initiative for a cast of a confidence vote in BiH COM has announced he would demand withdrawal of this initiative from the agenda of the BiH HoR's session scheduled for Thursday, since 7 delegates, who would vote for a confidence vote, will not attend it. Delegate **Petar Kunic** has confirmed he would make this demand on Gligoric's behalf, also demanding vote be postponed after 7 delegates return from Strasbourg, where they attend session of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe. Gligoric accused the BiH HoR's Collegium, led by **Martin Raguz,** of having deliberately scheduled the session at the time of CoE's session in order to ensure a confidence vote in BiH COM failed, adding: *"It is a result of agreement with **Adnan Terzic,** since it is not possible to time session when delegates are absent. It is obvious Collegium is aiding Terzic to survive."* Rahuz denied these accusations anything was agreed with Terzic. **Nikola SPiric,** BiH COR Co-Chairperson, said he supports demand for postponement of session. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'We will not support demand for removal of Adnan Terzic' by A.M. – SDA Vice President **Sefik Dzaferovic** stated for DA that this party will not support removal of BiH CoM and its Chair.

HDZ claims it will ban HDZ 1990 to use name or abbreviation “HDZ”	**RHB**– During the visit of HDZ BIH delegation to Kiseljak Municipality on Monday HDZ leader **Dragan Covic** announced that he will deny the right to HDZ 1990 to have HDZ in their party’s name. Spokesperson of HDZ BIH **Miso Relota** stated that HDZ BIH is not going to allow anyone to use the name or abbreviation “HDZ” adding that it has been protected at the agency for Protection of Intellectual property. Relota denied that HDZ has been divided regarding the “*so-called HDZ 1990*” as weak competition. “*HDZ BIH has no competition but our voters could be confused at the elections so we will not allow anyone to use HDZ name. We will win major support of BIH Croat voters at the October elections*” added Relota. **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 ‘New party cannot inherit HDZ BiH’ – also reported.

FTV's "60 minuta": If elections would take place now HDZ and HDZ 1990 would win the same number of votes	**FTV** current affairs program '60 minuta' by Zvonimir Jukic– Commenting on establishment of HDZ 1990 party, Jukic stresses this was a result of the numerous disputes lasting for years now which were also a reason for departure of a number of HDZ officials and their subsequent membership to HDZ 1990. He further notes that the inaugural session of the HDZ 1990 held last Saturday, attended by many former HDZ members, disputed statement of the BiH Presidency member **Ivo Miro Jovic** who said that new party would gather only small number of "*dissatisfied people*". According to surveys, as Jukic stressed, two parties would win the same number of votes if elections would take place at this moment. Asked about alleged support of the new party from Croatian HDZ, Co-Chair of HDZ 1990 **Martin Raguz** said that the party would not seek its "wisdom" outside BiH, but that '*it would follow Croatian HDZ's profile, being a European profile*'.
Oslobodjenje op-ed criticizes establishment of HDZ 1990: nationalistic parties cannot bring prosper	**Oslobodjenje** pg 9 'Already seen' op-ed by Mirko Sagolj – Commenting establishment of new Croat party HDZ 1990, editorial reads that BiH political scene is full of such moves, adding that it is possible that the only good thing about it would be weakening HDZ led by **Dragan Covic**. Author concludes that "*if newly formed HDZ 1990 gets back to basic principles of its parent party… there is no hope for people, for nationalist parties… cannot reintegrate, they can only totally divide BiH.*"

SD: Minister Halilovic removes Tanovic from Bologna process after she refused to join Patriotic Block	**Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Strengthening of religious tolerance' by M.Dz. – RS President **Dragan Cavic** received on Monday the Apostolic Nuncio in BiH who informed Cavic of the agreement between BiH and the Holy See, which is soon to be signed. Nuncio also had meeting with RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik,** who agreed with Nuncio that signing of Agreement (between BiH and Holy See) would contribute to creation of better image of BiH. **RHB, RTRS,Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'To create conditions for sustainable return' by Onasa **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Soon signing agreement between Holy See and BiH' not signed, **Dnevni List**, pg 5 'Signing of agreement with Holy Sea soon', not signed, **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'Build religious tolerance', by B. S., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 8 'RS Government will assist in reconstruction of Hilandar' by D.R., – also reported. **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 13 'Expelled from Bologna', by Dinko Pasic – notes that the President of Liberal-Demoratic Party, **Lamija Tanovic**, is no longer a BiH representative in the BFUG (Bologna follow up Group) after she refused to join the so-called Patriotic Block (SBiH, BOSS, SDU), which rejects the proposed constitutional amendments. The decision was taken by BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and leader of SBiH, **Safet Halilovic**, who appointed one **Zenan Sabanac** instead.

Security, trials and investigations	
EUFOR raids Autoprevoz transportation company, bus station; no documents confiscated	**BHT1** – Early on Monday morning EUFOR, assisted by the RS Interior Ministry, raided premises of transport company 'Autoprevoz', and vehicles in Banja Luka bus station. The main aim of this operation, according to EUFOR, was to assure the security of passengers. "*This operation is a part of a large-scale action that has been ongoing for a couple of months, during which we also inspect the documentation of the bus companies*", explained **Russell Craig**, Spokesperson of EUFOR's Group Northwest. EUFOR confiscated no documents. **RTRS** – Banja Luka Public Security Centre Spokesperson **Rade Mutic**, said the aim of the action was to break down a network of organized crime in RS. **PINK, Hayat, FTV, Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 '"Autoprevoz" and bus station raided', announced on cover '"Autoprevoz" raided' by S.Karic, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'EUFOR at stations' by V.Janjic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 6 'EUFOR claim that this has nothing to do with ICTY indictees and criminal' by N.D–D.T. **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'Passengers and circle of Autoprevoz company raided' M.Kremenovic, **Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Bus station and Autoprevoz raided', by T. Calic, **Vecernji List**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'EUFOR conducted raid at Banja Luka bus station', by Branka Stevandic– also covered.

Explosion device set under the vehicle of police-officer in Trebinje	**RTRS** – On Sunday evening an unknown person activated an explosive device under vehicle owned by **Slavko Drapic,** employee of the Trebinje Police station, which was parked in the vicinity of his family house in the settlement of Suncani Brijeg in Trebinje. The explosion caused great material damage to the car, but no person was injured. RTRS reports Drapic works as a police officer engaged in fighting crime. **Dnevni List**, pg 18 'Revenge or warning', by Anja Vrebac – This is the third time that a police officer from the RS has been under such attack this year. **BHT1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 28 'Golf of policeman Slavko Drapic exploded', mentioned on cover 'Policeman targeted by attackers' by Ir.M. **Oslobodjenje** pg 38 'Explosive planted on golf of Trebinje crime-police inspector' by D.P., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6, announced on cover 'Car owned by policeman blown up' by V.Duka, **EuroBlic** cover pg splash, RSpg 11 'Car owned by police inspector mined' by Vedran Mihaljevic, **Vecernji List**, pg 27 'Police golf blown up', by bs – also covered.

VL: Witness confirms 'Covic and others' were framed	**Vecernji List**, pg 3 'Witness confirmed conspiracy against Covic', by Zoran Kresic – In continuation of trials in the 'Covic and others' case before the BiH Court (**Dragan Covic** and other defendants were charged with embezzlement) held on Monday, former Deputy Director of FBIH Customs Administration (FBIH CA), **Fuad Kasumovic**, admitted it was the former Director of FBIH CA, **Zelimir Rebac**, and part of 'international administration', who rigged the charges and evidence in order to destroy Covic and 'Lijanovici' company. Kasumovic claims it was Rebac personally who wrote the disputable 'opinion', which Covic allegedly wrote to free 'Lijanovici' from paying customs duties. **Dnevni List**, pg 4 'CAFAO was afraid of HVO', by Erna Mackic – Kasumovic also noted that CAFAO (Customs and Fiscal Assistance Office) did not want to react to his warning about the alleged illegalities, claiming that he was told by CAFAO that 'Lijanovici' were not to be touched as long as Croatian President **Franjo Tudjman** was alive. *"The HVO is there and we could provoke conflicts"*, was CAFAO's reasoning, according to Kasumovic. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'Kasumovic: I have been pointing on illegalities for nothing' not signed –reported of the trial.

BiH authorities have no information that there are illegal CIA activities in BiH	**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash 'CIA has no illegal prisons in BiH', pg 5 'BiH submitted answer to Council of Europe before deadline' by T.Lazovic – BiH Foreign Ministry confirmed that BiH authorities provided Council of Europe [CoE] with new and detailed answers in regard to investigation on alleged illegal activities of the US Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] in BiH. Deputy BiH Justice Minister **Jusuf Halilagic** told daily that the answer reads that BiH authorities have no information on such activities. *"After obvious insisting, this time we mentioned case of 'Algerian group', which was not mentioned in the first response, for they demanded answers as of June 2002, and that happened in January same year*." 'Algerian group' refers to the case of six naturalized BiH citizens who had been transferred by the US to Guantanamo military base in Cuban territory under suspicion of terrorism. CoE Secretary General **Terry Davis** would present results of the investigation of alleged existence of CIA prisons [as reported last year by Washington Post] in Europe on Wednesday.

DL: BiH Prosecution questioning HNC MoI official re alleged illegalities in the HNC MoI	**Dnevni List**, front pg splash and pg 3 'Questioning of MoI officials starts', by I. Popovac – DL learns from a source in the BiH Prosecution that the Prosecution has started questioning senior officials of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Interior Ministry in relation to the ongoing investigation about alleged illegalities in the MoI. Members of the FBiH MoI raided the HNC MoI premises in November 2005 and January 2006 looking for evidence on alleged illegal payment of salaries to people who are not employed by the MoI and suspicious procurement of vehicles for the MoI etc. Prosecution's spokesperson, **Edita Pejovic**, could not comment on the investigation for time being.
Former RS Customs Administration director sentenced to 3 months imprisonment	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'Three months imprisonment to Popovic' – **Goran Popovic,** former Director of RS Customs Administration (who was charged with office abuse and having damaged RS budget for BAM 324 thousand on 24 April) Monday admitted guilt and plea bargained with Banja Luka District Prosecution, on basis of which Banja Luka Court Council sentenced him to 3 months imprisonment and ordered him to pay BAM 6 thousand. (NOTE: Popovic was temporarily removed from office in June 2004 through HR's decision; in January 2006, HR **Ashdown** lifted the ban against him.)