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BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
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RS veteran's law adopted	Illegal building in Kotorsko	Protest in Kotorsko
Corruption in BiH	Prostitution in BiH	Starovlah getting better
Ploce Port issue	EYPS ends	Bomb attack in Banja Luka

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Dnevni Avaz	travel orders under investigation as well Federation Minister Izet Zigic — The Elektroprivredas are not going on sale
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Blic	Mysterious death of Mirjana Trbojevic; No spectacle: Winking of Zmija and Legija

Belgrade	He will talk when everyone gets silent; Hague convicts in
Nacional	10 countries: Biljana Plavsic is being poisoned by gas
Vecernje Novosti	Six road lines over Drina

Education/economic/social/property issues

WB to decide on status of financial assistance to BiH

BHTV — In the next 24 hours the World Bank will decide which credits/loans will be provided for BiH. Unless the World Bank extends a period of time for adopting the BiH law on the higher education, BiH will loose the loan amounting to 42 million dollars. Adoption of the law was opposed by the delegates from Croat people because they consider it harmful for their vital and national interests. The representatives of the World Bank are cosidering the extension of dedaline for the adoption of the law. The veteran's laws have been adopted in both entities, but WB will check on is the content of the laws in compliance with the standards set by the Bank for getting the credit in amount of 51 million dollars. In a month BiH will loose the present status of postconflict country. Dnevni Avaz pg. 11 'Will BiH lose IDA loan of 42 million dollars' also addressed the issue.

Blic, pg. 13 'Broken deadline disputes credit', Nacional, pg. 19 'Adopted laws are being considered' — Although it has been announced in public, the World Bank did not yesterday discuss the amount of credit it would approve to BiH, considering the fact that not all of its preconditions for approving the credit were met, as World Bank Spokesperson Srecko Latal has confirmed. The allocation of the credit was brought in question because BiH authority has not adopted three regulations — frame law on high education, law on public procurement and law on rights of soldiers at RS and Federation of BiH levels — by May 7, the deadline set by the World Bank. Srecko Latal has stated that, due to changes that took place over the weekend, the World Bank would consult its central office in Washington and BiH representatives, and would be deciding on the amount of the credit in the following two or three days.

Reactions to the RS Law on Right of Veterans

Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'RS Government masked the situation' — Radojka Boric, President of the Republika Srpska Association of the families of the fallen soldiers and missing civilians yesterday stated that the Association is not satisfied with the content of the adopted law and proposal of RS Government regarding protection coefficient of 0.85. The Association is of the view that this is aimed at disguising the situation. This Association is expected to hold a meeting today and decide whether they would hold another protest. Stanislav Brkic, President of Banjaluka Office of Association of the families of the fallen soldiers, explained that the families will not allow that "disability allowances are frozen at the level of 2003", noting that they have not received any increase although budget and salary levels did go up.

However, Branka Sljivar, Spokesperson of the RS Ministry of Labour and soldiers and disability protection, said that the implementation of this Law would see the increase of monthly incomes of this category of population for 48%.

Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'One version to Serb, another to Bosniak MP's'

— Stanislav Brkic, President of Banjaluka Office of Association of
the families of the fallen soldiers, claims that the Republika

Srpska Government has prepared two proposals on the Law on rights of
veterans, military invalids and the families of the fallen soldiers

— one for Serb, and another for Bosniak MP's.

He explained that the version handed to Bosniak MP's did not contain the term "Homeland war" in any paragraph, while the version distributed to Serb MP's did. He claims that "the Republika Srpska Government has prepared the grounds to reach for support of Bosniak MP's if Serb MP's support was to be absent.

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Acceptable law' — Milanko Mihajlica, President of the Serb Radical Party, confirmed that the MP's of this party supported the proposed Law on rights of veterans, military invalids and the families of the fallen soldiers, because they assessed this version was acceptable unlike the previous one proposed last week. He stressed it is of extreme importance that the Law was harmonised with World Bank.

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Veterans' humiliated' — Republika Srpska Socialist Party issued a press release, in which it accused the SDS, PDP and "their satellites at RS Parliament for having humiliated the veterans in a brutal manner, and also the families of the fallen soldiers and missing civilians."

RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg. 9 'Families of killed soldiers announced protests' also carries reactions to the RS veteran's law by associations of veterans, their families.

Blic, pg. 12 'Veterans in war against paragraphs', Vecernje novosti, pg. 20 'They request for removal of the Minister', Nacional, pg. 18 'Only one amendments passed' reported on the passage of the veteran's law on Sunday and carry initial reactions covered yesterday by BiH media.

Commission of BiH HoP to try and find solution on High Education Law today

Slobodna Dalmacija, front page splash and page 13 'Decision day for University of Mostar', by <u>Dinko Pasic</u> — reminding that the Croat Caucus in the BiH Parliament's House of Peoples rejected the proposal of framework law on higher education, declaring it as detrimental to the Croat vital national interests, SD announces that according to the Book of Rules, a three-member commission of the House of Peoples, containing one member of each constituent people in BiH, will be meeting today to try and find a solution to the issue.

SD critical of Proposal of Law on Higher Education

Slobodna Dalmacija, page 13 'Prime Minister is pushing for anticonstitutional law', by Marin Erceg — the author is criticizing the Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, over his assessment that the failure to adopt the High Education Law represents a 'catastrophic move'. According to Erceg, the proposed law in question is anti-constitutional, because it, among other things, does not guarantee a right to a people to create its own higher education. On top of that, Erceg claims that the proposal also breaches UN declarations which stipulate that 'states will protect existence and national or ethnic, religious and linguistic identity…and promote conditions for enhancing of the identity'.

HDZ Youth on education issues; Stolac incident

Dnevni List, page 3 'Ensure existence of Mostar University', by M. Relota — the Presidency of HDZ Youth passed a conclusion at its session held at Siroki Brijeg on May 8 that the only acceptable position for the Croats in BiH, when it comes to educational issues, is the system which ensures and promotes national, cultural, religious and other diversities of the Croat, as well as other two constituent peoples in BiH. The Presidency of HDZ Youth says the University of Mostar (west, Croat predominant) must reach European standards, noting that the University must the preserved. The HDZ Youth also condemned the recent incident in Stolac, or as the HDZ Youth puts it 'the forcible removal of national symbol of Croat people'. According to the HDZ Youth, it was another attempt of the so-called multi-ethnic forces in BiH to turn Stolac into a black spot, and an attempt to destroy efforts exerted so far in restoration of trust in Stolac.

Editorials on tourism promotion

Nezavisne Novine editorial by <u>Josip Blazevic</u> pg 7 'Tourism — development opportunity for BiH?' — The author claims that the tourism is one of strategic development opportunities for BiH, noting that BiH tourist industry is to be presented today. This opportunity can be realised only if many things are implemented. For example, state law on tourism needs to be enacted, unified categorisation of the hotel systems needs to be supported and implemented, and programme of special training of tourism personnel needs to be adopted and implemented.

Oslobodjenje pg. 2 'Money squandering' In Focus column by <u>Dragan Stanojlovic</u> — The author is rather critical against the announced tour by HR Paddy Ashdown and BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic to promote BiH's tourism around the world. He concludes that the promoters will look funny while promoting BiH as a tourist destination bearing in mind that strikes, demonstrations, organised crime and unorganised authority at all levels were the main BiH's characteristics.

On report on economic freedoms in BiH for 2004	Vecernji List page 3 'Economy under control of political elite' by Z. Jurilj carries that the FBiH Bureau for Development Programming made a report 'Economic freedoms in BiH for 2004' on the ground of their own analyses and the analyses of foreign institutions and services such as State Department, Financial Times, International Monetary Fund etc. The report says that in spite of donations amounting to billions, that BiH has been receiving since 1995, this country still needs significant economic recovery, rule of law practically does not exist and interfering in the work of local courts is still present. This report is also accusing the strongest national parties of being connected to the organized crime.
DA: The FBiH Elektroprivredas are not going on sale	Dnevni Avaz front page, pg. 4 'The Elektroprivredas are not going on sale' — "Any privatisation of the electric-energetic sector in the FBiH will not be possible in the next two years, neither the Government has any obligation towards anyone to sell the major package of shares in the Elektroprivredas," FBiH Minister of Industry and Energy Izet Zigic told the daily.
Kotorsko issue	Glas Srpske pg 3 'Mayor ordered tearing down' — Milovan Krco, Head of Inspection Department at Doboj City Hall, announced that the parts of objects in Kotorsko, which were built on over the weekend, will be torn down on Friday, 14 May. He confirmed that Obren Petrovic, Doboj Mayor, ordered this. Krco also called on the inhabitants of Kotorsko to restrain from resuming construction works, until the decision passed on this issue is valid and the land owner is determined. FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Bosniaks tried to block road', Dnevni List page 4 'Blockade of highway prevented' by B. Jelic report on Monday's attempt by Bosniak from Kotorsko to block highway in protest against as they say continuation of the illegal construction of houses by displaced Serbs. The attempt was prevented by police. Blic, pg. 14 'Blockade was prevented' — Doboj police yesterday prevented an attempt of Bosniak people to block the main road in the sign of a protest because of the continuation of the construction of houses at Trnovo polje refugee settlement. Bosniaks claim the latest decision of the Basic Court in Doboj did not annul the ban on the construction. They say that unless what has been constructed in the past year is dismantled by Friday, May 14, they would organize blockade of the road and protest in front of OHR Sarajevo building.
Oil Refinery restarts production	Blic, pg. 13 'Refinery starts today' — Serb Brod Oil Refinery will, after a 50 days long pause, put its production back in function today. Associate Director of the Refinery Dusko Bogdanovic has stated that 43,000 tons of crude oil, which will be processed and sell in a market, was delivered to the Oil Refinery yesterday. 'We expect that the first delivery of petroleum for the market of the

Federation of BiH will go by the end of May, because by that time the agreement annulling double taxation of high tariff goods in inter-entity trades, signed by entities' Prime Ministers, should come in force', Bogdanovic stated.

Serbian
Government
announces the
construction of
new highway

Vecernje novosti, pg. 11 'Even six road lines over Drina' — The Serbian Ministry for Capital Investments plans to construct a new highway that would run across Serbia, from east to west. According to Velimir Ilic, the Minister for Capital Investments, the exact path of the highway has not been defined as yet, i.e. project documentation has not been developed, but only a tender for this part of the work has been signed out. According to Ilic, they have reached an agreement with RS representatives that Serbian Government would finance a part of the highway in Serbia, while RS authority would finance a part of the highway between Visegrad and Sarajevo.

Political developments

Ashdown addressed Youth Summit in Sarajevo

Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'A harmony of tolerance and power as a key for success', Dnevni Avaz front page 'Ashdown: Young people have ideas of progress', pg. 2 'Ashdown called on young people to take their destiny in their own hands', FENA — The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, called on the young people, participants of the European Youth Peace Summit in Sarajevo, to actively engage in political activities of their countries and bring about the changes in the region. "The time has come for the young people of Southeast Europe to move from the shadows to the front row of politics. There can be no argument that a generational change in politics in the region, and especially in BiH, is long overdue", said today the High Representative in address to participants of the European Youth Summit on Monday. "There has been too much of old people and the gun here in Bosnia and Herzegovina — and too little of young people and politics. You must change this", said Ashdown. The participants at the Summit were also addressed by the Special Representative of the Council of Europe in BiH, Sonja Moser-Starrach, BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic and BiH Minister of Civil Affairs Safet Halilovic. BHTV, FTV, RTRS also reported on the end of Youth Summit in Sarajevo.

Dnevni List front page splash and page 5 'Ashdown: If young people do not move, future will be equal to past' by D. Polovina-Mandic carries that the 'European Youth Peace Summit' ended up in Sarajevo last night. Among other things, participants of the Summit signed the Declaration, which says that the Summit is a starting point that can bring changes and launch the action. DL says that, among others, High Representative Paddy Ashdown addressed the young people and he said: 'In this area there were too many old people with weapon and too little young people in politics. If you do not take future in your hands the older people will do it and then the future will be equal to the past.'

UK's Blair sends message to the youth summit in BiH

Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'Blair's message', Dnevni Avaz pg. 2 'Sarajevo is a unique place for public debate on war and peace', SRNA, FENA — British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Monday sent a message to the participants of the European Youth Peace Summit in Sarajevo, expressing his hope that the conference, which has been organized in the past three days in preparation for the World Youth Peace Summit scheduled for October in Nairobi, would be successful, the British embassy said in a press release. "The world, now more than ever, is in a need of forums aimed at promoting dialogue and understanding which go beyond borders and convictions, and this is exactly what the European Youth Peace Summit stands for," the message said. The British prime minister went on to say that it was most suitable for such a conference to take place in Sarajevo, "a town which is in a unique position to host a dialogue on war and peace". "Sarajevo and BiH have undergone the tragedy of ethnic violence. The citizens of BiH can bear witness to atrocities which unfold when citizens are denied the protection of a functional state and the rule of law," the message said. The message pointed out that the lives of the entire generation of young people had been changed because of this war. Blair said that the youth of today in BiH served as an example of how spirit and enthusiasm can help towards a better society.

German
Ambassador to
BiH: the EU
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Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'European High Representative to be appointed soon', Dnevni Avaz pg. 5 'De Fabiani convinced BiH will be admitted into EU', Dnevni List, page 5 'Difficult starting position of BiH toward Europe because of Dayton', by <u>I. Tabucic</u>, FENA — All 16 priorities from the Feasibility Study are aimed at achieving one goal the strengthening of BiH State, said on Monday the German Ambassador to BiH, Freihherr von Kittlitz. Speaking together with his French colleague Ambassador Henry Zipper de Fabiani at a lecture to the students at the Higher School of Journalism on the occasion of May 9, the Day of Europe, Von Kittlitz said that BiH in the process of European integration has more difficult "start conditions" because of the Dayton Accords. This is why in course of the discussion on constitutional reform two matters are crucial — how to make BiH functional and how to overcome the tensions between ethnic communities, he emphasized. In comparison to the neighbouring countries, BiH is also characteristic by the great international presence, and according to Von Kittlitz, international presence is being gradually transferred to the Brussels structures. "The High Representative had a 'European hat on his head" from the very beginning and soon we shall have a European high representative", he said, adding that key conditions have already been met to insure that international presence in BiH is managed by the European institutions. For BiH this is a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to face the new tasks, and an opportunity because now it can do everything in cooperation with European structures. French Ambassador Henry Zipper de Fabiani expressed hope that BiH would in the end be admitted into the European Union. He confirmed that BiH's European location was confirmed at the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Thessalonica last year.

Vecernji List, page 2 'Americans will not be involved in EUFOR', by <u>F</u> — carries the German Ambassador to BiH, Freiherr von Kittlitz, as saying that 'there are no plans, neither from the American or European side, that American troops will be involved in the European forces, which should replace the current Stabilization force, but the Americans will still be present in BiH within NATO and on bilateral level'. Ambassador von Kittlitz added there would be a close harmony between EUFOR and NATO.

Cavic, Kalinic in Belgrade

Nezavisne Novine pg 10 'Cavic and Kalinic met with Kostunica'; Glas Srpske pg 2 'More solid foundation of cooperation', Dnevni Avaz pg. 8 'Participants at the meeting did not give statements for journalists' — the Republika Srpska President, Dragan Cavic, the RS Parliament Speaker, Dragan Kalinic, Serbian Premier, Vojislav Kostunica, and Serbian Parliament Speaker, Predrag Markovic, yesterday in Belgrade assessed that a full respect of the Dayton Peace Agreement and demonstrated readiness to improve mutual relations greatly contribute to the stabilisation in the region and development of democracy. According to press release yesterday issued by Serbian Government, the meeting stressed the importance for strengthening the cooperation between Serbia and Republika Srpska, which represents a great stimulus for improving relations between Serbia and Montenegro and BiH. Vecernje novosti, pg. 5 'Visit to RS soon' also reported on the visit. According to the daily it was also agreed that a delegation of Serbian Government would visit RS soon.

Kunic on Democratic Forum goals

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Hidden goals' — Petar Kunic, President of the Democratic Forum, on Monday stated that this Party will not accept the change of the Dayton Peace Agreement at any cost, assessing that some hidden goals aimed against Republika Srpska are behind it.

VL comments on results of public opinion poll conducted for IC in March this year

Vecernji List front page 'Citizens support national parties' and page 3 'Support to national parties in BiH and accusations from USA!' by Z. Kresic carries results of the public opinion poll that was conducted for the International Community in March this year. According to VL, 1545 persons were interviewed and even 55 % of them support early elections. Also, apart from HDZ, none other political party with a Croat prefix would pass the election threshold. The biggest change would take place on the Serb political scene where SNSD alone would get the same support as SDS and PDP together. According to the public opinion poll, SDA would still have the same support of voters with 11 % of votes.

Editorial on public opinion polls showing that BiH citizens still support national parties

Vecernji List page 2 'Too early for 'citizens' 'by D.

Jazvic carries an editorial, which says that the recent
public opinion polls of the political mood in BiH have
shown continuation of stable support to national parties.
The author says that the civic parties and programs will
get a chance only when the national issues, that currently
burden the internal relations within BiH and slow down BiH
integration to the EU, are resolved. The author also says
that for this reason the International Community should
help the ruling parties although they have shown lot of
ignorance and irresponsibility during the last year and a
half.

On renaming of Tito Street in Sarajevo

Vecernji List page 2 'Tito Street remains in Sarajevo' by

D. Jazvic carries that the State Commission for

Preservation of National Monuments temporarily banned the change of name of Tito Street in Sarajevo (VL explains that it was the intention of some Bosniak parties and non-government organizations to name this street after late

SDA honorary president Alija Izetbegovic) after the Commission had received from the Association 'Josip Broz Tito' a demand for protection of the current name of the street and monument 'Vjecna Vatra' placed in this street.

President of the aforementioned Commission Dubravko Lovrenovic stated that as long as this case is being discussed and a deadline is 1 year, it has been banned to the local authorities to change the name of the street.

Patriot on SDS

Patriot pgs 8-9 'OHR versus SDS' by <u>Slobodan Vaskovic</u> -The author starts the article by saying that in the coming period the international community in BiH will persevere on two main tasks — arrests of war crime suspects and the fight against all sorts of organised crime (which includes disclosure of links between political parties and criminals). The first party (out of nationalistic parties) on the blow was HDZ. Author then brings other information, starting with 2nd April, when the High Representative to BiH, Paddy Ashdown, froze budget resources of SDS, and

later on said about SDS report that "it is inadequate and misleading".

Author further stresses that High Representative did not substantiate these claims (about misleading report). Vaskovic further claims that Ravnogorski Cetnicki Pokret turned out to be a convenient means to discredit SDS since this Organisation has been placed on the US "black list", it can be expected that anybody, who has any link with it might face the same destiny.

The author is further ironical in saying that the SDS donation to Chetnik's Movement of BAM 500 has caused so much trouble to everybody. Vaskovic also claims that this story on "support to chetniks" is too fragile to result in drastic measures against SDS. Accordingly, HiRep has sent auditors at SDS regional offices to find some more solid affairs, for which "foreign rulers", as he said, could hold and massacre this party.

The author claims that by having targeted the regional offices of SDS, HiRep has been preparing the grounds for removals of regional officials, instead of banning the work of the entire party. By doing so, HiRep is protecting the RS Parliament Speaker and SDS President, Dragan Kalinic, according to <u>Vaskovic</u>. Namely, HiRep could easily remove opponent of Kalinic.

The article concludes that the removal of Kalinic would not be in the interest of international community goals, since Kalinic is currently the most confident and productive official. His removal would result in homogenisation and strengthening of SDS.

Defence

BiH state defence, security commission approves candidates for army generals

FENA — The Joint Commission for Defence and Security Policy and Supervision of the Defence and Security Institutions at BiH level held a session in Sarajevo on Monday. Branko Zrno presided over the session. The commission examined the degree of conditions met so far for the BiH's admission into the Partnership for Peace in a report presented by BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic. Zrno told FENA that everything was going as planned and that steps had been made towards joining the PfP. The commission endorsed the decision of the BiH Presidency on the candidates for the post of generals in the BiH defence institutions Rizvo Pleh, Miladin Milojcic, Mirko Tepsic and Sakib Folic, and recommended to the BiH Parliamentary Assembly to adopt this decision at its session on Tuesday. Zrno said that a proposal had still not been submitted for another candidates for the post of generals in the BiH armed forces. Dnevni Avaz pg. 5 'BiH might become PfP member in June' — the daily reports on the session of the Commission saying that the session was also attended by James Locher, the Chairman of the BiH Defence Reform Commission. It quotes Sefik Dzaferovic, the deputy chairman of the body as saying that they expected BiH to join PfP in June. Dnevni Avaz pg. 3 'Radovanovic: I expect Nikolic to give me new proposals shortly' -BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic told the daily he had still not received naes of the new candidates for the top military posts within the state armed forces. He however said that he would received the list form the Federation Defence Minister Miroslav Nikolic shortly.

DA: Four
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Dnevni Avaz pg. 3 'Four FBiH Army brigadiers will exercise right to pension' — Commenting on his meeting with COMSFOR Virgil Packett, BiH Presidency Chairman Sulejman Tihic told the daily that they had resolved certain disputes and that, for example, Packett had agreed that four Bosniak brigadiers that did not passed SFOR vetting procedure for the top military posts should however be allowed to exercise their right to pension.

Security/corruption/incidents

Update to tragic death of Banjaluka Basic Court Judge

Glas Srpske cover page story 'Crime or suicide'; Nezavisne Novine cover 'Mirjana Trbojevic did not commit suicide' and pgs 2-3 'Police lies, my mother did not commit suicide' — Both dailies extensively report on yesterday's tragic death of Mirjana Trbojevic, Banjaluka Basic Court Judge. While some (including police) claim that she committed suicide, others (her family members and colleagues) are suspicious about this. Sead Zeric, Deputy Chief District Prosecutor in Banjaluka, yesterday denied claims by Banjaluka PSC that Trbojevic committed suicide. He said that: "Forensic Zeljko Karan could not state for certain whether it was a suicide." Zeljko Karan, forensic, said that: "I need to perform further analysis, after which I would able to say more about this event. It is possible that she committed suicide, but I cannot say it for certain until I complete the process of analysing."

Milenko Milekic, Banjaluka Basic Court Judge, said that "it is impossible that person like Mirjana Trobjevic would have committed a suicide".

Her colleagues further claim that she has never had any problem with any case she dealt, including being threatened.

According to NN inset, some experts told NN that no fuse was found on the crime scene, which denies police claims that Trbojevic committed a suicide by having activated the hand grenade. Oslobodjenje pgs. 4-5 'Mirjana Trbojevic would never commit suicide', Dnevni Avaz pg. 31 'Judge Mirjana Trbojevic commit suicide?', Dnevni List, page 52 'Judge Trbojevic kills herself by activating bomb!?', by N. Dedic, Blic cover page 'Mysterious death of Mirjana Trbojevic' pg. 11 'Police: the Judge killed herself; Friends: This was an ambush' also carry reactions to the death of Mirjana Trbojevic by police, her family members...

Agreement on support to police forces in BiH to be signed today Dnevni List page 6 'Signing of agreement on support to police forces in BiH' by Nina carries that Head of the EC delegation in BiH Michael Humphreys and BiH Deputy Minister of Security Dragan Mektic will sign the agreement 'Support to police forces in BiH — crime investigations of the BiH Sate Border Service' amounting to 450 000 Euros in the seat of the State Border Service today.

Oslobodjenje on alleged irregularities in BiH Foreign Ministryl Oslobodjenje front page, pg. 7 '60,000 KM missing, 100 travel orders under investigation as well' — According to the daily, the BiH Foreign Ministry Chief Cashier, Merima Celebic, is under criminal investigation over disappearance/a lack of 60,000 KM from the Ministry's 2003 Budget.

War crimes

Srebrenica
Commission
preparing
third
preliminary
report

RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'Srebrenica Commission is working on a new report', Oslobodjenje pg. 7 'The third preliminary report is being prepared', Dnevni Avaz pg. 8 'Process started to prepare the third preliminary report', Vecernji List page 3 'Third report is being drafted' by bs — the Republika Srpska Government on Monday announced that the Srebrenica Commission is engaged in preparation of a third, preliminary report. The report shall include the list of activities implemented on identifying five new mass graves in the wider region of Srebrenica.

Trial for crimes against Serb people

Blic, pg. 13 'Bosniaks stand trial for murdering Serbs', Nacional, pg. 18 'Trial for crimes against Serbs' - Upon an approval of the Hague Tribunal, a trial in case of a group of Bosniaks accused of war crimes against Serb people commenced at the Cantonal Court in Mostar yesterday. Jasmin Guska, Miralem Salihovic, Muharem Hujdur, Senad Sarajlic, Safet Sarajlic, Muhamed Sarajlic and Senad Bagluk were accused of committing crimes against Serb people in Konjic during the war. Slobodna Dalmacija, page 15 'Hushing up murders, they dumped bodies into lake', by Antonela Vlaho, Dnevni List, page 2 'Two Serbs killed because they did not admit to cooperating with JNA', by N. D. also report on the start of the trial.

Mostar Cantonal Court on war crimes cases

Slobodna Dalmacija, front page and page 15
'The Hague gives up cases, but keeps the
UN's money', by E.Karamatic — carries the
President of Cantonal Court in Mostar,
Mladen Jurisic, as saying that the
expectation of the said court is to
complete 15 cases related to war crimes,
some of them including several persons.
However, Jurisic warns it is a paradox
that the ICTY is transferring difficult
cases onto the Cantonal Court in Mostar,
whilst in the same time keeping the money
it got from the UN that was allocated for
solving of the cases.