

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 11/5/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 11 May

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Law on laureates of war decorations	65 killed by bomb explosions in Iraq	SEE Summit in Bucharest
SDS Main Board on police reform	SEECF Summit in Bucharest	Dokic on Vc corridor
FBiH MoI on Karadzic whereabouts	Bulgarian Assembly on EU accession	Stankovic greeted RS Army Day

TV news broadcast on 10 May

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
FBiH HoR session	Robbery in Bijeljina	Robbery in Bijeljina
NATO on Bileca/Manjaca	SDS Main Board in session	Terrorist attack organized in BiH
OHR on police region maps	Andan on police work	Same rights for all soldiers
RS MoI on Karadzic	Ivanic in visit to Bucharest	Law on the war medals recipients

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
NATO on Bileca/Manjaca events	Constitutional court's decision	NATO supports Radovanovic
RS MoI on Karadzic's whereabouts	FBiH HoR session 1	BiH delegation in Brussels

BiH delegation in Brussels	FBiH HoR session 2	SDS Main Board session
SDS Main Board in session	Vital national interest issue	Andan's press conference

Oslobodjenje	Karadzic family had launch on the road Foca – Gacko
Dnevni Avaz	Bakir Izetbegovic: I will not run for SDA President
Dnevni List	Meningitis in Mostar again
Vecernji List	Massacre in Madrid was prepared in BiH
Slobodna Dalmacija	Ante Jelavic at home
Nezavisne Novine	BAM 40 billion over state negligence
Glas Srpske	The white colour of Al Q'Aeda
EuroBlic	They robbed BAM 47 thousand in NATO uniforms
Vecernje novosti	<i>Croatia related</i>
Srpski Nacional	<i>Serbia related</i>

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Paravac addresses SEE summit in Bucharest	RTRS – Borislav Paravac , Chairperson of BiH Presidency, stressed during today's address at Bucharest Summit of South East Europe he is optimist regarding ongoing processes in BiH. Like other speakers, he also stressed that the issue of Kosovo is a regional problem, which needs to be settled in the interest of all regional states.

<p>Terzic to head BiH delegation to US</p>	<p>RTRS – Adnan Terzic, BiH COM Chair, and Ljerka Maric, BiH Finance Minister, will go to USA next week, where they are expected to meet most senior officials of IMF and World Bank.</p>
<p>Dzihanovic: Wihout IC BiH not able to continue self-sustainable development</p>	<p>FENA – Talking at the conference called ‘What has been done in area of human rights 10 years after Dayton?’ Vice President of the Federation of BiH Sahbaz Dzihanovic stated that without the assistance of the International Community BiH is not able to continue self-sustainable development and to be a credible partner for joining Euro-Atlantic integration. He also said that BiH does not have constitutional organization which suits internal needs of BiH and its citizens.</p>

<p>Security issues / police reform/ defence</p>
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<p>RS Police Director: Terrorist attack in Spain were prepared in BiH</p>	<p>BHT1, RTRS, PINK, FTV, Oslobođenje pgs 4-5 'over 200 members of 'white' Al Qaeda in BiH', mentioned on cover, by <u>O. Vukovic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'RS Police Director 'discovered' that terrorist attack in Spain was prepared in FBiH?!' by <u>F.V. – E.S.</u>, Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Terrorists from BiH involved in Madrid's attack? by <u>Hina</u>, Vecernji List front pg splash and pg 3 'Massacre in Madrid was prepared in BiH' by <u>Branka Stevandić</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija back pg 'Terrorists for Spain were trained in BiH', by <u>F.</u>, Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'The white colour of Al Q'Aeda' by <u>V.J.</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 3, announced on cover 'Madrid mined from Bosnia' by <u>Sl.P.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Priority is the search after Hague fugitives' by <u>R.S.</u>, EuroBlic RSpG 2, announced on cover 'Sleepers of AL Q'Aeda are still hiding in BiH' by <u>Mirna Soja</u> – RS Police Director, Dragomir Andan, stated the RS police possesses intelligence information which shows that the last terrorist attack carried out in Madrid by 11 persons was prepared in BiH. Attack in which 192 persons were killed and almost 2000 injured was carried out on 11 March 2004. At the press conference in Banja Luka on Tuesday, Andan further claimed that RS police has <i>"information which shows that the detonators placed inside the explosive device in the terrorist attack were made in BiH."</i> He stated that RS MoI is in possession of a list <i>"of 1,740 persons from various Middle Eastern countries who were in BiH during the war, of whom 200 are of Bosniak nationality, and who were members of Mujahidin units in BiH."</i> According to him, the list is incomplete as it is suspected that many more persons were included in Mujahidin units, bearing in mind that by the end of the war in 1995 they numbered 4,400 members. <i>"The question is how many people were recruited, completed their training and where are they presently located, and when these 'sleepers', as we call them, will be activated. This is the white Al-Qa'idah which is more dangerous than the one from Arab countries, as its members colour-wise are the same as [white] Europeans,"</i> Andan said. He concluded that RS MoI has a special team working on prevention of terrorism: <i>"We are the first doors to Europe and we expect everyone to support us in this, including International Community."</i></p>
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<p>FBiH MoI denies Andan's claims</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'RS Police Director 'discovered' that terrorist attack in Spain was prepared in FBiH?!' by <u>F.V. – E.S.</u> – FBiH Interior Ministry has no information on Dragan Andan's claims about terrorist cells in BiH, stated FBiH Interior Minister, Mevludin Halilovic, for DA. He claims that he never saw or read any such information: <i>"I really have no idea where Andan gets these information! I would love him to tell me who are his sources...after all he always talks about the cooperation between entity police forces, so why not to send us these information to compare them."</i> Inset 'Spain asked only Sjekirica to be checked' carries a statement by FBiH MoI spokesperson Robert Cvrtak who said that Ministry has no information about Adnan's claims adding that Spanish authorities asked only for information on Sanel Sjekirica from Mostar, which ended with rejection of all accusations against him.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje, Dnevni Avaz: RS Police Director Andan has no bright war past</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Andan questioned us', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'During the war Dragomir Andan robbed UNPROFOR' – Both Sarajevo dailies contain articles on alleged dirty war past of the current RS Police Director Dragomir Andan. As Avaz claims Andan was involved in many illegal actions during the war including robbery of an UNPROFOR (international forces) vehicle on the mountain of Trebevic near Sarajevo, Oslobodjenje quotes a Swiss citizen, Marija Verale-Matic, as saying she was inappropriately interrogated by Andan in the prison of Kula near Sarajevo in 1995.</p>
<p>Dnevni Avaz commentary: Fresh Andan's lies</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Fresh Andan's lies' Commentary of the Day by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – Editorial reads that the aim of the latest RS Police Director Dragomir Andan's lies (on alleged Islamic terrorists in BiH and their training in BiH for the terrorist attack in Madrid) is clear: Preservation/survival of the RS Interior Ministry with current police authorities at any price.</p>

**SDS Main Board
rejects Vlastic
conclusions on
police reform**

RTRS, Hayat, FTV, BHT1, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'They wont let go of RS MoI and RS Police Director', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Crossing of police forces through inter-entity line is unacceptable', **Vecernji List** pg 4 'Referendum about reform too', by bs, **Nezavisne Novine** pg3 'Vlastic agreement on police reform in BiH rejected', announced on cover 'SDS rejects Vlastic agreement on police reform' by V.Popovic, **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Vlastic did not pass' by N.Diklic, **EuroBlic** RSpG 7, announced on cover 'Cavic's resignation possible' _– The SDS Main Board concluded at the session held in Banja Luka on Tuesday that the police reform can be implemented exclusively within the framework of the RS and BiH Constitutions and that it is unacceptable for police to cross the inter-Entity boundary. SDS Main Board also emphasized that RS Interior Ministry and RS Police Director positions must remain. SDS President, **Dragan Cavic**. He added that the party will not accept changes to the Constitution. He confirmed that the views of the main board differ from those *"he discussed on Vlastic"*, stressing the possibility of further talks is never excluded, *"but basically the main board feels that these issues must be resolved exclusively within the institutions, that is in the RS and BiH Parliaments."* Cavic concluded that SDS Main Board is aware of the fact that these conclusions could bring to political turmoil, adding he is also in the situation to consider his own status. However, Cavic said that Board asked him and other SDS officials not to consider resignation.

PINK – Cavic estimated that the police reform was extremely complicated issue for both RS and FBiH parties: *"Almost all those who participated at Vlastic meeting have stated their dissatisfaction with the part of the solution or entire solution. Commission has to prepare options and this is another complex issue."*

<p>Media report on rift in SDS over police reform</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Cavic holds no control over SDS' by <u>V.Popovic</u> – The political parties in the RS are of the view that SDS Main Board stances, rejecting Vlastic conclusions on police reform, show that Dragan Cavic, SDS President, has no control over the party and that the issue of police reform has turned into intra-party conflicts. Igor Radojicic, SNSD Secretary General, says there is a conflict inside SDS between boards from east RS and top leadership. Slobodan Popovic, SDP of BiH Chair Board Vice President, is of the view Cavic lost control over the party. Petar Djokic, SP RS President, says it is hard to determine real motives of SDS and its officials to reject police reform conclusions, noting it is evident they have overestimated themselves by having reached this decision. Drago Kalabic, DNS Presidency member, is of the view SDS is engaged in final clash between Cavic and members of SDS Main Board from east RS.</p> <p>FTV, Hayat, PINK – Media report the police reform was a reason for dispute between SDS officials at the Main Board session, especially Dragan Cavic and 11 SDS municipal boards, mostly from Eastern RS who oppose police reform based on Vlastic model.</p>
<p>BHT1 says SDS criticizes Cavic</p>	<p>BHT 1 – According to BHT1, SDS Main Board criticized Cavic for not obeying the party's official position on the police reform. <i>"If I have decided to follow the SDS platform blindly, it would mean the end of the negotiations before they even started – so I, as a president of the party, decided to take part in those discussions"</i>, Cavic defended himself. According to the BHT reporter, after Tuesday's SDS Main Board's session RS risks to be declared as the sole culprit for BiH not joining the European integrations.</p>

<p>Ollie Rehn urges progress in police reform</p>	<p>PINK, Hayat, RTRS, RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Police reform must not be blocked by endless theoretical discussions' by Fena, Dnevni List pg 5 'Agreement on police from Vlasic is not enough' by NINA, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'A possible obstacle for launchment of negotiations' by N.N.</p> <p>– Following the meeting with the BiH parliamentarians at both state and entity levels held on Tuesday in Brussels, the EU Enlargement Commissioner Ollie Rehn stated that politicians in BiH took an important step in police restructuring at the meeting held on Mount Vlasic adding this is encouraging but not sufficient. Rehn said that what is needed now is a political agreement endorsed by the Parliament on how the restructuring of the police is to be implemented. <i>"Time for action has now come. The support of the Parliaments is of utmost importance to ensure the smooth continuation of the police reform. We cannot afford to remain blocked by endless theoretical discussions. We need to move forward,"</i> he added. Inset 'Issue of PBS system to be solved' carries that Rehn also urged parliamentarians to resolve remaining Feasibility Study issues, most importantly Public Broadcasting legislation. Sefik Dzaferovic, Vinko Zoric and Nikola Spiric from the BiH Parliament, Dusan Stojicic, Borislav Bojic and Milenko Mihajlica from the RS National Assembly and Ivan Madunic, Semsudin Mehmedovic, Nijaz Skenderagic and Meliha Alic from the FBiH Parliament were in the BiH delegation in Brussels on Tuesday.</p>
<p>Stojicic on Brussels meetings</p>	<p>RTRS – RSNA Speaker Dusan Stojicic stated for RTRS that the meeting in Brussels was not about police maps and added that this issue will be discussed by domestic experts. He also said that Brussels expects a compromise to be reached as a basis for final political agreement on police reform.</p> <p>SRNA – Stojicic stated for SRNA that a delegation from the RS Parliament presented to Olli Rehn the position that RS accepts police reform but only within the BiH and RS Constitutions. The meeting in Brussels was attended by the chairman of the BiH Police Reform Commission, Wilfred Martens, and the head of the European Commission Delegation to BiH, Michael Humphries. Stojicic also confirmed that at the meeting with British officials there was discussion of the future role of the high representative and the OHR in BiH.</p>

<p>OHR says police restructuring in accordance with technical not political requirements</p>	<p>RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Regions must be based on technical requirements’ – OHR welcomes the first meeting of the Expert Commission on Police Areas held on Tuesday and expects from the Commission to produce a number of proposals for the Party leaders to review before adopting one when they meet again on 16 May. <i>“The principle, as laid out by the EU, is clear. The territorial breakdown of police regions must be based on technical and not political requirements. That means that where there is a technical requirement, police regions must cross the inter entity border line and cantonal boundaries,”</i> reads OHR press release.</p>
<p>HDZ Presidency on police reform</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 4 ‘Still without candidate for party president’, by <u>Miso Relota</u>, Dnevni List, pg 4 ‘Quality reform to police in necessary’, by <u>NINA</u> – The HDZ Presidency held a session of Monday night, and among other issues, it discussed the course of police reform. Repeating its dedication on necessity of quality police reform, the HDZ Presidency noted that, whilst observing the constitutional arrangement in BiH, all the authorities that could be eventually given to the entities, should be secured to the cantons too.</p>
<p>NATO urges BiH, RS MoD to strengthen sanctions in Manjaca/Bileca incidents</p>	<p>RHB, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘Radovanovic’s measures not sufficient’, Vecernji List pg 5 ‘Measures will not be enough?’, by <u>rt</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 ‘Law holding the keys’ – NATO spokesperson, Derek Chapel, stated on Tuesday that both the BiH and the RS Defence Ministries need to take decisive action to address the issues raised by the 16th April incidents at Manjaca and Bileca barracks. He added that while NATO supports the actions and proposals announced Friday by the BiH Defence Minister, Nikola Radovanovic, <i>“they may be less than required to ensure that such incidents do not re-occur.”</i> BHT 1 – SNSD urged RS Defence Minister Milovan Stankovic to resign from his post, because he did not do anything to prevent the incidents during the oath giving ceremony in Bileca and Manjaca.</p>

<p>Men in NATO uniforms rob post office</p>	<p>RHB, BHT1, FTV, PINK, Hayat, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Thieves dressed as EUFOR soldiers stole BAM 50 thousand' by Z.Kusmuk, EuroBlic cover pg splash and RSpg 1 'They robbed BAM 47 thousand in NATO uniforms' by Mirna Soja/Ljubo Ljubojevic – Four unknown persons, dressed as NATO soldiers, in the vehicle with the EUPM license plates, stole BAM 50 thousand (according to Post Office) from the post-office in Bijeljina on Tuesday morning. According to the RS police, robbers handcuffed four security workers, and ran with the bag full of money intended for the pensions. RS police claims the sum of BAM 47 thousand was stolen. Also covered by Sarajevo and Cro press.</p>
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<p>Veterans and economic issues</p>
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<p>FBiH HoR adopted draft law on rights of recipients of highest war medals</p>	<p>PINK, Hayat, FTV– FBiH HoR adopted the draft law on the rights of recipients of highest war medals, and their family members. According to that law, the base of the monthly income for recipients of highest war medals will be the half of the average salary in the FBiH, and the age limit for their retiring will be 55 instead of usual 60 years. FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic said that this decision would create major problems in 2006 budget, especially with more than 1.000 new recipients of war medals that are waiting to fulfil their rights.</p> <p>BHT1 – According to the BHT reporter <u>Marina Boskovic</u>, the most interesting thing is that the FBiH Government made this compromise only after BiH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic’s intervention – although it is strictly an entity issue.</p> <p>Dnevni List pg 3 ‘Abdic’s soldiers equalized with BiH Army and HVO’ by <u>I. Glibusic</u> carries that HDZ representative Josip Merdzo stated: <i>‘The Bosniak majority in the FBiH HoR voted for certain amendments in spite of the fact that the Government did not accept them. The most disputable thing is that it was adopted that the rights from this law are to come in force on July 1 although we are aware of the fact that the funds for this purpose have not been envisaged in the budget.’</i> Merdzo added that representatives of the HDZ-HNZ-CCD Coalition Caucus did not support the aforementioned law. DL also says that FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic stated that the Government does not have way to make possible realization of these rights as of July 1.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 ‘50% of average salary to Zlatni ljiljani’ by S. Se., Dnevni Avaz pg 12 ‘Zlatni ljiljani got the law; Government has no money for it’ by <u>A. Basic</u> – also reported.</p>
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<p>Abdic's supporters to have same rights as BiH Army and HVO members</p>	<p>FTV – FBiH Constitutional Court on Tuesday ruled that the members of so-called “people’s defence”, i.e. supports of Fikret Abdic, should be introduced to the law on the rights of defenders and the family members. The Court concluded that the Law was violating regulations on the equality before the law and ban of discrimination as the rights of People’s defence of self-proclaimed Autonomous province Western Bosnia were not recognized. Therefore, the FBiH Parliament is given six months to make the correction in the law and enable the members of to enjoy the same rights as the members of BiH Army. BHT 1, Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 6 ‘Abdic’s supports in the law on defenders rights’ by <u>S. Se, Dnevni List</u> pg 3 ‘Rights of war victims equalized’ <u>not signed, Vecernji List</u> pg 3 ‘Nevertheless, Abdic’s supporters got rights’ by <u>D. Mamic</u>.- also covered. Dnevni Avaz pg 8 ‘Supporters of Autonomy were deprived of their rights’, ‘About 2000 Abdic’s supports got the status of defenders’ by <u>A. Basic</u> – FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic did not now to comment to the Court’s decision adding htat the FBiH Government must carry out the Court’s decisions.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 ‘It is same thing as equalizing chetniks and partisans in Serbia’, mentioned on cover, by <u>E. Sarac</u> – Former Commander of BiH Army in the Western Bosnia, Atif Dudakovic, comments to the decision stating that it is alike equalizing chetniks and partisans in Serbia’, mentioned on cover</p>
<p>FBiH HoP put off agenda proposal of law on FBiH inspections</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, Dnevni Avaz pg 12 insets ‘Law on development bank adopted’, ‘Legislation on inspections withdraw’, Dnevni List pg 3 ‘Abdic’s soldiers equalized with BiH Army and HVO’ by <u>I. Glibusic</u>, Vecernji List pg 3 ‘World Bank loan questionable’ by <u>eme</u> – The FBiH House of Representatives put off the agenda proposal of the law on the FBiH inspections even though the law presents a condition, which should be met in order to get the second rate of the World Bank’s loan for structural adjustment of business environment. FTV carries that commenting on this issue Party for BiH representative Ismet Briga stated: <i>‘Adoption of a bad law could have negative consequences, even bigger than the money we could get – and that would be a bad solution.’</i></p>

**Update to
Energopetrol
privatisation**

Vecernji List pg 17 'Ina without reply to Hadzipasic's demand' by D. Jazvic carries that INA-MOL will not reply to the demand of FBiH Prime Minister **Ahmet Hadzipasic** to submit together with OMV the joint proposal for co-capitalization of Energopetrol. According to VL, Ministers from SBiH are very much inclined to OMV, whose chief partner is one of the main financiers of SBiH. Director of INA BiH **Franjo Bozic** stated: *"We have submitted the complete bid. We have presented what we offer and we are waiting to see what the FBiH Government would say."* **Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 'Hadzipasic: My appeal was not obliging' by M. Kukan also covered the Bozic's statement. DA also says that neither OMV nor INA-MOL replied yesterday (on Tuesday) to Hadzipasic's demand.

Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Annulment of Energopetrol's tender will intensify lobbying', mentioned on cover, by A. Omeragic – Hadzipasic stated that he hopes that the FBiH Government will not have to annul the tender since on the contrary it would have to publish a new one at which it will have the same partners but stronger lobbying groups. He admitted that lobbying with regard to co-capitalization of Energopetrol is strong, however, according to Hadzipasic, it comes outside the FBiH Government. FBiH Deputy Prime Minister **Dragan Vrankic** stated that Hadzipasic's demand for the joint offer of OMV and INA-MOL is not in accordance with the procedure. Commenting on HDZ and SBiH lobbying, Vrankic said that HDZ has nothing to do with it.

Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Energopetrol workers go on streets tomorrow' by A. Avdic says that about 100 Energopetrol workers would go on streets on Thursday if Hadzipasic does not meet with Trade Union representatives by Wednesday afternoon.

Slobodna Dalmacija pg 14, mentioned on cover 'They are pushing away INA because of Islamic offer' by Z. Tulic says that SBiH is lobbying for OMV, while according to the SD information, SDA prefers the capital which would come from some Islamic countries.

Vjesnik pg 16 'Hadzipasic: We shall not annul tender if OMV, INA and MOL do not reach agreement' by A. Zornija says that politicization of the Energopetrol case took place since Croatian investments in BiH do not suit some influential Bosniak circles and for this reason the Croatian offer for participation in the construction of Corridor Vc, construction of 'Importanne Centre' in the center of Sarajevo, failed attempt of Croatia Osiguranje to buy 'Sarajevo Osiguranje' happened.

NN research on forests in BiH	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pg 5 'BAM 40 billion over state negligence' by <u>Natasa Krsman/P.Klinac</u> – Following years-long research on the project "Preservation and development of forests", Professor Ratko Comic assessed that the damage resulting from negligence in forest management has reached the amount of BAM 40 billion. This is a research <i>NN</i> has conducted, extracts of which will be published these days. The US AID Media Project partially financed it.</p>
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Political issues	
Ivanic attends SEECP Foreign Ministers meeting	<p>PINK by <u>Danijel Vujanovic</u> – Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Southeast European Cooperation Process (SEECP) member states, on their meeting in Bucharest, agreed the text of the document that should be adopted at the summit of SEECP heads of state and government, scheduled for Wednesday. According to the BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanic, this document contains proposals for work at the harmonisation of the mutual visa regime, and the efforts for abolition of visa requirements with the European Union countries. Ivanic commented: <i>"I am interested in having visa regime abolished. When it comes to establishment of electricity market in Southeast Europe, it is an extremely important economic event"</i>, said Ivanic.</p> <p>RHB, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Sarajevo press – also covered.</p>

<p>DL: Jelavic will support Colak for president?</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 8 'Jelavic will support Colak for president?', mentioned on front 'Jelavic supports Colak', by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – DL notes that political analysts in BiH believe that Barisa Colak stands a better chance of becoming a new HDZ president in case Ante Jelavic decides to support him. According to DL's sources in HDZ, the relationship between Colak and Dragan Covic is not that good any more, because apparently Colak did not expect Covic to run for the party president, as he expected that Covic would concede the party president's role to him. Allegedly, Colak also minded that international officials were discussing important issues with Covic, which has put him on sideline.</p>
<p>VL int/ with Ivo Miro Jovic</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 5, mentioned on front 'I was victim of UDBA', by <u>Ana Drmac</u> (NB: UDBA – former Yugoslav security agency)- Carries an interview with the newly elected Croat member of BiH Presidency, Ivo Miro Jovic, in which he underlines that his election was legitimate. Asked whether he would <i>"soften up"</i> his positions regarding the right to education and RTV channel in mother (Croatian) tongue now when he has become a member of BiH Presidency, Jovic says that indeed his position has changed, however he would continue to request that the Croats live in a community of equal peoples. <i>"I am not a person prone to conflicts, I advocate agreement, but I repeat, this can happen only according to the principle of equality"</i>, said Jovic.</p>

**Paravac,
Jovic do not
support
Tihic's
Victory Day
speech**

Glas Srpske pg 5 'March against history' by Snj. Milankovic – The daily brings the statement of **Drago Vukovic**, Advisor to Serb member to BiH Presidency, saying that Tihic's speech has not been through "*stipulated procedure*". Daily also notes that the Cabinet of **Ivo Miro Jovic** indirectly confirmed this information. The author is critical of Tihic's statement, saying he had deliberately omitted some facts, which he could have mentioned in the context we was presenting.

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Vlastic did not pass' by N. Diklic, inset 'Tihic' and **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'He is strengthening rift' by S. R. I. – carry reactions of SDS President **Dragan Cavic** and BiH Presidency Chairman **Borislav Paravac** respectively on **Sulejman Tihic's** statements, who both condemn this statement and say it does not contribute to coexistence and strengthening of the state.

<p>RS politicians condemn of Tihic's speech</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Exceeding of limits' by <u>N. Z. and S. R. T.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Speech of division and hate' by <u>N. D.</u> – carry reactions of Serb delegates at BiH parliamentary assembly (SDS's Milos Jovanovic, PDP's Jelina Djurkovic, SNSD's Milorad Zivkovic and SRS's Djoko Pajic) and SPRS respectively, all condemning Tihic's statement.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Speech of division and hate' by <u>N. D.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'SP RS condemned Tihic's speech' by <u>SRNA</u> – SPRS's press statement reads Tihic's speech proves trust among people and citizens of BiH cannot be developed in cooperation with SDA.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'He forces to separation' by <u>Srna</u>, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Authorities, open your eyes!' <u>not signed</u>, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Dangerous intentions' by <u>G. Dakic</u> – carry reactions of "Zajedno do Istine" Association (Dane Cankovic), Headquarters of NGO's established with an aim to preserve position of RS in BiH constitutional frame (Slavko Jovicic) and RS SUBNOR (Chairman Blagoje Gajic) respectively. All listed persons condemn Tihic's statement and think he had exceeded limits by giving such a statement.</p>
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<p>NT: 'Bodo Hombach to replace Paddy Ashdown'</p>	<p>Nedeljni Telegram pg 3, announced on cover 'Bodo Hombach to replace Paddy Ashdown' by <u>N. T.</u> – the article reads the mandate of HR Paddy Ashdown expires in September 2005 and international diplomatic circles are intensively negotiating on person that would succeed him on this position. According to NT, German politician Bodo Hombach has the greatest chances to replace HR Ashdown. Hombach was Mostar Mayor after the Dayton Agreement was signed and, after he left Mostar, he became a member of management of VAZ media concern.</p>
<p>NT: ' Bosnia to be divided in five cantons'</p>	<p>Nedeljni Telegram pg 2 'Bosnia to be divided in five cantons' announced on cover 'New Dayton for BiH – cantonization' by <u>N. T.</u> – According to a source of NT, a new Dayton is being prepared, which would provide with constitution-legal foundations for future BiH. According to the source, BiH would be divided in five Cantons (Sarajevo , Mostar, Zenica, Banja Luka and Tuzla), by which an enviable level of decentralization of BiH would be achieved yet, at the same time, multi-ethnicity would be preserved.</p>

<p>NN op-ed critical of ruling parties in BiH</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'As long as we rule' by <u>Almedin Sisic</u> – The author is critical of the ruling nationalistic parties in BiH (SDS, SDA and HDZ), noting that these three parties constantly demonstrate to us it can be even worse than it is. The author also refers to the appointment processes at joint institutions (SBS, SIPA, OSA), saying ruling parties only care about ethnic representation, not interests of BiH citizens.</p>
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<p>War crimes</p>

<p>RS MoI has no information on Karadzic's presence in BiH; No comment from OHR</p>	<p>RTRS, FTV, PINK, Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'They will blackmail Serbia with Radovan' by <u>J.K.</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'Bin Laden in Washington' by <u>J.K.</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'We hold no such information' by <u>BETA</u>— Commenting the article published The Guardian which claims that Radovan Karadzic was seen in April in BiH, RS Police Director Andan said that RS MoI had no such information.</p> <p>Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'NATO arrested 29 fugitives' by <u>D.Stojakovic</u> — Irena Guzelova, Chief OHR Spokesperson, commented on "Guardian" claims (referring to Radoivan Karadzic) by saying that the report's claims were speculations although London daily has referred to reliable sources. She also said that OHR does not comment on such information of anonymous nature. She added: <i>"Still, I can tell you that facts tell the opposite. NATO troops have so far arrested 29 fugitives, while local authorities have arrested none. Local authorities must fulfill their duties and arrest fugitives."</i> EUFOR Spokesperson, Frank Cockburn, says he could not determine who the source of the article was.</p>
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Karadzic had lunch on the Foca-Gacko road

Oslobodjenje cover page, pg 3 'Karadzic had lunch on the Foca-Gacko road' Az. Kalamujic – FBiH Police Administration Director **Zlatko Miletic** told the daily on Tuesday that on April 7 this year **Radovan Karadzic** was seen having lunch with his wife **Ljiljana** in a restaurant on the Foca-Gacko road. *"The Federation police assessed the information on Karadzic and his wife's location as reliable and we therefore forwarded it to the BiH Prosecution and State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA),"* said Miletic. Miletic could not say if Chief Prosecutor **Marinko Jurcevic** ordered any of security agencies to go after the most wanted war criminal. SIPA Spokesman **Admir Katica** said the Agency did not comment on information in its possession that was related to war crime indictees. Prosecutor Jurcevic was not available to make a comment on Tuesday.

Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'I did not see my husband' by BETA – Ljiljana Zelen Karadzic has denied media claims that she had lunch with her husband Radovan, adding that: *"It is not true. I did not see my husband, because that is impossible, and those dogging me know it well."*

<p>DL: ‘Trials to suspects for Srebrenica crimes’</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 2 ‘Trials to suspects for Srebrenica crimes’, by <u>NINA</u> – According to an advisor to the Chief ICTY Prosecutor, Anton Nikiforov, the Prosecution will organize a big trial to 8 or 9 suspects for the Srebrenica crimes, under condition that an important <i>“technical pre-requisite”</i> is solved in the meantime i.e. lack of courtrooms. Nikiforov notes there are several suspects for Srebrenica crimes at the Scheveningen detention unit, which is one of reasons that the Prosecution wants to join all the indictments into a <i>“mega-process that has not been seen in 12 year history of The Hague Tribunal”</i>.</p>
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Judicial issues

<p>RS Constitutional Court accepts five requests for protection of vital national interests</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 3 'Nothing disputable about police' by <u>M.Dizdar</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Court accepted five requests of Bosniak and Croat Caucuses' by <u>D.R.</u>, EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Five accepted, three motions rejected' by <u>T.V.</u> – RS Constitutional Court's Council for Protection of Vital National Interest (VNI) has accepted five requests on protection of VNI, four of which were filed by Bosniak Caucus, while one was filed by Croat Caucus. The Council accepted requests regarding procedure on adoption of declaration on RS NA stance regarding lawsuit issued by BiH against SCG, as well as regarding conclusions of RS NA on starting the initiative on status of the lawsuit in BiH Parliament. The Council has also accepted requests of Bosniak Club to start the procedure regarding adopted amendments to law on RS citizenship, according to which Serbs, refugees from Croatia, after having some time spent in BiH, can get the citizenship, and also request following adoption of Law on postponement of war reparation claims. The Croat Caucus claim regarding unresolved cases of property reinstatement was also accepted. The RS CC's VNI Council rejected the Bosniak's Caucus complaints on the issue of RS NA conclusions on the police reform process in BiH. PINK, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Request by Bosniak Caucus rejected' by Srna, Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 'Decision of the RS Constitutional Court within 30 days' <u>not signed</u> – also reported.</p>
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<p>Update on Jelavic case</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija cover pg splash and pg 5 'Ante Jelavic at home' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> carries that after release from custody former HDZ President and suspect in Hercegovacka Banka and Croat self-rule cases, Ante Jelavic, is at home in Mostar where he prepares for continuation of the trials. Vecernji List pg 2 'Apart from Barbaric many others offered money for bail', mentioned on cover 'Lawyer gave bail for Jelavic's release' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> carries Jelavic's lawyer Dragan Barbaric as saying that he is also among the persons who gave money for the Jelavic's bail. He added: <i>'Jelavic and his defence collected the money. The defence knows who are the persons who gave money.'</i></p> <p>BHT 1 <u>Angela Cvitanovic</u> – BHT1 report on Jelavic brings details of his bail and conditions for the release, and adds that in the eve of elections in HDZ there are already some rumours that Jelavic could return to politics. <i>"That is Jelavic's personal decision, and I, as a HDZ spokesperson, cannot say anything about his future moves"</i>, said Pero Pavlovic.</p>
<p>Update to Dodik/Kondic trail</p>	<p>EuroBlic RSpG 3, announced on cover 'BAM 2 thousand to ministers' by <u>M. Soja</u> – The trial against former RS premier, Milorad Dodik, and former RS finance minister, Novak Kondic resumed before the Banjaluka Basic Court. The Prosecutor's Office presented the regulation on 2.000 of KM monthly compensation for RS President, Prime Minister and ministers in the RS Government.</p>

