OHR BiH Media Round-up, 12/3/2006

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Slobodan Milosevic dies	Slobodan Milosevic dies	Milosevic found dead in his cell
EU meeting inSalzburg	Slobodan Milosevic's biography	Carla del Ponte on Milosevic's death
HR at EU meeting	Klarin on Milosevic's death	BHT reporter live from The Hague
Ivanic at EU meeting	ICTY rejected critics	Milosevic's family on his death

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Slobodan Milosevic dies	Milosevic found dead in	Slobodan Milosevic died
Feature on Milosevic's	Interview with Amir	Slobodan Milosevic's
rise and fall	Ahmic	biography
Reactions to	BiH legal expert on	Reactions from BiH and
Milosevic's death	Milosevic's death	Region
Live report from The	Feature story on	Citizens on Milosevic's
Hague	Milosevic's trial	death

Oslobodjenje	Slobodan Milosevic died in the Hague
Dnevni Avaz	'Balkan Butcher' died in ICTY cell
Dnevni List	Slobodan Milosevic died
Vecernji List	Death of 'Balkan Butcher'

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Milosevic died

Milosevic found dead in his ICTY cell

Slobodan Milosevic dies in the Hague PINK — ICTY confirmed that Slobodan
Milosevic, former president of Yugoslavia
and ICTY indictee died at age of 65 in his
 cell at the ICTY prison in The
 Hague.Holland police started the
 investigation and asked for autopsy and
 toxic examination. ICTY President Fausto
 Pocar order complete internal
 investigation in accordance with ICTY
 Statute. ICTY reported that Milosevic's
family is informed on his death. Milosevic
 was indicted for war crimes and crimes
 against humanity in BiH, Croatia and
 Kosovo. RHB, FTV, BHT, Hayat, RTRS also
 covered.

Note: all electronic media and print media broadcasted/published features on raise and fall of Milosevic, as well as world media (BBC, SKY, Reuters, CNN, and Associated Press). All BiH dailies featured the death of Sloodan Milosevic as their cover splash stories, followed by the report on his life. Dnevni Avaz and Vecernji List front splashes reported on a death of "Balkan Bucher". DA carries special supplement, pgs 31-34 on Milosevic, which includes his life, days spent in ICTY and reactions on his death. VL covers the story on first seven pages.

ICTY rejects
accusations
for being
responsible
in case of
Milosevic's
death

PINK - ICTY rejected critics regarding death of **Slobodan Milosevic**, former President of Yugoslavia and ICTY indictee. ICTY Spokesperson said that no one should blame the Tribunal as it took good care of all prisoners, especially Milosevic. ICTY rejected Milosevic's request in February for the medical treatment in Russia. ICTY explained that could not see the reason why Russian doctors could not treat Milosevic in Holland. RTRS by Tamara <u>Curuvija</u> — Holland Minister of Foreign Affairs said that Milosevic died by natural cause. Former Prosecutor Richard Goldstone said that Milosevic had opportunity to be examined by doctors from Serbia and added that would be surprised if some one would blame ICTY in this regard. There is no official information whether Milosevic's body would be delivered to family and when. Socialist Party of Serbia reported that body would be first transferred to Moscow. FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Tribunal not to be blamed' - also covered.

ICTY Chief
Prosecutor
Del Ponte: I
deeply
regret
Milosevic's
death, since
his trial
was about to
be over

BHT1 - Chief ICTY Prosecutor Carla del Ponte said that she was informed about the death of **Slobodan Milosevic** about half an hour after he was found dead in his cell. She stated: "I deeply regret Milosevic's death first of all because after three years, the trial was about to be over by the beginning of summer. I also think that it is a pity for all witnesses and victims who are waiting for justice to be pleased. Now, we are expecting the autopsy results to see what cause the death. Everything will be much clear the next day." Del Ponte added that that crimes, Milosevic was charged with, were not going to remain unpunished, since there were other SCG officials in The Hague, who were about to be sentenced. Hayat Semsudin Skejic - Del Ponte stated that all proceedings in ICTY must be continued. She also stated that the death of Slobodan Milosevic is an additional reason for arrest of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. ICTY has announced that Milosevic's autopsy will be performed in The Hague. RTRS also covered. Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Justice not satisfied' **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Death is regretted for victims and survivors' also reported.

Reactions of BiH politicians

BiH Presidency on Milosevic's death -Tihic: He would be remembered as negative character; Jovic: Many truths followed Milosevic to his grave; Paravac: Milosevic proved that SCG did not commit aggression on BiH

PINK - BiH Presidency Chair Sulejman Tihic said that **Slobodan Milosevic** would be remembered as responsible person for breakdown of former Yugoslavia. Tihic believes that Milosevic's death will not have consequences in the Region. Tihic stated: "Milosevic will be remembered as negative historical character, responsible for bloody breakdown of Yugoslavia, responsible for suffer of all peoples, including Serb people. He was the first President that was indicted for war crimes of genocide. He was the President of country that is indicted before the International Court of Justice for violation of Convention on prevention of genocide. He succeeded to isolate Serb people not only from people in Yugoslavia but broader. All his associates are either in flight or in The Hague."RHB - BIH Presidency member Ivo Miro Jovcic stated that many truths would follow Milosevic to the grave. BHT1 By Marina Boskovic — BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac said: "Thanks to his undeniable arguments and decisive defence, Milosevic managed to prove that Serbia and Yugoslavia did not carry out aggression in BiH, but that a tragic conflict between three people took place". FTV, RTRS also covered. Oslobodjenje and Dnevni Listalso carry these statements in different articles on pg 4.

BiH Foreign
Minister
Ivanic on
Milosevic's
death: This
closes one
phase of
history for
all the
region

PINK — BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mladen Ivanic said that ICTY has
obligation to explain cause of Slobodan
Milosevic's death stressing Milosevic's
requests for medical treatment that ICTY
rejected. "This event closes one phase of
history of all countries of former
Yugoslavia... We should think more about
future than past."said Ivanic. FTV, RTRS
also covered.

RS President
Cavic: Four
persons died
in ICTY under
suspicious
circumstances

PINK - Dragan Cavic, RS President said that ICTY should report on circumstances of **Slobodan Milosevic**'s death since there were talks on necessity of his medical treatment for long time. He said: "In any case, one historical figure that was both, praised and criticized is gone from the political and public scene. One epoch is finished. Court process is not finished and that will leave consequences on other court processes. In any case, we will not get decision of the ICTY whether guilty or not. I believe that process.... would clear up much unclearness that in the ICTY presentation of evidences got certain prejudiced judgments." FTV - Cavic said: "The fact that he is the fourth person which, under suspicious circumstances lost his life in the ICTY sends a poor message to all those imprisoned in the ICTY. Still, ICTY terms have to be met". Hayat, BHT1, RTRS also covered.

RSNA Speaker
Radojcic
regrets
Milosevic
died before
revealing
things only
he knew;
SNSD's Simic:
Serbia might
face
turbulences

RTRS by Stela Jungic — Commenting death of Slobodan Milosevic RS National Assembly Speaker Igor Radojicic expressed his regret that Milosevic did not manage to finish his defence and tell truths and information that he only knew. RS Council of Peoples Deputy Chair Momir Malic, sent condolences to Milosevic's family and SPS. SNSD Vice President Krstan Simic said: "BiH in its lawsuit against SCG pinned hopes on Milosevic's conviction for genocide... Serbia might face some turbulences."

FBiH
Politicians
reactions on
Milosevic's
death: HDZ
regrets his
death before
facing
sentence

BHT1 By Marina Boskovic - HDZ Spokesperson Miso Relota stated: "We regret the fact that Milosevic did not live enough to face the sentence he deserved". Reporter said that in terms of BiH vs. SCG lawsuit for aggression and genocide before the International Court of justice in The Hague, most of the BiH officials agreed that Milosevic's death should have no impacts on it. BiH Minister of Civil Affairs Safet Halilovic said: "Without Milosevic, process before the ICTY has enough legal evidences and arguments to be continued in line with the international law". BiH NGOs believe that Milosevic's death presents another slap to the ICTY, since great number of issues would remain unanswered. FTV - SDP leader Zlatko Lagumdzija said: "I am afraid that at his funeral we will see that his project [The Great Serbia] is feeling bad, but that it is still alive." SBiH founder Haris Silajdzic "The Great Serbia project, led by Milosevic, left hundreds of thousands of killed ones while 1.5 billion people had to leave their houses". Also covered by **Hayat**.

OHR: no change in terms of cooperation with ICTY

BHT1 - OHR Spokesperson Mario Brkic
stated: "The event does not change a
thing, the issue of full cooperation with
 the ICTY still remains crucial".

Serbian Ex PM Zivkovic: ICTY is to blame for his death; BiH Foreign Minister Ivanic: This would change political ambient; BiH Presidency Chair Tihic: This would not influence BiH lawsuit vs. SCG

BHT1 By Lejla Zvizdic — Guests of BHT 1 news were BiH Presidency Chair Sulejman Tihic, The Chair of Research and Documentation Centre Mirsad Tokaca, BiH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic and former Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic. Being asked about death of Slobodan Milosevic, Tokaca said that he regretted the fact that Milosevic did not live long enough to be sentenced for crimes he committed. Zivkovic said that the ICTY was to be blamed for his death: he adds that such a serious court should not allow itself such thing. Asked whether Milosevic's death could influence BiH vs. SCG lawsuit, Ivanic said that he believed it would not. Ivanic added that he believed that by Milosevic's death political ambient would be changed. Regarding apprehension of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, whether things are now going to be changed regarding the issue, Ivanic said that pressures on apprehension of the two war crime indictees were now going to be greater. On being asked whether relations in Serbia were going to be radicalised now after Milosevic's death, Zivkovic said that he believed that the death would leave no long-term consequences. Zivkovic added that Milosevic's death would once more make Serbs reiterated story on ICTY being false and that no cooperation should be established. Zivkovic said that court process against Milosevic and BiH vs. SCG lawsuit should not be mixed.

BIH officer
in ICTY
Ahmic:
Current
trials not to
be influenced
by
Milosevic's
death

Hayat by Asim Beslija — In an interview for Hayat, BIH officer in ICTY Amir Ahmic says that current trials will not be influenced by death of Slobodan Milosevic, adding that in his opinion all other trials might be. Ahmic stated that sentence to Milosevic would have been precedent for all other future trials to Serbian and RS political and military officials. In his opinion Milosevic's death will have no influence to BIH lawsuit against SCG. Ahmic concludes by saving that BIH will continue its efforts to trial as many war criminals as possible and stresses that war crimes do not have a statute of limitation. FTV also brings interview with Ahmic who said that according to unofficial information, Milosevic did not commit suicide.

Head of BiH
legal team
Softic:
Milosevic's
death would
not have
consequences
on BiH
lawsuit
against SCG

Hayat Asim Beslija — In an interview for Hayat, Head of BiH legal team in BiH lawsuit against SCG Sakib Softic said that death of Slobodan Milosevic would have no consequences for the lawsuit since BIH team will continue to use evidence provided by ICTY. He adds that in long term BIH had an interest for Milosevic to live long enough to be sentenced. Softic concludes that even with Milosevic's death BIH team will manage to prove that SCG has committed genocide in BIH.

Oslobodjenje
op-ed: There
is anyway no
 proper
punishment
for such
criminal in
this world

Oslobodjenje pg 5, mentioned on cover
'Death does not deny guilt' op-ed by Gojko

Beric — Commenting death of Slobodan

Milosevic editorial reads: "He died before

the deserved punishment, and the only

comfort for all persons who suffered [due

to his deeds], is that there is no proper

punishment for such criminals as Slobodan

Milosevic in this world."

Reaction of SCG officials

SCG Minister
of Foreign
Affairs
Draskovic:
Milosevic
did not live
to face
justice

RHB — SCG Minister of Foreign Affairs Vuk

Draskovic stated that he is sorry that

Milosevic has not lived to face justice.

BHT1, FTV, RTRS — Draskovic said that

Milosevic ordered many deaths of Serbia
opposition leaders as well as Draskovic's

family members.

SCG
President
Marovic:
Milosevic's
death
presents
great
temptation
to ICTY

FTV By Senka Vlatkovic — SCG President
Svetozar Marovic said that the way in
which Milosevic died presented great
temptation to moral authority of the ICTY.
RTRS also covered.

SCG
officials
ask for SCG
medical
experts to
take part in
Milosevic's
autopsy

BHT1 - By Vesna Simic, Belgrade - Reporter said that beside SPS, the Chair of National Council for cooperation with the ICTY Rasim Ljajic asked for SCG medical experts to take part in Slobodan Milosevic's autopsy. Milosevic's lawyer asked for autopsy to be carried out in Moscow, since Milosevic's family doubts in results of investigation, carried out in The Hague. Place and date of Milosevic's funeral are still unknown. There is possibility for his family to ask for Milosevic to be buried in Russia. Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica said that he regretted the fact that Milosevic died and added that he was going to ask the ICTY to submit him with a report on his death. FTV, RTRS also reported. Oslobodjenje pg 5 'He was killed in the Hague' by Branislav Boskov, Belgrade article carries reactions of several SCG officials, all covered electronic media. Dnevni List also covered reactions from SCG.

Milosevic's
lawyer: He
would never
killed
himself;
Milosevic's
advisor:
Milosevic
was
poisoned?;
Family
blames the
ICTY for his
death

BHT1 - Slobodan Milosevic's lawyer Steven Kay said that Milosevic would never commit suicide since he was decisive to see the outcome of the trial. RTRS - Kay said that Milosevic had heart problems but worked hard on his defence being aware of risk he was taking, adding that not only Milosevic was supposed to be on trial but former BiH Presidency Chair Alija Izetbegovic and Croatian President Franjo Tudiman as well. BHT1 —Milosevic claimed that he was attempted to be poisoned in the ICTY and Russian Embassy to The Hague was informed about this on Friday, said Milosevic's advisor, Belgrade lawyer Zdenko Tomanovic. Hayat , RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'He doubt he was poisoned' - also reported. BHT1 - Slobodan Milosevic's wife, Mirjana Markovic blames ICTY for her husband's death. The Tribunal killed my husband, said Markovic for CNN. Milosevic's brother, Borislav Milosevic also blames ICTY for his brother's death. RHB, Hayat, RTRS also reported. Oslobodjenje pg 5 ' killed my husband' The Hague

Milosevic's
Socialist
Party
officials
said
Milosevic
was killed
in ICTY

RHB — Member of Milosevic's Socialist
Party Zoran Andjelkovic stated that
Milosevic was killed in ICTY since ICTY
authorities wouldn't allow Milosevic to go
on treatment in Moscow. BHT1 — Socialistic
Party doubts that Milosevic passed away
due to hearth attack and asks from Serbian
experts to take part in autopsy.
Milosevic's political party believes that
he should be buried in Belgrade. Hayat,
FTV, RTRS, Hayat also reported.

SRS Vice
President
Nikolic:
ICTY decided
to deprive
Serbs of
their rights

BHT1 — SRSVice President Tomislav Nikolic said that someone decided to deprive Serbs of their rights in The Hague. Two recent deaths, which took place in the ICTY, open question on what goes on in the ICTY and what is going to happen to the rest of the indictees. Hayat also reported.

Serbian
President
Advisor:
ICTY has
problems

RTRS by Stela Jungic — Advisor to Serbian President Jovan Simic said ICTY has problems considering the fact that Milan Babic recently committed suicide. Serbian Justice Minister Zoran Stojkovic said: "It is a fact that it was about sick man who asked for medical treatment. Milosevic was told that has good treatment. This case proves that there was no good treatment."

Hayat also covered.

Other reactions

Foreign officials on Milosevic's death BHT1 By Sasa Delic — Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regrets the fact that the ICTY did not allow **Slobodan Milosevic** medical treatment in Moscow. The EU reminded that Milosevic's death did not mean that Serbia should not extradite other war crime indictees to the ICTY. NATO Secretary General Jaap De Hoop Scheffer said that he regretted the fact that justice would not be met. EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana said that he hoped that Milosevic's death would turn SCG towards future. The last Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachov said that the ICTY made a huge mistake but not allowing Milosevic to be medically treated in Moscow. FTV, RTRS -Austrian Foreign Affairs Minister Ursula Plassnik believes that death of Milosevic will not cause changes in the Region in the political sense. British Foreign Affairs Minister Jack Strew expressed hope that Milosevic's death would help Serbia to solve problem with past. Strew added that hopes that Serbia would continue to cooperate with the ICTY. French Foreign Affairs Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said that one of the main actors in the Balkans wars of 20th century is gone and that feels sympathies with victims of Milosevic's policy.Russia Foreign Affairs Office expressed regret regarding the ICTY decision to not to allow Milosevic's medical treatment in Russia. First Deputy Chair of the Russian Duma Lyubov Sliska said that ICTY abolished Milosevic's right to live and that responsible persons should resign. Holland Foreign Affairs Minister Bernard R. Bot said that it is sad for the victims of Milosevic's policy that trial would not be continued. Berlin did not give comments as well as US President George Bush. Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'New beginning for Serbia' by Agencies

Holbrook on Milosevic's death Hayat - Creator of Dayton Agreement Richard
Holbrook stated that death of Slobodan Milosevic
is a remarkable day for BIH. Holbrook stated
 that everyone in BIH especially Serbs must
realize that Milosevic destroyed BIH. He added
 that Milosevic supported Radovan Karadzic and
Ratko Mladic and allowed former Yugoslavia to
 disintegrate with great suffering and victims.

Former HR
Ashdown
worried that
minor
instability
could appear
in region

Hayat - Former HR Paddy Ashdown stated that Slobodan Milosevic lead his people and country from one defeat to another. He also stated that certain foreign leaders believed for too long that Milosevic is a solution rather than the cause of the problem. Ashdown added that he was worried that a minor instability period could Former NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson stated that Milosevic cheated justice. He also stated that now when Milosevic is gone Balkan will be able to recuperate. Former UK Foreign Secretary Lord David Owen stated that Milosevic should have lived long enough to hear his sentence. He added that entire world would have benefited from that sentence. He concluded by saying that ICTY trial lasted too long and that the sentence should have been made a year ago. RTRS

Srebrenica
Women
welcome
Milosevic's
death

BHT1 by Hatka Hamidovic — Srebrenica Women welcomed information on Slobodan Milosevic's death. Featured women said that he deserved to die. By peaceful protests, Srebrenica Women held in Tuzla, they once more stressed their support to the lawsuit BiH filed against SCG for aggression and genocide before the International Court of Justice in The Hague. FTV also reported. Oslobodjenje pg 5 'He avoided sentence for crimes'

RS PoWs: Milosevic's death is tragedy for all Serbs RTRS by Stela Jungic — RS Prisoners of War believe that death of Milosevic is tragedy for all Serbs and accused ICTY for not allowing Milosevic to go for medical treatment to Moscow.

Reactions on Milosevic's death in Croatia

RHB, FTV — Croatian President Stjepan Mesic stressed that he is sorry that Slobodan Milosevic has not lived to serve his punishment and Croatian Government announced that Milosevic's death is the end of the hardest era for this part of Europe, adding he is to blame for all the wars in former Yugoslavia. Hayat — Mesic also feels that it will be difficult for Serbia now to fight for Europeanization and against those who are in favour of Milosevic.

BHT1 By Duska Jurisic — A statement on Milosevic's death, issued by the Croatian Government, reads that thanks to his aggressive politics, he started a war machine, which caused sufferings of hundreds of thousands of people. Croatian SDP leader Ivica Racan said that he regret the fact that he was dead since his trial for great war crimes had been interrupted. Featured Croatian citizens regretted the fact that he died before he was sentenced. Havat -Advisor to Croatian Prime Minister Mate Granic stated that Milosevic was one of the biggest criminals of our time. He also stated that he is sorry that Milosevic hasn't lived to see the end of his trial. RTRS also covered. Oslobodjenje pg 4 and **Dnevni List** pg 3 carry same headline 'Too

bad he did not receive deserved sentence'

Reactions on Milosevic's death in Kosovo

BHT1 By Sasa Delic — Report brings feature on reactions of Kosovo citizens to Slobodan Milosevic's death. While Kosovo Albanians say that Milosevic should have faced the deserved sentence, due to crimes committed in Kosovo, Kosovo Serbs regretted the fact that their leader passed away. Kosovo President Fatmir Sejdiju said that Milosevic's spirit was, unfortunately, still living in Serbia. Hayat -Former leader of Kosovo Albanians, attorney Azem **Vlasi** says that there is no person in Europe that instigated so much evil as Milosevic has. Vlasi says that it would have been better if Milosevic were sentenced. He concludes that due to Milosevic's death public has been robbed from a historic legal document where all Milosevic's crimes would have been verified. FTV, RTRS covered. Oslobodjenje pg 4 'God sentenced before Court'

Comments of
Sarajevo ,
Pale, Banja
Luka and
Belgrade
citizens
regarding
death of
Slobodan
Milosevic

PINK — Citizens of Sarajevo regret that Slobodan Milosevic did not live to get ICTY verdict. Citizens of Banja Luka believe that Milosevic was great politician and that it was inhuman of ICTY not to allow him medical treatment in Russia. BHT1 - In a square in Banja Luka, flowers with message 'To Serb Justice Hero -Slobo Rest In Peace' were placed. PINK -Citizens of Pale believe that Milosevic was a good man; they feel sorry for his death and regret that ICTY did not allow Milosevic's medical treatment in Russia. Citizens of Belgrade believe that he should have been tried in Belgrade and that this is a tragedy. They feel sorry for his death but believe that his death is much better than ICTY verdict. BHT1 -Opinion of SCG citizens differs; while ones regret the fact other said that he deserved to die since he had committed a lot of crimes. FTV, RTRS, Hayat also covered.

Miscellaneous

BiH Foreign
Minister
Ivanic at
the meeting
of EU
Foreign
Affairs
Ministers

BHT1 by Alenka Bruk — EU confirmed in Salzburg European perspective of the West Balkans states on the basis of individual achievements in meeting terms and obligations of the Stabilization and Association Agreement, pointing out that the membership in the EU was the ultimate aim. BiH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic pointed out the issue of visa regime, which was one of the greatest problems, but agreement regarding the issue has not been achieved at the meeting. Ivanic said that he expected a lot more, adding that he hoped that the issue would be solved during the year. EU Ministers pointed out that the West Balkans states should deal more with implementation of European standards. RHB, RTRS also covered. Dnevni Avaz pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Future of all regional countries is in EU' by A.Malagic

Schwarz
Schilling at
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Ministers

RHB — EU Special Representative Christian Schwarz Schilling participated in the meeting of EU Foreign Affairs Ministers held in Salzburg. Schwarz Schilling stated that there are few things that BiH citizens would be more interested in then ease of visa regime. He stressed that this process should work as a two-way street, which means that BIH authorities and him will have to work on making this process easier. Schwarz Schilling stressed that better visa regime for BIH would be of benefit for EU and BIH. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Visa regime liberalisation is common wealth' Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Visa regime liberalisation inevitable'

BiH
Presidency
Chair Tihic:
EU and NATO
officials
strongly
support
European
path of BiH

Dnevni Avaz pg 5, mentioned on cover 'Next phase of European path depends on cooperation with the Hague' by Admir Malagic — Daily carries interview with BiH Presidency Chair Sulejman Tihic after his return from official visits to Luxembourg and Belguim. Tihic said that the result of all the meetings with representatives of NATO and EU is strong support to European path of BiH. Tihic shortly commented his meeting with SCG President Svetozar Marovic, agreement on property with Croatia and announced continuation of talks on constitutional changes.