OHR BiH Media Round-up, 12/9/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 12 September

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)
Police reform talks continue today	EC urges police reform agreement
Crisis in Canton 10 Assembly	'White strike' commences in RS
World news	Palestinians took over Gaza control

TV news broadcast on 11 September

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Serb returnees on military operation	Man arrested for threats to US Emb.	World News
Renovated medieval chapel opened	Police reform talks to continue	Continuance of police negotiations
Naser Oric's trial	Kebo on reg. conference on missing	Teachers' White Strike in RS
Plumbing facilities opened in Kladusa	Teachers in RS going on strike	Privatisation of "Agrokomerc"

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Is inflation in BiH possible?	Kenan Dervic released	Resumption of police reform talks
Update on Oil Refinery in B. Brod	World News	RS NA session on Monday

Price of bread shouldn't	World News	Teachers in RS on
increase?		white strike
Int. with Erdogan from	Continuance of police	Professors want to
ITA on VAT	negotiations	teach in Brcko

Oslobodjenje	Mothers of Srebrenica divided over donations
Dnevni Avaz	Mirnes Ajanovic: FBiH could stay without 1500 military
	apartments
Dnevni List	Karadzic's Constitution prevents reform
Vecernji List	Criminalization of Hezegovina
Slobodna	Features Croatia related headlines
Dalmacija	
Nezavisne	Americans remember of fear and uncertainty [reports on
Novine	9/11 commemoration]
Glas Srpske	He started walking on hands [feature story on war
	invalid]
EuroBlic	RS youth want to get education abroad
Vecernje	Features Serbian related titles
novosti	
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Cavic	RHB — Talks on police reform continue in
confident	Banja Luka today. RS President Dragan
compromise	Cavic is confident that a compromise
on police	solution on this issue can be found. Cavic
can be found	added that in case that an adequate
	solution was not found, the RS authorities
	might be faced with many political
	consequences.

EU will not give up on three principles regarding police reform

BH Radio 1 — Spokesperson for the EC delegation in BiH, Frane Maroevic, stated that if BiH wants to start the negotiations on the Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU by the end of year, than if has to reach an agreement on police reform by the end of this month. Maroevic explained that the EC needs some time to prepare the negotiations, and underlined that EU will not give up on the three main principles of the police reform.

Police reforms

Police negotiations continue today in Banja Luka PINK by Ljubisa Davidovic — Negotiations on police reform will continue in Banja Luka on Monday afternoon, and will be participated by the negotiation teams of the BiH Council of Ministers, and Governments of FBiH, RS and Brcko District, as well as the representatives of the Zenica-Doboj and Hercegovina-Neretva Cantons.

This will probably be the last round of negotiations, since the final deadline for accepting all of the requirements for the start of negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement is Thursday, September 15, comments the reporter adding all negotiations on police reform so far have failed to bring results. Stances of the RS negotiation team are still the same, basically not accepting the transfer of police authorities to the state level. They also refuse to accept the territorial organisation of police regions which would cross the entity border lines. Chair of BiH Council of Ministers Adnan Terzic deems that police reform is only acceptable if all police authorities are transferred to the state level, and if police

crosses the inter-entity border line. FBIH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic stated that the requirements set by the European Commission must be accepted fully, without alternatives. However, Hadzipasic is optimistic regarding the Monday's negotiations. "I think that the common sense must win", stated Hadzipasic. Reporter commented that the negotiations on Monday must be successful, otherwise BiH can't hope for the start of negotiations on SAA soon.

BHT 1, Slobodna Dalmacija pg 13 '5th negotiations on police reform' by Z. Zekic, Vecernji List pg 2 'Continuation of police reform negotiations' by bs— carry announcement of the new round of the talks. Hayat also announced the talks, however also stress that the success of the negotiations is expected.

RTRS feature on police reform

RTRS by Bojan Kecman, Sanja Stankovic — RTRS reporter speculates that the fifth round of negotiations is unlikely to produce some "spectacular" changes in the positions of the negotiating teams. While HR Paddy Ashdown and other IC representatives in BiH insist on obeying the three basic European Union principles, RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic said that, at this point, it is not possible to reach a consensus on the final solution. On the other hand, French Ambassador to BiH Anri Zipper de Fabbiani said that the solutions RS has presented so far are not satisfactory. Therefore, according to Fabbiani, "it is high time to change this, on September 12th. Time is passing by, so don't miss this opportunity". The Headquarters for the Protection of the RS Constitutional Position believes that RS would disappear if the police reform process is completed; they announced protests for the September 23rd, when the new RS National Assembly session is scheduled. But those protests could start even sooner, if RS representatives accept police reform on Monday. "If RS negotiating team accept any principle that is not in line with preserving with the RS and BiH Constitution, then we will overthrow such government by democratic means. We don't need such government, who would betray all the principles of people who gave their lives for the RS", said Slavko Jovicic, RS Association of

Inmates Vice-President.

Hadzipasic says three EC principles must be respected, Covic comments police reform agreement would be compromise

FTV - FTV carries the statements of the FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic and HDZ President Dragan Covic on the police reform. "FBiH Government's stance is that BiH should and can enter Euro-Atlantic integrations and the only way to enter is to [respect] EC criteria... if the agreement [on police reform] is not in accordance with those three principles we will again remain where we are now," stated Hadzipasic. believe that agreement will be made these days, which will give one agreement, which will provide a Commission on State level, which in next five to six months should make new plan, which would then be carried out in next five to six years and that is not it. That is too slow, that is not what we have expected, but it is evident that at this moment, everyone is searching for a way out to save the process in some way, and I believe that some kind of agreement... will be made in next few days," stated Covic.

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FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'RS is not against European principles' by O. Vukovic, Glas Srpske pg 3 'The Constitution is not an obstacle' by Z. Markovic - RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic stated in an address to the citizens that police reform is possible without constitutional changes. Bukejlovic's address released Saturday on web-site reads: "At this moment, in which there is a high level of agreement on important issues concerning police reform, the process has been brought into the question because the arguments of the RS institutions, before all RS National Assembly's, have not been accepted." Bukejlovic underlines that in this moment it is "not possible to ensure a consensus on final solution for the RS police and it being under entity's jurisdiction. However, we believes that after certain period of implementing police reform in BiH and analysis of entire process under different conditions this issue can be launched againt and we can discuss it in different atmosphere."

SDS to support RS Government re police reform Ma. — Reacting to threats of sanctions against the RS and SDS in the event that talks on police reform fail, SDS stated on Sunday that it rejects all accusations, which serve as a basis for such conclusions and added that a solution to police reform cannot be reached by force and pressure, but only through democratic dialogue and respect of arguments. SDS expressed support for the positions of the RS Government and its negotiating team in their effort to reach a compromise based on realistic feasibility and common European practice. SDS also stated that it would support those solutions that are an expression of agreement of RS institutions.

President of
RS CoP
Kadric:
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Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'RSNA conclusions that Pero Bukjelovic is referring to are illegal' by E. Sarac carries President of the RS Council of Peoples (CoP) Remzija Kadric as saying that the RSNA conclusions that RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic is referring to during the police reform negotiations are illegal since they were disputed by the RS CoP and their interpretation was demanded from the RS Constitutional Court. Kadric stressed that he claims under full responsibility that there would be no obstructions if Croats and Bosniaks were involved in the negotiating team. He added that this should have been done since according to the Article 1 of the RS Constitution Bosniaks and Croats are constituent peoples and they equally share authority in the RS. Dnevni List cover pg splash 'Karadzic's Constitution prevents reform' and pg 3 'Karadzic's Constitution prevents police reform' by M. Zorlak carries Kadric as saying that it has been deliberately manipulated with the RSNA conclusions on this issue and he wonders as to how HR Paddy Ashdown and Chairman of the BiH CoM Adnan Terzic fall for it. Kadric also said: 'RS President Dragan Cavic and RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic are implementing the RS Constitution written by Radovan Karadzic according to which the RS is a state of the Serb people only.'

Dodik opposes possibility to ban SDS FTV — After it was stated that SDS will be marked as main culprit for failure of police negotiations and that this could result with banning of this party, SNSD leader Milorad Dodik has issued a statement in which he objects to banning of SDS, stressing that SDS is in front of its debacle and that it is losing support daily. Asked weather SDS will change its stance, Dodik said that this would mean that threats of International Officials have succeeded.

SDS
official:
reforms
caused
severe
conflicts in
SDS

Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Fifth round of negotiations to commence, RS Government maintains same stance' by G. Maunaga — apart from carrying announcement on continuation of police reform talks, the article carries a statement of anonymous top official of SDS who claims 'unexpectedly fast reforms of defence and police has caused severe conflicts within SDS' and he claims it is certain RS Government would not accept such reforms although pressures that are being exerted are great. The official also claims there is a possibility Dragan Cavic, together with a group of people from Banja Luka Board of SDS, would establish a new party at the beginning of the next year.

Ollie Rehn replies to HR Ashdown; GS: neither first nor the last reform

Glas Srpske pg 5 'Nether the first nor the last' by N. G. - The article quotes EU Enlargement Commissioner Ollie Rehn as saying: 'Police reform is one of the last crucial issues that need to be resolved before launching SAA negotiations' and it interprets this statement by saying: 'Ollie Rehn has in a direct way told RS public, but also Paddy Ashdown, that the police reform is neither the first nor the last reform in BiH'. Inset 'Bellow the counter' - according to sources, CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic offered RS delegation to adopt two versions of an agreement on police reform — one official agreement and one for domestic public. The first one would mean the adoption of the Martens' draft proposal, while the second one would serve only to convince public that the proposal of RS delegation was adopted. The RS delegation, reportedly, rejected Terzic's proposal.

Oslobodjenje says police reform necessary Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Citizens pay for crime',
mentioned on cover, by <u>V. Jahic</u> — Daily announces
the continuation of the police negotiations which
will be held in Banja Luka today [Monday].
Article comments that the current police
structure does not satisfy the needs of the
citizens in BiH, reminding that in 2003 the
European Commission has established that the
police is inefficient in fighting crime, and in
2004 EC said that police is divided and limited
with the ethnic entity border lines. It further
reminds that ICTY Chief Prosecutor, Carla Del
Ponte, stated in 2004 that the "there are
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Ponte, stated in 2004 that the "there are systematic weaknesses in the police and security structures, especially in the RS." Because of all this, says daily, the police reform is a necessity especially having in mind that the current structure, which employs 22560 officers costs BiH about 350 million KM, or 2,9% of the gross national product.

VN op-ed on police reform: last defense of Dayton

Vecernje Novosti op-ed pg 2 'Last defence of Dayton' by Dusan Stojakovic — The author comments on police and defence reforms and says if RS politicians accept police reform its competences would be reduced to the level of competences of a canton and this would mean final abolishment of the Dayton agreement. He also says HR Ashdown has forced RS to accept something nobody dares to ask from Great Britain to accept, where police authorities respect boundaries of England, Wales and Scotland. 'Obviously, European standards are not applicable neither for Ashdown nor Contact-group for RS', the author notes.

DL op-ed:
BiH
authorities
should
implement
police
reform

Dnevni List pg 2 'Deadlines expire!' by A. Beus carries an editorial on the police reform and, among the other things, the author says: 'Truly the time has come that the BiH authorities start thinking about BiH citizens and not about their interests only. If you ask BiH citizens what they want, they will tell you that they want to join the EU. However, it would be difficult to achieve this goal if all principles were not met, and the first one, that is ahead of us at the moment, is the police reform.'

Political issues

No incidents
during
liturgy in
Konjevic
polje,
returnee
Fata Orlovic
banned from
leaving home
during
ceremony

Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'RS police banned Fata Orlovic to leave house becuase of liturgy' by A. Hadzic -Over hundred police officers and members of RS Ministry of Interior have secured the liturgy served in the Serb Orthodox Church in Konjevic Polje, near Bratunac. The church was illegally built on private property and Bosniak returnee, Fata Orlovic, and has been a reason for dispute and tensions in the area. Day before the liturgy, Orlovic has surrounded with Church with wire. after which RS MoI has decided to ban her to leave the house during the ceremony. "Police arrived on [Sunday morning] and took down the fence and brought the priest in the church, while me and my family were banned to leave the house... I give them ultimatum: they have a month to take the church out of my yard, and after that [deadline] I am not sure what will happen," stated Orlovic. Despite the tensions no incidents occurred. DA reported that only few people attended the ceremony. Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Liturgy in Fata Orlovic's yard', mentioned on cover, by A. Avdic - In a statement to daily, Orlovic said that the Church will be demolished. The Chair of Bratunac Municipal Assembly, Refik Begic, stated that while it is most important that no incidents occurred, "as long as the issue of illegally built church is not solved, the incidents are possible in Konjevic polje." Spokesperson for PublicSecurityCenter in Bijeljina, Dragomir Peric, stated that it was police duty to provide security, "especially after the agreement was reached in the municipality." Begic denies agreement was reached amnd adds that Nedjeljko Mladjenovic, Head of Bratunac Municipality, has rejected their request to close down the church. BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 4, announced on cover 'Liturgy in police presence' by K. Cirkovic, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 '70 policemen was securing the liturgy' by J. Saracalso reported.

Kristo,
Lozancic:
Continuation
of FBiH Govt
session
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Dzihanovic

Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Continuation of session depends on Dzihanovic', mentioned on cover, by Av. A. -FBiH Justice Minister, Borjana Kristo, told daily that FBiH Government is not in crisis as speculated. However she added that the Government is not complete either, thus any decision it would bring would be unconstitutional and illegal. "I am certain this will be solved in a way stipulated by the Constitution," said Kristo, adding that Government session will be held once the replacements for Ibahima Naradrevic and Tomo Lucic are appointed. FBiH President Niko Lozancic also comments for daily stating that he has done his part of job on time by nominating Zahid Crnkic and Viekoslav Mandic, underlying that the continuation of FBiH Govt sessions solely depend on Sahbaz **Dzihanovic** [who rejected these appointments claming Lozancic did not respect the legislation in proposing these two candidates].

VL:
'Dzihanovic
is creating
conditions
for early
elections'

Vecernji List pq 2 'Dzihanovic is creating conditions for early elections' by D. Jazvic says that if the Federation of BiH Vice President, Sahbaz Dzihanovic, does not sign the decisions on appointments of two new Ministers in the FBiH Government, the executive authority in the FBiH will be in a systematic crisis and its further work might be even judged as unconstitutional. VL quotes a high-ranked SBiH official who says that Dzihanovic's credibility and influence in SBiH have been shaken completely and he realizes that he would be politically dead of he does not find a new party or political stronghold. The same official added that it is also possible that the ultimate Dzihanovic's goal is organizing of early elections.

DA op-ed on
FBiH Govt
crisis:
People do
not care
anymore who
is
responsible,
crisis
unnecessary

Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Unnecessary crisis of authorities' op-ed by Mirela Kukan — Editorial reads that the newest crisis in the FBiH Government has to be solved in the next few days as people are "sick of halts in work of authorities which only block a number of processes important for future of this country." Author underlines that after so many rifts in the government, people do not care anymore who is responsible and who caused it and concludes that this particular crisis is entirely unnecessary and it is just a re-run of the

Interview
with SDHR
Nay/Nay on
police
reform,
public RTV
system,
segregation
in schools

Dnevni List pgs 8 and 9 'I am expecting reply on police reform this week' by A. Beus — In an interview to DL Senior Deputy High Representative Martin Ney stated: 'I sincerely hope that we shall be at the end of a successful discussion on the police reform this week.' Asked about establishment of the public RTV system Nay said: 'After the Constitutional Court passed the decision according to which public RTV system does not endanger Croat vital national interests, we believe that the BiH House of Peoples will pass the decision on public RTV system soon.' Asked about the divisions of school according to en ethnic principle Nay said: 'I believe that the only solution is that 3 Municipalities which passed the decision on segregation of schools

withdraw their decisions and finish with administrative and legal unification of schools.'

Oslobodjenje
int with
Cardinal
Puljic on
political
situation in
BiH

Oslobodjenje pgs 4 and 5, mentioned on cover 'It is clear to all of us who has true authority in this country' by S. Kurtovic carries an interview with Cardinal Vinko Puljic. Asked to explain his recent statement according to which he is a bit afraid that Croat people representatives are not prepared for the constitutional changes, Election Law etc. Cardinal Puljic said: 'It is truly necessary to make in this program of reforms the legal ground in which every citizen would be equal, and in which every people would be able to live equally with other two peoples... Unfortunately, quite often we remember to draft and offer such programs when it is too late and then 'some other people' draft and offer them...When I am talking about responsible ones for this situation I do not have only BiH politicians on mind since it is clear to all of us who has true authority in hands.' Cardinal Pujlic also said that the OHR is exerting pressure on the BiH judiciary.

Youth Forum:
Unless rule
 of law
established,
initiative
 for new
municipality
 as of
beginning
 2006

Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover 'They urgently demand for establishment of new municipality' by V. Coric — Two Bosniak and one Serb Association in Stolac (Youth Forum (Forum Mladih). Association for rebuilding of coexistence and Association of Serb returnees respectively) have submitted a demand to authorities for establishment of new Municipality Stolac. Chairman of the Association for rebuilding coexistence, Amir Medar, Chairman of Forum Nerin Dizdar, and Chairman of Association of Serb returnees Slobodan **Kurilic** stated that they want new Municipality because current authorities are violating human rights as well as all laws in all segments and they announced they will demand for a meeting with Stolac Mayor Stjepan Boskovic to take place in the course of this week. BHT 1 by Martina Kristo <u>Anteli</u> – On the other side, Chair of the Bosniak Caucus in Municipal Council, Zlatko Hadziomerovic, stated that no one can divide the city, stressing that people here have lived always together. HDZ has issued a statement, stressing that people who have submitted this initiative are known by many incidents and that it was established that they are being financed by organizations outside Stolac. Head of Municipality Stolac, Stjepan Boskovic stated that they are being paid by "Forum Bosna". Dnevni Avaz (Monday) pg 4 'Deadline by New Year to Head of Municipality Boskovic' by F.V. -Dizdar stated: 'We shall set a deadline by New Year and we expect that traces of segregation and discrimination of Stolac citizens be removed and rule of law established by this deadline. On the contrary, we shall officially launch the initiative for establishing a new Municipality Stolac at the beginning of 2006.'

Economic and social issues

RS education workers start 'white strike'

BHT1, PINK, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ''White strike' today' by Fena, Nezavisne novine pg 9 'Today the "white strike" as a warning to the authorities' by S. Goikovic, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Silence is the first warning' by D. T. - RS teachers will stage protests maintaining silence classrooms on Monday when RS NA is to discuss current situation in education trying to force MPs to meet their demands. Teachers demand payments of the full amount of salaries but also the RS Budget rebalance allowing wage increase, head of the RS Trade Unions Ranka Misic told reporters announcing this so-called 'White Stike'.

FBiH Govt delegation visits Agrokomerc

FTV, BHT1, Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Launching production' by Fena, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Hadzipasic: Priority is to kick off Agrokomerc' by <u>S. Dzanic</u> — A FBiH Government delegation led by Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic met with the management of "Agrokomerc" in Velika Kladusa on Sunday. Hadzipasic informed the company managements that the FBiH Government did not adopt the privatisation program for this company at its last session, but that it would again be discussed at the next session. He said that the primary task in "Agrokomerc" is to again start production, maintain existing and open new production lines. The company has been reregistered, its ownership structure defined and value of property in BiH established to total 32 million KM. The amount of claims processed through courts has so far reached 9,5 million as a result of which the company's account has been blocked and the start of production prevented, Hadzipasic said. The company has been reregistered, its ownership structure defined and value of property in BiH established to total 32 million KM. The amount of claims processed through courts has so far reached 9,5 million as a result of which the company's account has been blocked and the start of production prevented, Hadzipasic said.

Gyro-account
 of Refinery
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Hayat. Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on
 cover 'Gyro-account of the Refinery was
 blocked' by P. Klincov — Upon a court
 decision, gyro account of Brod Oil
Refinery was blocked on Friday because the
 firm had failed to pay compensation for
 use of town construction land, as the
 Chairman of the Refinery Trade Union,
 Slavko Vidic, confirmed for the paper on
 Sunday. According to unofficial
 information the management of the firm
 provided, the debt amount more than one
 million KM.

Supervisor
Johnson tasks
BL AD agency
to carry out
verification
of old
foreign
currency
savings

BHT1, Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Instruction to verify old currency savings' by Fena — Brcko Supervisor, Susan Johnson, has issued an instruction according to which a process of verifying old foreign currency savings will be carried out by the Agency for Mediation, Information and Financial Services "AD Banja Luka". The Supervisor has brought the decision in order to remove obstacles which prevented the citizens of the District to participate this process carried out through the country

Oslobodjenje:
Mothers of
Srebrenica
divided over
donations

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 3 'Mothers of Srebrenica divided over donations' by A. Avdic — Daily writes that for the first time in ten years that Women of Srebrenica have been protesting on streets of Tuzla this Sunday they have used the opportunity to stresses some other issues — such as misuse of donations. "This cannot go on. Members of 'Movement of Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa enclaves, seated in Sarajevo, misuse genocide to gain material benefit," chair of Women of Srebrenica, Hajra Catic, said. Oslobodjenje pg 3 "I asked for and received a donation" by <u>S.</u> <u>Sehercehajic</u> — The Chair of the Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa enclaves, Munira Subasic, denies the allegations noting that this Association has done a lot and that she personally did receive donation after asking for it. She added that in addition money has been donated to the organization which disseminated it or plans to go so all around Podrinje region.

Ajanovic: 'FBiH might lose 1500 military apartments' Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash and pg 2 'FBiH might lose 1500 military apartments' by M.

Kukan — BOSS President Mirnes Ajanovic warns that since the Federation of BiH Defence Ministry is going to be shut down soon, the FBiH might lose 1500 military apartments due to administrative vacuum. He added: 'I will demand before the FBiH Parliament to resolve this issue as soon as possible. This must not happen.'

RS youth want to get education abroad GS int with RS Finance Minister Cenic

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Let us look at each other and lay accounts' by Lj. Cici carries an interview with RS Minister of Finances **Svetlana Cenic**, who commented on collection of revenues for RS budget and said the collection is satisfying, however, can be improved. She was asked to say whether there is an ongoing destroying of RS bodies, whom the international community had asked to be responsible, and Cenic replied: 'Both humiliating and annulment of bodies is ongoing' and emphasized she has voted against the draft Law on ITA, however CoM was told ITA unanimously adopted the draft Law. Hence, CoM forwarded the document to the parliamentary procedure.

Institute for Int. Economic Researches: BiH will have to introduce lower and zero VAT after some time

Dnevni List pg 7 'Basic provisions according to zero tax rate' by T. Dragic carries one of the leading research workers for the area of Balkans at the Institute for International Economic Researches, Vladimir Gligorov, who says that the experience of the countries in transition indicates that after some time BiH will have to introduce a lower and zero value added rate.

SDP demands from S. Halilovic to lobby for unified VAT rate among SBiH members Dnevni List pg 8 'SBiH supports SDP proposal? by NINA carries an SDP press release which says that this party expects from BiH Minister of Civil Affairs Safet Halilovic to impose his stand 'that a unified VAT rate is fatal for already poor BiH citizens' to the BiH Council of Ministers. SDP also demands from Halilovic to oblige colleagues from his party in the Parliament to vote for the SDP initiative on this issue.

Chair of
graphic
industry
Trade Union
says there
has to be
more rates of
VAT

Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Daviddi and Hurtic are nothing but lobbyists', mentioned on cover, by M. Kukan — Amer Toskic, the Chair of the BiH Graphic Workers Trade Union, says in an interview to daily that he doesn't agree with statements by Renzo Daviddi, chief of EC Economic and Political Department, and that single rated VAT has no alternative. Toskic underlines that VAT must be implemented in several rates in order to protect workers, pensioners and other population categories. He also harshly criticises the international community for insisting on introduction of the single rated VAT.

Old foreign currency savings depositors announce actions against Nova Ljubljanska Banka

Dnevni List pg 4, mentioned on cover 'Relations between BiH and Slovenia under strike of BiH depositors' by A. Beus - The Association of Old Foreign Currency Savings Depositors announced a big action against 'Nova Ljubljanksa Banka', which has bought Tuzla Banka recently, as well as attacks against all Slovenian property in BiH. President of the aforementioned association **Svetozar Nisic** announced that they would set to Nova Ljubljanska Banka a deadline (by the end of the year) within which they should start to return their debts to the depositors, otherwise, old foreign currency savings depositors would block all branch offices of this bank.

Other issues

Dervic released from detention

FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Kenan Dervic released yesterday' by I.C. — DA learned that Kenan Dervic, suspected of threatening the US Embassry in Sarajevo, has been released from detention in Travnik on Sunday. Dervic was detained since last Friday. Decision on release was made by the authorized Prosecution and Court who allegedly established after interrogating him that there is no further need for detention. PINK, BHT1, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'BiH Court released the suspect' by D. Muminovic— reported on arrest, but not on the release.

Kebo announces
 regional
 conference on
missing persons

BHT1, PINK, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Regional conference on missing persons soon' by Fena, Oslobodjenje pg 2 'BiH suggests regional conference on missing persons' by Fena, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Last page was opened' by Fena - BiH Human Rights and Refuges Minister Mirsad Kebo said that the BiH Council of Ministers accepted his proposal to send an initiative towards Croatian and SCG governments for holding a regional conference on missing persons. "This should allow us to open the final page from our recent history, both from a humanitarian and political aspect. From the humanitarian aspect this should ensure that the destiny of missing persons is finally discovered and that the responsibility of those who committed crimes is established. This needs to be done at the regional level because the conflict too was of such character," Kebo told FENA.

VL:
Criminalization
of Herzegovina
has been on
scene during
last 10 years

Vecernji List cover pg splash and pgs 4 and 5 'Criminalization of Herzegovina' by M. Vasili, V. Leto carries that during the last 10 years criminalization of Herzegovinian Croats has been on scene (Hercegovacka Banka case, Lijanovici case, attacks on the Catholic Church officials etc.). VL says that it is clear that the well-devised policy stands behind all these cases and the goal of such policy is to intimidate Croats and hide illegalities within 'ones' own lines especially in Sarajevo'. VL also says that preparations for constitutional changes have started and weakened Croats who would be nodding and agreeing with all ideas of international, Bosniak and Serb representatives respectively are desirable partners.

Drvar: Blockade
of roads in eve
of 'Maestral'
war military
operation

Oslobodjenje pg 4, Dnevni List pg 3
'Blockade of road and company Finvest
announced' by NINA — On September 13, at
the 10 anniversary of the joint Croatian
Army and HVO military operation
'Maestral', Serb returnees to the Drvar
Municipality announced a blockade of the
roads and company 'Finvest' in order to
make familiar the public with the PDP
initiative to proclaim 'Maestral' a
criminal military operation. Head of the
DrvarMunicipality Anka Papak-Dodik
confirmed this information to DL.