

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 13/12/2004

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 13 December 2004

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
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PRC session continues	Presentation of econ strategies	Karapetrovic statement
Tihic on Mostar City Administration	Iraq update	Oil prices reduction

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BIH Constitution change	HR on joint police	USC Government criticized	Reform of Police in BiH
HR on joint police	ICTY news	Transport issues in CBC	Mikerevic on Pandurevic
Hays in Mostar tomorrow	Mikerevic on Pandurevic	Reform of Police in BiH	Serbian officials on ICTY
Tihic on Mostar	No voluntary surrender	BIH Constitution change	Matijasevic on war crimes

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Mak Varesanovic kidnapped by people his father knows; Voice for Oslobodjenje survival
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Paddy Ashdown at the session of Commission: To create a single police structure in BiH

<b>Dnevni List</b>	War for Euroherc again
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Citizens do not know what to do with certificates
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Features Croatia related headlines
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Destruction of false myth
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	There is no political will in RS to change BiH Constitution; Vinko Pandurevic refuses to “surrender” to RS authorities and go to the Hague; Paddy Ashdown stated BiH must have a single police structure; Fuel cheaper from 0,05 KM to 0,09 KM as of today
<b>Blic</b>	Kunic: Changes are unrealistic, RS will not accept them
<b>Vecernje Novosti</b>	Features Serbian related titles
<b>Nacional</b>	Features Serbian related titles

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>	
<b>PRC session continues</b>	<b>BH Radio 1, Herceg Bosna Radio</b> – The Police Reform Commission has continued its session today. The HR <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> stated that unless the members of the PRC come up with the proposal with the regard to police structure until Wednesday, he will announce the solution on Thursday.

<p><b>Removed PRC member Karapetrovic statement</b></p>	<p><b>RS Radio – Ranko Karapetrovic</b>, the removed member of the PRC, gave a statement to RTRS, saying that: <i>“After other members of the PRC informed me of the meeting, I contacted Commission and was told that I will not get any invitation to the PRC session, since my mandate was linked with mayors’ mandate. Bearing in mind my mandate expired, my membership in the Commission has consequently terminated, although I have previously obtained written assent from the RS Association of Municipalities to continue assuming this duty. However, nobody has contacted the RS Association of Municipalities regarding nomination of new candidate, neither was the new Mayor of Laktasi municipality invited to attend the PRC session. This is somewhat strange.”</i></p>
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<p><b>PDHR Hays visits Mostar</b></p>	<p><b>Herceg Bosna Radio</b> – PDHR <b>Donald Hays</b> is in Mostar today where he met with recently elected heads of municipalities. PDHR Hays stated that he was happy that the heads of municipalities were united in efforts to improve level of assistance to the citizenry, who elected them. PDHR Hays feels sorry that the heads of municipalities are being neglected by more senior levels of authority, noting that as long as the law on local self-government is not implemented, there will be problems, including efforts to join the Euro-Atlantic integration. When it comes to the said law, PDHR Hays says the law is not yet being discussed in the FBiH, whilst the authorities in Banja Luka see the problem in the law itself, believing it has to be changed.</p>
<p><b>New economic strategies</b></p>	<p>BH Radio 1 – New economic development strategies for BiH were presented in Sarajevo today. The strategies, prepared within the EU project of assistance for economic development in BiH, seek to establish self-sustainable economy and increase the number of working places in the country.</p>
<p><b>Protests in Bosanska Gradiska</b></p>	<p><b>BH Radio 1</b> – Sixty workers of state owned meat factory ‘Levita Proteinka’ from Bosanska Gradiska have protested today demanding from the RS authorities to re-launch the production in the premises. In addition, they demand pay out of their salaries and benefits.</p>

Police reform	
PRC session started	<b>FTV, RTRS</b> – BiH Police Restructuring Commission continued on Sunday its work with a task to make recommendations for establishment of united/single police structure at state level in BiH, which can function without political interference, capable of serving the citizens and fighting criminals at all levels. Police system will be organized at two levels, State level that will be responsible for legislature and budget, for work of agencies like State Information and Protection Agency (SIPA) or State Border Service (SBS), and second level will be local, non-political level, stated Commission's Chair, <b>Wilfred Martens</b> .

<p>HR calls on PRC to eradicate politics from police reform</p>	<p><b>Herceg Bosna Radio, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> cover page, pg 3 'To create a single police structure in BiH', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2, mentioned on cover 'To eradicate politics from police reforms', <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2, mentioned on front 'Destiny of Police to be made known on Wednesday', by <u>Erna Mackic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'It is necessary to create single Police system', by <u>eme</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, cover 'Paddy Ashdown stated BiH must have a single police structure' and pg. 2 'Paddy Ashdown: BiH must have a single police' by <u>M. Cubro</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b>, pg. RS3 'For a uniform without politics' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Police beyond the politics' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u> – Speaking on Sunday at the start of the final Police Restructuring Commission (PRC) session – which is due to run until Wednesday this week – the High Representative, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, said <i>"the PRC's task is unambiguous; to create a single police system, free from political interference, capable of serving the citizen and taking on criminals from low-level car thieves to organized, international networks"</i>. Commenting on public's view of the quality of service that the Police structures in BiH provide the High Representative said: <i>"More than half of those who had themselves been a victim of crime were unsatisfied with the police response. Over 80% in both the RS and the Federation believe that criminals get away with their crimes and 87% feel that politicians should do more to make the police more effective"</i>. <i>"They know what most of the professionals in this room know: That the fight between the police and the criminals is not a fair fight. That the deck is stacked in favour on lawbreakers, not law enforcers. That the system doesn't work,"</i> he added. Police reform is one of the 16 pre-requirements for BiH's accession to the EU. The High Representative reminded members of the PRC that the European Commission clearly stated its requirement as <i>"a single structure of policing with competency vested at the state level operating in functional areas based on technical policing criteria"</i>. Expecting this to change, when the European Commission's functional review found BiH's police forces to be <i>"divided, over staffed, under-resourced, and unable to operate across the IEBL"</i> is unrealistic and undermines the EU integration process. The High Representative underlined that the fractured system of BiH's crime fighting structures are juxtaposed with the unity of BiH's <i>"criminal space"</i> and expressed his disappointment with the politicisation of the PRC debate process which is aimed at effectively providing one of the most basic public services – public security. <i>"Moreover, without this kind of reform and a truly effective policing system it is impossible to expect a liberalisation of visa regimes for BiH citizens,"</i> said the High Representative.</p>
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<p>OHR removed PRC member Ranko Karapetrovic</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, pg. 2 'Without one Serb member of the Commission to police reform', mentioned on cover, by V. Popovic – OHR removed a member of the Police Restructuring Commission, <b>Ranko Karapetrovic</b>, explaining that he does not meet legal prerequisites to be a member of the Commission, since he is not a Mayor of any Municipality any longer. <b>Karapetrovic</b> has stated he was surprised with the decision of OHR on his removal without appointing a new Serb representative to the Commission. OHR Spokesperson <b>Oleg Milisic</b> rejected any possibility that the intention of OHR was to reduce the number of Serb representative at the Commission in order to "pass a demand on single police in an easier way".</p>
<p>Terzic: BiH needs a police system adjusted to European standards</p>	<p><b>BHT, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3 'Less police officers – more security', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'We need police structure meeting European standards', <b>FENA</b> – The BiH Council of Ministers Chair, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, on Sunday stated that BiH requires an optimal security system that is adjusted to the European standards. Stressing that he absolutely supports the work of the Police Restructuring Commission in BiH, Terzic told the press that he would not prejudice any final solutions, but noted that the Council of Ministers would debate and support the proposals prepared by the Commission. When asked whether the Entity police structures should be abolished, and whether one police structure should be established at the state-level instead, Terzic said that it is necessary to establish a certain state-level managing mechanism in the security system. <i>"It has been proven so far that a system with the current number of police officers has simply not ensured security to anybody. It is impossible to take responsibility for the security situation, which is expected from us in Europe and the world, if you have a light, observatory and coordinating role"</i>, underlined the BiH Council of Ministers Chair. In this context, it is inevitable that such a managing mechanisms <i>"comes to the state"</i>, and it is impossible to create a police structure that will be interrupted vertically, because the principle of subordination must exist, he declared. Terzic is of the opinion that the police officers in BiH cannot have different salaries, and expressed hope that the Commission would resolve this issue as well. When asked to comment on the announcements about the possible abolishment of the RS Ministries of Interior and Defence, he said that nothing could be abolished in the RS, without abolishing the same structure in FBiH, and added that he was not in favor of the repressive methods. <i>"There are many intelligent people in BiH who can understand what BiH needs in its police structure at this moment and who can recognize what Europe expects from us"</i>, said the BiH Council of Ministers Chair.</p>

<p><b>NN op-ed on police reform</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'Reform should untie the hands of policemen' by <u>Mirza Cubro</u> – The author starts the article by referring to the abduction of <b>Mak Varesanovic</b> and successful police action, which saw his release. The author notes this was the first time Sarajevo Canton police has faced with such a problem, but succeeded although their resources and technical applications are limited. The author concludes that the BiH population expects police to continue doing this as best as they can, owing to which reason the barriers, which very often tie the hands of policemen, are removed. The author is supportive of the establishment of police structure, which would be able to protect the citizens, exchange information without any restrictions, etc.</p>
<p><b>VL op-ed on growing crime, Police structure in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'Kidnappers among us', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>  Commenting on the recent case of boy kidnap in Sarajevo and the problem of growing criminal in BiH, the author says that the problems are related to the mild criminal law in BiH and the fact that the Police forces in BiH do not have a single organization. <i>"To put it simply, each criminal knows that he or she will be usually free as soon as he/she crosses the entity border, and even in case he/she gets arrested, there is no reason to be afraid because the current legislation in BiH envisions symbolic punishments for serious crimes"</i>, says the author.</p>
<p><b>Colak (HDZ): More money needed for State institutions, SIPA</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 4 'Colak: We will ask for more money for State', by <u>J. Petrovic</u> – Following the news that an agreement was reached that the State authorities will be funded with 336 million KMs in 2005, the BiH Security Minister, <b>Barisa Colak</b>, argues that more money is required to fund the State bodies. Colak stresses that he will personally advocate that the State gets more money, especially in order to have operational the newly established institutions. In that context, Minister Colak notes it is especially related to the SIPA because finances are one of key problems for the SIPA.</p>

## Political developments



<p>Round-table on constitutional changes in BiH takes place in Banja Luka</p>	<p><b>Herceg Bosna Radio, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Terzic: Constitutional structure should meet needs of European integration', <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, cover and pg. 5 'There is no political will in RS to change BiH Constitution' by <u>Z. Galic</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b>, cover and pg. RS1 'Kunic: Changes are unrealistic, RS will not accept them' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Opening of Pandora's box' by <u>N. Diklic</u>, <b>FENA</b> – The BiH Council of Ministers Chair, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, on Sunday stated that it is necessary to adjust the BiH constitutional structure to the requirements of European integration and that it is clear that only the State, and not the Entities, can be the partner in negotiations with the EU. <i>"When I am speaking about the amendments to the BiH Constitution, this does not refer to some radical changes, drawing of new charts and other things, but to adjusting our constitutional structure to the requirements of European integration"</i>, stressed Terzic at a roundtable on the constitutional changes in BiH that took place in Banja Luka. <i>"This absolutely does not mean centralization or unitarization of the country, but instead creating of a flexible structure that can respond to the need of presenting the country in Brussels and the EU"</i>, indicated Terzic and reiterated that Brussels and the EU expect from a candidate country to take over the responsibilities it has accepted. Terzic is of the opinion that the amendments to the BiH Constitution should be discussed and possibly adopted exclusively by the political structures in BiH, which will also include the public so that the citizens could understand the inevitability of amending the Constitution. The BiH House of Representatives Deputy Chair, <b>Nikola Spiric</b>, said that BiH is passing through different phases and that the first phase was a stage without any talks or meetings, and that today BiH is in a phase of talking, but its representatives are not listening. <i>"Now, the question is are we going to enter the third phase in which the constitutional changes will be possible"</i>, said Spiric. President of the RS Helsinki Board for Human Rights <b>Branko Todorovic</b> said that it is <i>"crystal clear"</i> that the BiH Constitution should be amended and that certain elements of the Constitution are not in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights, and that some changes are necessary for BiH's European integration for the purpose of advancing the degree of democracy and human rights. Professor <b>Kasim Trnka</b> declared that the constitutional amendments should be made in accordance with the 16 priorities BiH must fulfil on the road to the EU. According to the media, BiH House of Representatives Constitution and Legal Commission Deputy Chair, <b>Petar Kunic</b> stated that constitutional changes in BiH are not realistic and there is no political will for that. The roundtable on amendments to the BiH Constitution, which was organized by the Banja Luka newspaper <i>Nezavisne Novine</i>, was attended by the representatives of authorities and political parties in BiH. None of the RS senior officials have attended the debate.</p>
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<p>VL on constitutional changes in BiH: HR Ashdown expecting problems with Croats</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 ‘Serbs are not problem to us, it is Croats’, by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – VL reports that the High Representative for BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, calmed down the Serbian President, <b>Boris Tadic</b>, during their recent meeting in Sarajevo, when HR Ashdown told Tadic that he was not going to abolish the RS. During the same meeting, HR Ashdown stressed that problems would soon start with the BiH Croats. VL learns this from an anonymous participant of the said meeting. The source reveals that Ashdown did not explain his claims and that Tadic was not particularly interested in the issue. Questioned in what context the Croats were mentioned during the meeting, the source says it was in the context of new constitutional changes in BiH.</p>
<p>Brkic (HNZ) on constitutional changes</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 mentioned on front ‘Strengthen state and municipalities, disempower entities and cantons’, by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – In an interview for DL, the President of HNZ, <b>Milenko Brkic</b>, whilst commenting to the issue of changes to the constitutional set-up of BiH, notes that the BiH Constitutional has already been amended 109 times, explaining that because of that and because the time is right, a new constitution ought to be enacted. <i>“Is it a problem to take the Swiss model and apply it in BiH, and build the people’s conscience later on. Building conscience is a process and it is impossible to change it with a decision, decree or constitution”</i>, says Brkic.</p>
<p>PDHR Hays to meet Herzegovina Mayors to discuss more effective governance</p>	<p><b>Herceg Bosna Radio, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘A quiet revolution can bring benefits to citizens’, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 ‘A quite revolution possible’, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, pg. 4 ‘Hays in Mostar today’ by <u>Onasa, FENA</u> – The Principal Deputy High Representative, <b>Donald Hays</b>, will visit Mostar on Monday, where he will participate at a forum of mayors from the region, OHR said in a press release issued on Sunday. Ambassador Hays will urge local authorities to seize the historic opportunity that has been created by the direct election of mayors. He will point out that a <i>“quiet revolution”</i> that can bring real benefits to citizens throughout the country is possible if the mayors use their popular mandate to generate real change in the municipalities. To do this, they must adopt best practices that have already been proven in successful municipalities, listening to constituents, understanding what they have to do to make their municipalities compete for investment, working together in groups of municipalities to achieve economies of scale. The forum will, among other things, consider the need for adoption of the Law on Local Self-Government (LSG) in the Federation BiH and problems regarding implementation of the adopted Law on LSG in Republika Srpska. It will also examine the need for the streamlining of revenue allocation – among Entity, canton and municipality – so that the bulk of spending goes towards services for citizens rather than towards maintaining an unwieldy and inefficient bureaucracy, according to the OHR press release.</p>

<p><b>Ashdown demands from Tihic to carry out investigation on events in Mostar</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Ashdown demands from Tihic to carry out investigation on events in Mostar' by <u>M. Drinjakovic</u> – DA learns that the HR <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> sent a letter to SDA leader, <b>Sulejman Tihic</b>, asking for fully investigation of the allegations on serious physical threats inside SDA in Mostar related to the election of the Mayor. According to the information given by several sources, a SDA official in Mostar City Council has threatened two of his colleagues if they vote in "inappropriate way." To remind, according to agreement between SDA and HDZ, <b>Ljubo Beslic</b>, was expected to be elected Mayor.</p>
<p><b>Jahic: Some people are trying to put a seed of rift inside SDA</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Jahic: Some people are trying to put a seed of rift inside SDA', mentioned on cover 'Some people are trying to bring SDA in discord through Mostar' by F. Vele –Mostar Mayor and the Chair of SDA Mostar in resignation, <b>Hamdija Jahic</b>, stated for DA that <i>"certain forces want to use an opportunity and to put the seed of rift inside SDA through Mostar and Herzegovina. Those are speculations and manipulation without a foundation in a truth, however they have clear and warning aim."</i> He also says he believes that some of the councilors who failed to support the agreement between SDA and HDZ on Thursday's session will understand its importance at today's meeting to gather all SDA Herzegovinan officials. <i>"I believe they will understand it is a good solution for Bosniaks, as well as for the unified Mostar, which is our interest. I hope they will accept the Agreement. If we want multiethnic authorities, government without crisis, than it must be supported,"</i> concluded Jahic.</p> <p><b>BHT, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3 'SDA Councilors from Mostar with Sulejman Tihic' by <u>BHT 1</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5 'Mostar youth to be hit hard by SDA pinnacle', by <u>Nermin Bise</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 4 'Attempt to discipline SDA of Mostar', by <u>Miso Relota</u> – Daily also carries that following the request by SDA leader <b>Sulejman Tihic</b>, SDA councilors from Mostar will meet today in Sarajevo.</p>

<p><b>Economic/social affairs</b></p>	
<p><b>DL on disputes in 'Euroherc'</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front pg splash and pg 3 'War for Euroherc again', by <u>De. L, Pincom.biz</u> – The article is a reaction by former founder and shareholder in the 'Euroherc' Insurance Company, <b>Milan Lucic</b>, in which he talks about disputes related to ownership structure in the company.</p>

<p><b>VL: 5 billion KMs worth of certificates have not been subscribed</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, front pg splash ‘Citizens do not know what to do with certificates’ and pg 3 ‘More than 5 billion unrealised certificates’, by <u>Miro Bosnjak</u> – The author notes that some 5 billion KMs worth of certificates have not been subscribed yet, which could result in 4<sup>th</sup> public call for subscription of certificates.</p> <p>According to VL’s knowledge, the issue could be soon on the agenda of the FBiH Parliament. The daily also notes that some State-owned companies only offered parts of their shares, which were privatized by wealthy people.</p>
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<p><b>VL: SDA and SBiH planning to privatise companies in Zenica-Doboj and Tuzla cantons</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 5 'Plundering by SDA and Silajdzic's oligarchies', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – Commenting on a recent decision of the FBiH Government to declare several companies in the Zenica-Doboj and Tuzla cantons as companies of strategic importance to the FBiH (companies such as Krivaja of Zavidovici, Visoko Textile Company etc), the author says that the wider public failed to see through the real intention of the SDA and SBiH, apart from workers from Zenica and the Zenica-Doboj Canton Prime Minister, <b>Nedžad Polić</b> (SDA). VL notes that the SDA and SBiH prepared a scenario according to which the Federation Privatization Agency, which has taken over the competence from the cantonal privatization agency, will give the priority to groups close to <b>Bakir Izetbegovic, Ahmet Hadzipasic, Hasan Cengic</b> and <b>Haris Silajdzic</b>. VL also notes that SDA and SBiH previously had problems with the FBiH Privatization Agency (APF), but after FBiH Minister of Industry, <b>Izet Zigic</b> (SBiH), filed a criminal report against APF Director, <b>Resad Zutic</b>, things changed and Zutic started playing for "<i>the team</i>".</p>
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<p><b>Terzic on VAT rate</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne novine</b>, pg. 4 'Single VAT rate is the only possible in BiH' by <u>A. Sisic</u> – In an interview to <i>NW</i>, CoM Chairman <b>Adnan Terzic</b> commented on the proposal on introduction of a single VAT rate of 17% by saying '<i>I think we have reached a consensus that the HoP would accept a single VAT rate that was proposed. We still have time to prepare more elements that would show that a single VAT rate is not as cataclysmic as it is being presented as well as that a single VAT rate is, I must say unfortunately, the only possible way for BiH to introduce VAT</i>'. </p>
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<b>Crime/legal proceedings</b>	
<p><b>Oslobodjenje: Mak Varesanovic's was kidnapped by his father's acquaintances</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pg 3 'Mak Varesanovic's was kidnapped by his father's acquaintances' by <u>Dragan Pavlovic</u> – <u>Lejla Sofradzija</u> – Police is in pursuit of Sarajevo native <b>Denis Bevanda</b> and three or four other persons suspected of participating in the kidnapping of seven years old Mak, son of <b>Mirza Varesanovic</b>, Director of the Sarajevo Football Club. Daily further reads that father was acquainted with Bevanda and late kidnapper <b>Sead Uzunovic</b>, who lived nearby, while he was in very good relations with <b>Ramiz Brajlovic</b>, who also used to play in the Club. Oslobodjenje's source from police says that Dnevni Avaz had put in jeopardy Mak's life by publishing the story on Friday.</p>

**Oslobodjenje:  
SBS BiH  
protects  
accused war  
criminal?!**

**Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'SBS BiH protects accused war criminal?!', mentioned on cover, by Azhar Kalamujic – Daily brings that the BiH State Border Service has extended the contract to **Milovan Zec** from Bosanski Novi, despite the fact that SBS was informed that this officer was sentenced to a year in prison in a trial in absence for war crimes in Croatia. Interpol also issued warrant for him. According to Oslobodjenje, Zec signed the contract in April 2004 with **Mile Juric**, high ranking officer of the SBS, *"who was, as well as the rest of the leadership of the service, officially informed about the decision of the Croatian judiciary."* Director of the BiH Interpol, **Brane Pecanac**, confirms that they have informed SBS that Zec was found guilty of war crimes. Daily learns that Zec currently works at the Dobrljin border crossing, and it concludes that this case justifies the demand of the decertified police officers to carry out an audit of UN IPTF certification process.

<p><b>VL on possible sanctions against RS: HR Ashdown planning to remove RS PM Mikerevic, thinking about abolishing entity MoIs</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'Right now Serbs are not problem to us, it is Croats', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – VL learns from a "<i>source to the OHR</i>" that the High Representative for BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, as a response to NATO's decision not to invite BiH to join the Partnership for Peace programme, is planning to remove the RS Prime Minister, <b>Dragan Mikerevic</b>, and that HR Ashdown is thinking about abolishing the entity Interior Ministries and establishing the State Police by way of decree. Such Police would be organized in 8-9 regions.</p>
<p><b>DL on RS' cooperation with ICTY</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Money can do everything', by <u>Arijana Beus</u> – Commenting to media reports that a retired RS Army general, <b>Vinko Pandurevic</b>, has established contacts with the RS authorities to discuss terms of his voluntary surrender and the decision of the RS Government to offer 50.000 KM to every voluntary surrender, the author notes that despite many people criticizing the RS Government's decision, it would appear that the decision is proving to be efficient. When it comes to the Pandurevic issue, the author reckons that the RS authorities, after several warnings by international institutions and the High Representative for BiH, "<i>got scared</i>" and finally started doing concrete moves.</p>



<b>Nacionalon Karadzic's security</b>	<p><b>Nacional</b> Belgrade daily, pg. 2 ‘“Black hand” and “Serb sons”’ by S. Dj. – <i>Nacional</i> claims it had found out two secret organizations (“Black hand” and “Serb sons”) have made an agreement on organizing an additional living shield around <b>Radovan Karadzic</b>. Leaders of these two organizations have financed training of six men (between 28 and 32 years of age) that have already been sent to the area near Radovan Karadzic’s refuge. Their motto is “Defense or death”, which clearly shows they would not hesitate to die for Karadzic.</p>
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<p><b>Momcilo Mandic on Radovan Karadzic, HR Ashdown</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b>, pg. 15 'I will reveal harborers of Karadzic' by <u>V. Mitric</u> – <b>Momcilo Mandic</b> returned on Sunday from the Hague. In a statement to VN, Mandic has stated he would soon reveal names of those who are really financing <b>Radovan Karadzic</b>. He claims neither he nor "Privredna Banka" have ever financed Karadzic and he says:</p> <p><i>'Radovan is financed by those who have gained great wealth during the war thanks to him (Radovan) and they are now freely walking in Belgrade...'</i>. He claims someone from the net of supporters of Radovan Karadzic had set him and SDS officials up.</p> <p>VN inset 'Secret meetings' – <b>Momcilo Mandic</b> claims former RS President <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and current High Representative <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> have been meeting during the war in Pale, Lukavica and Trebevic. <i>'A meeting on Trebevic had taken place in a house of one of Karadzic's advisors. I think this is the reason why Ashdown is conducting actions that would turn the investigation on net of supporters of Radovan Karadzic in an opposite direction'</i>, Mandic has said.</p>
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**Update to  
transfer of  
Pandurevic  
from Serbia  
to RS**

**Nezavisne Novine**, cover and pg. 3 'Vinko Pandurevic refuses to "surrender" to RS authorities and go to the Hague' by S. Karic, **Vecernje Novosti**, pg. 7 'They are running for Hague points' by Sl. P. – Articles carry the information there are ongoing negotiations regarding the transfer of General **Vinko Pandurevic** from Serbia to RS. This information was neither confirmed nor denied.

**BHT, RTRS, Vecernje Novosti**, pg. 7 'They are running for Hague points' by Sl. P., inset 'Negotiations – neither yes nor no' – RS Government held a special session late Sunday evening, after which RS Prime Minister **Dragan Mikerevic** neither confirmed nor denied the information regarding the voluntary surrendering of General **Pandurevic** to the Hague Tribunal. Mikerevic shortly stated this was a matter for RS MoI, which will soon issue a statement with regard to this issue. As according to the agenda of the session held on Sunday, RS Government discussed "directions of economic development of RS" during the session. **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'No comment on Pandurevis' also carried Mikerevic's statement.

<p><b>Slavko Jovicic on crimes against Serbs in Sarajevo</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg story ‘Destruction of a false myth’ by <u>S.S.</u> – <b>Slavko Jovicic</b>, Vice President of the RS Association of PoW, told GS that the opening of the issue on suffering of Serbs in Sarajevo during the war had caused a panic amongst Bosniak authorities, since this issue fundamentally destroyed the myth on Sarajevo as “<i>martyr</i>” city, where the victims had been of mainly Bosniak nationality. <b>Jovicic</b> added that this was the reason why any Serb, who had been killed in Sarajevo “<i>is now subject to process of claiming that they were members of the BiH Army</i>”.</p> <p><b>Jovicic</b> also accused <b>Amor Masovic</b>, Head of F BiH Commission for search after missing persons, of drastic minimisation of number of Serb victims. He added that <b>Mirko Pejanovic</b>, war-time member of BiH Presidency, should be asked about sufferings of Serbs in Sarajevo , since he had mentioned on several occasions previously that 3 thousand Serbs had been murdered in this city.</p>
<p><b>Minister of Interior Matijasevic on crimes against Serb people</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b>, pg. 2 ‘Crimes over Serbs were minimized’ by <u>N. N.</u> – RS Minister of Interior <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> has stated that RS authorities have so far documented 5,000 files on crimes over Serb people in Sarajevo area from 1992 to 1995.</p> <p>He also said RS authorities are in possession of 12,000 “authentic documents” that indicate on crimes against Serbs in Posavina, Semberija, Tuzla and other areas of BiH.</p>

## Miscellaneous

### Circle 99: Voice for Oslobodjenje's survival

**FTV, Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5 'Voice for Oslobodjenje's survival', mentioned on cover, by Marina Kavaz – Sirucic, **Dnevni List**, pg 5 'Media in function of political options', by E. Mackic – The Association of the independent BiH intellectuals 'Circle 99' held the session on Sunday in Sarajevo discussing the topic of survival possibilities of civic media. The reason for the session have been *"more frequent attacks against the BiH media of civic orientation, out of which those against Oslobodjenje were especially obvious."* The members of Circle 99 – who heavily criticized Dnevni Avaz – fully supported Oslobodjenje's intentional to implement the privatization process, raising the voice for survival of Oslobodjenje and other independent media.