

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 13/2/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 13 February

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
HNC: Teachers on strike	HNC teachers started strike	Dodik to demand RSNA session
WHC: Resumption of classes	'Zrak' employees protested	HR in Brussels with NATO officials
HR Schwarz-Schilling in Brussels	'Inpek' employees protested	Q-fewer in Kostajnica under control

TV news broadcast on 12 February

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
HR and Croatian PM met in Mostar	HR visits Brussels on Monday	Matijasevic receives death threat
Sanader met leaders of Croat parties	HR meets Sanader	BiH/Croatia property agreement
HNZ, HDZ on meeting with Sanader	Shuvalov on constitutional changes	HR meets Sanader
Shuvalov on constitutional changes	5 years of Milosevic's trial	HR to meet Scheffer and Rehn

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Feature story on 'SIMES' company	Feature on Busko lake	RS still without Restitution Fund
Illegal employment in BiH	HR meets Sanader	BiH received 17 bill. KM donations?

Feature story on school in Potocari	LDS opposes new FBIH Ministry	Memorial for Rada Abazovic
Chiarini on Karadzic and Mladic	Reconstruction of Vihovici dump	Chiarini on Karadzic and Mladic

Oslobodjenje	Mittal would fulfill all obligations from the contract
Dnevni Avaz	Matijasevic and Andan would not lead the police [N. Radmanovic, SNSD]
Dnevni List	Establishment of new party questionable (Sanader with Croat parties reps)
Vecernji List	Sanader calls on BiH Croats to unite (Sanader with Croat parties reps)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Nezavisne Novine	End of February is risky for BiH (<i>avian flue</i>)
Glas Srpske	Times goes backwards (<i>features story on Serb returnees in Cvijanovic near Brcko</i>)
EuroBlic	Patients afraid of reporting on corrupt medical staff (corruption at health sector)
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related topics

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

<p>RS PM-designate Dodik to ask for RSNA session and removal of Speaker Stojicic</p>	<p>RTRS, RHB— RS PM designate Milorad Dodik will today (Monday) at 1500 hrs submit the RSNA Speaker, Dusan Stojicic, a request for summoning of session of the RSNA, which would discuss election of new RS Government. Dodik also announced that his party, the SNSD that is, would ask for removal of Speaker Stojicic, for which Dodik claims the necessary majority has been secured.</p>
<p>US Ambassador to BiH calls on political parties to resume talks on const. changes</p>	<p>RTRS – The US Ambassador to BiH, Douglas McElchany, has called on leaders of political parties in BiH, taking part in talks on constitutional changes in BiH, to make proposals how further we should proceed on this issue. According to him, the main US priorities and the IC in BiH are: development and consolidation of BH institutions through constitutional changes, apprehension of the remaining 6 war crime suspects (including Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic) and reform of police and PBS.</p>

Croatian PM Sanader visits BiH

<p>HR Schwarz-Schilling meets Croatian PM Sanader in Mostar; discuss const. changes, CEFTA</p>	<p>RHB – There could be no changes to BiH constitution which would strip Croats of their right to be a sovereign, constituent and equal people in BiH, was concluded during the talks between Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader, newly appointed High Representative in BiH Christian Schwarz-Schilling and BiH Presidency Chair Ivo Miro Jovic which took place in Mostar on Saturday evening. <i>“As a friendly neighbouring country, Croatia wishes for BiH to solve all internal problems as soon as possible, so BiH citizens could have a better life”</i>, stated Croatian PM following the meeting, adding that Croatia is ready to help BiH on its path towards EU. Schwarz-Schilling stated: <i>“I was very grateful...that the Government of Croatia would help BiH whenever it is possible in all the negotiations regarding the Stabilisation and Association Agreement. They have a lot of experience and I think it is very important we have such a neighbouring country, that we can exchange experience with.”</i> BHT1 – HR and Sanader agreed that BIH has to function as a state before it becomes a member of the EU. FTV – Sanader proposed to the HR that BiH, SCG, Macedonia, Albania and Moldavia should be a part of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). HR supported this idea and added that he would speak about this with EU Enlargement Commissioner Oli Rehn whom he is scheduled to meet on Monday in Brussels. PINK – This was the HR’s first meeting with a foreign official since his appointment. Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 12 ‘Constitutional changes cannot be at detriment of Croats’, by <u>M. Karacic</u> – HR accepted Sanader’s invitation to visit him in Zagreb. The visit should take place in the next few weeks. RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘Sanader took half an hour for Croat parties’, mentioned on cover ‘Croatia wont elect leader of HDZBiH’ by <u>Az.K.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 ‘There are no changes without equality of Croats’, announced on cover ‘Constitutional changes must not be detrimental for Croats’ by <u>M. Krilic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 3 ‘BiH should be partner with Croatia’, Vecernji List, front pg splash ‘Sanader calls on BiH Croats to unite’ and pgs 2-3 ‘Sanader: There will be no new HDZ’, <u>not signed</u>, Vjesnik, pg 3, mentioned on front ‘We must apply Croatian experiences’, <u>not signed</u> (CSS statement), and pg 3 ‘Equality of three peoples in BiH has to be preserved’, by <u>Jurica Kobler</u> (Sanader statement) – also reported.</p>
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<p>Croatian PM Sanader meets Croat parties in BiH: they should define their joint position during the future talks on constitutional changes</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Sanader took half an hour for Croat parties', mentioned on cover 'Croatia wont elect leader of HDZBiH' by <u>Az.K.</u> – HDZ Spokesperson Miso Relota confirmed that Croatian PM Ivo Sanader held an unofficial half-an-hour meeting with representatives of eight Croat political parties in BiH did take place in Mostar on Saturday evening. Relota said that all Croat parties were present except Croats Block. RHB – At the meeting, Sanader stressed that Croat parties in BiH should define the joint position on the constitutional changes in BiH. He added that the issue of third entity was not mentioned during the meeting. He denied speculations by BiH and Croatian media that he was to propose uniting of Croat parties in BiH, adding such initiative would make no sense. Asked whether he still believes that Dragan Covic <i>"is not the best solution for HDZ BiH president"</i> (something that Sanader said some time ago), Croatian PM avoided to directly answer, saying that he never believed Croatia should decide about the HDZ BiH President. Covic did not attend the meeting with Sanader. His office claims that the reason is a leg injury sustained during the football match and denied speculations on conflicts between HDZ Croatia and HDZ BIH. BHT1 – Former member of HDZ Bozo Ljubic presented an initiative on new Union all Croat parties in BIH. FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Sanader took half an hour for Croat parties', mentioned on cover 'Croatia wont elect leader of HDZBiH' by <u>Az.K.</u>, Inset, 'Croatia would not elect president of HDZBiH', Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'There are no changes without equality of Croats', announced on cover 'Constitutional changes must not be detrimental for Croats' by <u>M. Krilic</u> – also reported on the meeting.</p>
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<p>HNZ denies and HDZ confirms that the meeting with Croatian PM took place in Mostar</p>	<p>RHB by <u>Ilijana Azinovic</u> – Although Croatian news agency HINA broadcasted conclusions of the meeting between Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader and the leaders of Croat parties in BiH, Croat People's Union HNZ President Milenko Brkic on Sunday issued a statement saying that this meeting has never taken place. Among other things, Brkic stated that the fact Croatian PM did not hold 'previously scheduled' meeting with the representatives of Croat parties in BiH clearly shows that Croatia does not care about Croats in BiH. HDZ Spokesperson Miso Relota, confirmed that the meeting between Croatian PM and representatives of Croat political parties in BiH did take place. Dnevni List, pg 7 'Behaviour of Croatian Prime Minister is unserious', <u>not signed</u> – HNZ denies meeting with PM Sanader ever took place. Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Official Zagreb takes care of BiH Croats in wrong way' – also carries Brkic.</p>
<p>VL on Croat parties meeting with Sanader: Croat parties suggested to join forces for 2006 elections</p>	<p>Vecernji List, front pg splash 'Sanader calls on BiH Croats to unite' and pgs 2-3 'Sanader: There will be no new HDZ', <u>not signed</u> – Prior to the meeting between the Croatian PM, Ivo Sanader, and representatives of the Croat parties, representatives of the said parties had met with senior officials of HDZ of Croatia, namely Andrija Hebrang, Luka Bebic and Ivan Jarnjak. The latter called on Croat parties' representatives to go together in the forthcoming elections in 2006 because it is expected that the elections threshold will be set at 4%, which could eliminate almost all Croat parties, except the HDZ, from the participation in legislative authorities. Regarding the meeting itself between Sanader and representatives of Croat parties, VL learns that Sanader called for peace to members of the 'sister party' i.e. the HDZ BiH, which in VL's opinion means that he (Sanader) rejected giving support to establishment of a new Croat party, the 'HDZ 1990' that is, which would gather dissatisfied members of the HDZ BiH.</p>

<p>SD: Ljubic insists he is still HDZ member</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 13 'I came as member of HDZ BiH', by <u>M. Karacic</u> – SD stresses that according to Bozo Ljubic, he attended the meeting with Ivo Sanader as a member of HDZ BiH, which nobody (of participants of the meeting) contested – including Ivo Miro Jovic of HDZ Secretary Nevenko Herceg. HDZ BiH refused to comment Ljubic's statement, stressing the party would no longer deal with itself. Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'I do not know which HDZ Bozo Ljubic represented', mentioned on cover by <u>F.V.</u>– DA comments that Sanader's visit did not meet expectations of Croat political scene, when it comes to the clashes inside the HDZ. DA adds that Sanader's support to establishment of new Croat party lead by Ljubic has not happened. Speaking for DA, Jovic said that Ljubic couldn't act as HDZ representative, being that he is expelled from the party, stressing that he doesn't know what HDZ he represented then.</p>
<p>DL: Ljubic could not confirm whether he would establish new party</p>	<p>Dnevni List, front pg splash pg 3 'Establishment of new party questionable', by <u>Sanja Bjelica</u> – Questioned whether he would form a new party, expelled member of HDZ, Bozo Ljubic, said he could not either confirm or rule out such a possibility. It is interesting to note, says DL, that Ljubic announced establishment of a new party on (Saturday) morning however after the meeting with PM Sanader, Ljubic could not confirm he would form a new party. In this context, DL wonders whether there is a deal between the two regarding the situation in the HDZ BiH so Ljubic was asked to abandon the idea. Glas Srpske pg 4 'Everyone under the same roof' by <u>Srna</u> – Following the meeting, Ljubic said the only serious solution for constitutional changes in BiH would be the platform of the Bishop conference, in accordance with which BiH should be divided in four regions.</p>

<p>Agreement on legal-property issues between Croatia and BiH wont be signed next week</p>	<p>BHT1 <u>Boris Grubestic</u> – BiH Deputy Justice Minister Niko Grubestic stated that legal-property agreement between BiH and Croatia would not be signed due to objections from RS. It is estimated that BiH property in Croatia is worth 2.5 billion dollars whilst Croatia's property in BiH is far less. RS authorities demand that the agreement should define return of apartments of Serb refugees from Croatia. According to unofficial information RS authorities are opposing the agreement since certain strategic firms in RS do not want to leave Croatian property in BiH. RHB – Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader announced that BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic is going to visit Croatia next week. <i>"I intend to officially pay a visit to Sarajevo, something that has not been carried out earlier due to a certain problem regarding property-legal relations"</i>, explained Sanader, stressing that he expects the agreement on dual citizenship to be signed during his visit to BiH.</p>
<p>JL op-ed: Sanader cannot help BiH Croats because Croat politicians in BiH are corrupt</p>	<p>Jutarnji List, pg 15 'Why Sanader cannot help Croats in BiH', by <u>Snjezana Pavic</u> – commenting on the meeting between the Croatian PM, Ivo Sanader, and representatives of Croat political parties when Sanader called for devising of joint Croat position regarding future constitutional changes in BiH, and the situation on the Croat political scene in general, <u>Pavic</u> argues that the Croat political scene is <i>"terrible"</i>, that <i>"five million Euros would be enough to recruit 80% of Croat politicians into the 'Party of Islamic Jihaad'"</i>, which is the situation, according to <u>Pavic</u>, even Sanader cannot solve.</p>

Other political issues

<p>HR CSS to meet NATO's Scheffer and EU's Rehn on Monday in Brussels</p>	<p>PINK – High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling will visit Brussels on Monday, where he is going to meet high EU and NATO officials for the first time since his appointment. As OHR Spokesman Oleg Milisic explained in his statement, HR will meet NATO General Secretary Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and EU Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn. According to Milisic, negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement and Partnership for Peace membership are the most important strategic issues for BiH. EC already declared that progress of police and PBS reform, as well as cooperation with ICTY is essential for the association process. Milisic emphasized that Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic must be transferred to Hague before BiH becomes PfP member, which means a huge work on implementation of reform processes. Milisic concluded that stabile and prospering future of BiH depends on successful completion of these processes. HAYAT, RTRS, BHT1, Dnevni List, pg 4 'Schilling on strategic goals of BiH', <u>not signed</u> also covered.</p>
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<p>SDA' Tihic, SDP' Lagumdžija, HDZ' Relota call on resumption of talks on const. changes: SNSD's Dodik insists no talks unless rotation principle at BH Pres. accepted</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Different stances of parties on resumption of talks on Constitution' by <u>R.Cengic</u> – In regard to continuation of talks on constitutional changes, daily carries statements of Milorad Dodik, SNSD President (saying no to talks unless principle of 16-month rotation at BH Presidency were accepted), Sulejman Tihic, SDA President(saying talks did not end but were rather suspended and need to resume). Zlatko Lagumdžija, SDP of BiH leader claims that regardless of opposed stances by representatives of ruling political parties in both entities of BiH, the talks will continue. Miso Relota, HDZ Spokesperson notes HDZ believes, without any reserve, that talks will continue.</p>
<p>Russian Ambassador Shuvalov: Modernisation of constitutional system – normal process in a sovereign and independent state</p>	<p>PINK – Commenting the process of constitutional changes in BiH for FENA, Russian Ambassador to BiH Konstantin Shuvalov stated that modernisation of constitutional system is a normal process in a sovereign and independent state. Shuvalov added that the defining of the essence and deadlines of the negotiations on constitutional changes are a matter for local politicians. Shuvalov also stated that he doesn't know anything about the speculations on a connection between the talks on constitutional changes in BiH and negotiations on future status of Kosovo. According to Shuvalov, these negotiations are not parallel; they are merely taking place at the same time. RHB, Dnevni List, pg 5 'BiH has nothing do to with Kosovo', <u>not signed</u>also covered.</p>

DA on the new
RS Govt:
Nobody from
Pero
Bukejlovic's
Govt would
remain; Cadjo
or Lukac to
lead RS
Police?

Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Matijasevic and Andan would not lead the police' pg 2 'There is no place for Matijasevic and Andan in RS MoI' by N. Diklic- E. Sarac – The RS Prime Minister designate **Milorad Dodik** stated he would requested from the RS National Assembly Speaker on Monday to schedule the RSNA session to discuss the appointment of the new RS Government, which should be done by 25 February. Dodik said he is not yet sure who would take the position of the RS Interior Minister, but stressed this would not be current Minister **Darko Matijasevic**. Chair of SNSD Executive Board, **Nebojsa Radmanovic**, confirmed for DA that no one from the cabinet of **Pero Bukejlovic** would stay in new Government and emphasised that issue of future RS Interior Minister is of extreme importance for RS and for cooperation with the ICTY. Radmanovic stated that most likely RS Police Director **Dragomir Andan** would leave his post, but this matter would be discussed after establishment of the Government. As DA carries, Radmanovic indirectly confirmed that two men are taken into consideration for position of Interior Minister and those are **Stanislav Cadjo**, loyal Dodik's associate, and **Dragan Lukac** [former Chief of the RS Special Police]. Inset, 'Would Zaric leave OSA'- As DA carried Dodik plans to replace **Risto Zaric** in BiH Intelligence Service [OSA] and instead of him appoint **Predrag Ceranic**. Inset 'Pressures of certain IC circles' – DA carries that some from the IC allegedly pressure Dodik to allow Matijasevic and Andan to remain in their positions. On the other side, other part of IC helps Dodik to bring his people in order to fight crime and corruption.

<p>PDP' Borenovic and Crnadak candidates for RS minister of sports and youth</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Demand for Parliament session today' by <u>D.R.</u> – Nebojsa Radmanovic, President of Executive Board of SNSD, confirmed that that Milorad Dodik, RS PM-designate will today hand a motion with the RS NA Speaker for Parliament session. As for potential candidates for the position of RS minister of sports and youth, daily notes main candidates are Igor Crnadak and Branislav Borenovic, both from PDP. Moreover, the PDP Youth Council Sunday supported candidature of Borenovic.</p>
<p>DNS accepted participation in new RS Government: transport and communications to DNS</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Dodik's invitation accepted'- Speaking for Fena, leader of DNS Marko Pavic stated that they have accepted the invitation of SNSD leader and RS PM- designate Milorad Dodik to participate in new government with one or two ministers. Daily reminded that Dodik has already stated that DNS member Nedeljko Cubrilovic would get position of RS Transport ad Communications Minister.</p>
<p>President of Movement for Changes Dzihanovic: Party's goal is to stop illegal privatization of companies in BiH</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 4 'Place moratorium on privatization of companies', by <u>Erna Mackic</u> – The President of "Pokret za Promjene" (PzP, Movement for Changes, the newly formed political party), Sahbaz Dzihanovic, presented to DL the main programme/focus of the party. The main goals are to stop social decay of BiH, stop the illegal privatization of companies, placing of moratorium on privatization of public goods during the election year and reduce the oversized administration.</p>

Crime, war crimes, judicial and police issues

<p>RS MoI Matijasevic receives alleged death threats</p>	<p>BHT1 by <u>Zoran Sarenac</u> – RS Minister of Interior in technical mandate Darko Matijasevic received a death threat, sent to him and certain media in the RS via email. RS MoI has undertaken all security measures and the threat has been analysed. RS MoI spokesman Radovan Pejic stated that threats like these are not new or unknown and added that they were sent even before. Reporter comments that this threat can be deemed as a sort of a pressure against RS PM designate Milorad Dodik who still hasn't decided upon a candidate for new RS Minister of Interior. Dodik stressed that he will propose a structure for RS MoI that will – in his opinion – do the job. Reporter speculates that SNSD currently reviews five candidates for this position, without disclosing their names. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Minister is being threats with death' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – also carries.</p>
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<p>Milosevic's trial in fifth year</p>	<p>RHB— RHB comments the trial of former Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic is the longest war crimes trial in the history on international law. Commenced five years ago, this trial could be completed by the end of this year. Milosevic has another 22 working days to present its defence, which means that this part of the trial could be completed by the end of March. But the length of the trial would very much depend on Milosevic's health condition, and the decision on his request for medical treatment in Moscow. PINK, HAYAT, FTV, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 '5th year of trial against Slobodan Milosevic' by <u>Sense</u> – also covered.</p>
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<p>EUFOR Commander Chiarini: Secret weapons are danger for BiH, region; EUFOR troops shot in self defence during Abazovic arrest</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 9, mentioned on front 'Secret weapons caches are threat to whole of region', by <u>Anja Vrebac</u> – carries an interview with the EUFOR Commander, Major- General Gian Marco Chiarini, who stresses that according to EUFOR's information, there are a lot of hidden weapons in BiH, which represents a danger for both the country and the region. Inset 'My soldiers shot in self defence' – asked to comment on the Abazovic case (exchange of fire between EUFOR troops and family of war crimes suspect near Visegrad when the war crimes suspect's wife got killed) i.e. whether human rights were violated, Chiarini noted that the EUFOR stuck to its earlier press statement, namely that EUFOR soldiers shot back in self defence since they were fired upon in the first place. RTRS – EUFOR Commander also said that he has no information that would indicate that ICTY indictees Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic have been hiding in BiH. HAYAT, BHT1 also covered.</p>
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<p>Activities being implemented following extradition of Atmani to Morocco</p>	<p>EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Who has BiH passport?' by <u>Dusanka Stanisic</u> – Following last week's apprehension and extradition of Said Atmani from BiH to Morocco, the author notes a number of issues, including who and when gave ID card to Atmani if BiH citizenship was taken from him five years ago, may be raised. Dragan Mektic, BiH Deputy Security Minister, is of the view that this is a serious issue, that needs to be thoroughly investigated. According to some unofficial information, SIPA has already demanded from Sarajevo Canton MoI to deliver all relevant information on issuance of CIPS documents to Atmani. Author further refers to the issue of establishment of Commission in charge of removing illegally obtained citizenship rights, which is not operation as yet.</p>
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<p>CoE's Seger: BiH authorities have difficulties in fight against organized crime, but situation is improving</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Data that there is about 4. 000 fictive companies in BiH says a lot', mentioned on cover by <u>T. Lazovic</u>– Director of Council of Europe General Secretariat's Crime Department Alexander Seger stated for DA that BiH experts from SIPA, included into project CARPO have presented an appraise to CoE, which shows that in last year BiH has lost KM5 billion because of economic crime. Seger stated that this appraise was based on state structures' information, open sources and several projects that CoE carries in BiH. He emphasised that appraise does not contain details on which was conducted. <i>"Every appraise of illegal market is difficult, but it was surely based on large number of reported embezzlements, tax evasions and similar. Also, data that there is about 4. 000 fictive companies in BiH says a lot"</i> stated Seger. Seger stated that BiH authorities have problems in fight against organized crime, but that situation is improving, since new state institutions and agencies for conducting of the law are being established.</p>
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<p>BiH Human Right Minister Kebo: HR supports our efforts to solve the issue of decertified police officers</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Issue of decertified police officers would not be discussed in February' <u>by A.M.</u>– As DA reports, BiH Foreign Affair Ministry was informed that it is not sure that issue of BiH decertified police officers would be discussed in February, or in fact during the period while US chairs the UN Security Council. BiH Ambassador to UN Milos Prica has informally met with some representatives within the UC SC and they have expressed the initiative to put this issue on the agenda. BiH Human Right and Refugee Minister Mirsad Kebo has discussed this issue with High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling. <i>"HR has supported the initiative that BiH authorities have launched at the UN SC. He stated that he has also sent a letter to chairmen of this body, trough which he joined our efforts to end this issue. We talked about finding of the solution for material care for decertified police officers until the revision is ended for which we also got support"</i> said Kebo.</p>
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DL: Trials to 'Covic and others' takes too long	<p>Dnevni List, pg 8 'Only seven witnesses questioned in one year', by <u>Erna Mackic</u> – the author is very critical of the fact that the trials to HDZ President, Dragan Covic, and other indictees in the 'Covic and other case' (alleged tax frauds) have not moved much even after one year since the process has started before the BiH Court. To illustrate the slowness of the proceedings, DL reminds that the Prosecution has managed to question only 7 of 80 announced witnesses, whilst the defence teams are yet to start making their case. Still, DL does not point finger at anyone in particular for the slowness.</p>
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Economic issues	
Oslobodjenje: Mittal is to meet all obligations under contract	<p>Oslobodjenje cover splash 'Mittal would fulfil all obligations from the contract' pgs 4-5 'Integral production by end of 2007' by <u>Elvir Beslic</u>– In interview for daily General Director of 'Mittal Steel Zenica' Seid Kapetanovic confirmed that owner Lakshmi Niwas Mittal, according to the contract on co-capitalization, has until 2007 to start integral production. Kapetanovic said that FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic and high Company staff would discuss the contract that 'Mittal' signed and obligations that need to be fulfilled, stressing that he is convinced that all articles of the contract would be fulfilled in given time.</p>

<p>DA: Negotiations with IMF re. Stand-by arrangement on hold until budgets are passed</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Stand-by arrangement put on hold' by <u>E.P.</u>– As DA learned new credit 'stand-by' arrangement between BiH and the International Monetary Fund is currently on hold until parliaments in BiH pass budgets for 2006 and until it is proven that the IMF recommendations from December were included in the budgets. Meanwhile, the negotiations on the loan in amount of \$67 million are also on hold.</p>
<p>DA: BiH needs to solve issue of internal debt to get better credit rating</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Internal debt questions BiH's international credit rating' by <u>T.L.</u>– DA learns that by the end of March, BiH could get a better international credit rating, improving position of BiH commercial banks and the Central Bank, and increasing number of foreign investments. Governor of BiH Central Bank, Kemal Kozaric, stated for DA that only remaining condition for this to happen is to solve the issue of the internal debt.</p>

<p>ITA's Causevic: first VAT applications for January submitted in ITA</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 9 '20 thousand VAT applications arrived for January' by T.L.– Speaking for DA, Director of Indirect Taxation Administration Kemal Causevic stated that majority out of 33.000 of VAT taxpayers have submitted monthly reports on time. Causevic stressed that they have already received 20.000 reports, while those sent by the snail mail are still arriving. <i>“Applications that we have received are already being processed and by end of this week we will have first monthly report on VAT implementation in BiH”</i> said Causevic. After processing of data, Causevic said, it would be known what are the incomes and who has right on returning of VAT.</p>
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