

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 13/5/2006

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Tomasevic on Ceric's statement	Negotiations onSAA	BiH's negotiations on SAA continue
BiH's negotiations on SAA continue	Lisak regarding police reform	U.S. State Depart. on const. changes
Spasovic on BiH vs. SCG lawsuit	Tihic pays visit to the US	Tihic meets with Rice
3 rd BiH de-mining unit leaves for Iraq	Conference on media and security	U.S. smuggled weapons through BIH

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
An explosive device in Eastern SA	A girl killed by train	Pentagon exported arms from BiH
Issue of weapons exported to Iraq	World News	Negotiations on SAA
3 rd BiH de-mining unit leaves for Iraq	Explosive found in Eastern Sarajevo	Report on police reform issue
EC's Lange on police reform in BiH	FTV on incriminated customs officers	Slavko Stolica injured in shooting

Oslobodjenje	We are closer and closer to the final text of the Agreement with the EU
Dnevni Avaz	Bidding is not helpful in searching the truth
Dnevni List	Weapon smuggled for Saddam Hussein as well
Vecernji List	Army has had 200 camps for Croats

Nezavisne Novine	Bomb near the school and prosecution
Glas Srpske	‘Mira’ finally breathing

Political developments

<p>Third round of SAA negotiations held in Sarajevo ; focus on free trade and liberalization of the market</p>	<p>BHT1- BiH commenced the third round of the negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement with EU on Friday. Focus of this round was on the issue of free trade, financial services and various forms of the ownership as well as the issue of concession. Head of Department for West Balkan in EC's General Directorate for Enlargement, Dirk Lange confirmed the press conference that they discussed the issue of free trade and liberalisation of the market waiting for the BiH's position on the issue. Igor Davidovic, BiH Chief Negotiator with the EU stated that BiH is close to the final version of the Agreement adding that it has made the list of the products for the concession. <i>"The most important fact is that the Agreement on the free trade will be implemented immediately without previously being ratified"</i> noted Davidovic. Next round of negotiations on SAA would be held on June 13 and 14. Hayat- <i>"We are now entering the essence of the talks; transition periods in terms of specific sectors are being more thoroughly discussed as well as on concessions BiH expects"</i>, said Lange and added that BiH provided the EU representatives with a number of information, including BiH's recommendations in terms of industrial products. The EU team asked for new information on public administration, human rights and police reform. <i>"I am sure each round brings us closer to the SAA"</i>, said Davidovic. Lange added that the EC plans to, within 10 months, evaluate the progress BiH has made and the report should be presented in November 2006. RTRS- Davidovic was satisfied that there were no pressures and new requests by the EC. Lange said that he expects more concrete stance on trade liberalization from BiH. BiH Negotiation Team proposed concession list for industrial and agricultural products. RHB, PINK, FTV- carried similar reports.</p>
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<p>BiH Chief Negotiator Davidovic: we submitted list of products BiH wants to protect</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'Union submitted with list of products we want to protect' by <u>T.Lazovic</u>– Igor Davidovic, BiH Chief Negotiator with the EU stated for DA that negotiations have entered the phase when most serious issues are discussed, issues that would be regulated by future Stabilization and Association Agreement. <i>"Among other issues we talked about concession lists, i.e. industrial and agricultural products that BiH has interest to protect for a certain time after starting of free trade"</i> said Davidovic. Davidovic explained that lists are closed and as it seems, acceptable to both sides. Oslobodjenje cover splash and pg 7 'We are closer and closer to final text of the Agreement' by <u>M.K.S.</u>– Vecernji List pg 2 'BiH asking for concession for agricultural products as well' by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u>, Dnevni List pg 5 'EC is not giving up on three principles' by <u>D.P.Mandic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Finances and Laws for Police to transfer to state level', mentioned on cover by <u>M.Cubro</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Step closer to the Agreement' by <u>Z.Domazet</u>–</p>
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BiH Presidency
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BHT1 By Lejla Zvizdic, Washington – BiH Presidency Chair **Sulejman Tihic** has met the President of World Bank **Paul Wolfowitz** and Executive Director **Jan Willem Van Der Kaaij** in Washington on Friday. At the occasion, Tihic asked for the help of the World Bank in constructing the corridor Vc emphasizing the importance for BiH. It was noted that WB will devise the analytical plan for the construction of corridor Vc adding that the financial help will also be discussed. Tihic also met U.S. Congressman **Christopher Smith** discussing the establishment of the centres for raped women. Reporter reiterated that BiH delegation has met U.S. Vice President, **Dick Cheney** and U.S. State Secretary **Condoleezza Rice** on Thursday in Washington. **PINK-** In a phone statement for PINK talking about the meeting with Rice, Tihic said: *“Purpose of these talks is improvement of the relationship between BiH and US. We talked about BiH way to NATO and EU, fulfilling of the requirements, punishing of the war crime indictees. Special topic of discussion was constitutional reform and steps that we have to take in order to succeed in this process”* **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 ‘Help for construction of the highway asked from the World Bank’, mentioned on cover ‘Wolfowitz supports construction of Corridor Vc’ by A.Malagic, **Vecernji List** pg 2 ‘USA doesn’t give up the constitutional reforms in BiH’ not signed, **Dnevni List** pg 6 ‘World Bank helps construction of Corridor Vc’ by Dn.L., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 ‘USA would support continuance of constitutional changes in BiH’, mentioned on cover by V.Popovic,

<p>US state Department: MPs who voted against proposed constitutional changes fight for status quo</p>	<p>BHT1– In a statement released by the U.S. State Department, it is noted that BiH Parliament's MPs who voted against the proposed amendments to the BiH Constitution are fighting for the status quo. It was noted that U.S. would continue supporting the aspirations of most of the BiH citizens for having the more functional and efficient state as well to support the reforms enabling BiH to become the part of Euro- Atlantic Integrations.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'MPs that voted against amendments fights for status quo' by <u>Fena</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Lobbying for status quo in BiH' by <u>Fena</u>,</p>
<p>Austrian Ambassador Almhofer: EU still interested in BiH constitutional changes</p>	<p>Hayat- Austrian Ambassador to BiH Werner Almhofer attended the session of the Commission for international cooperation of SDA and stated that EU stance on constitutional changes in BiH hasn't changed and that EU is still interested to talk about the issue. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Almhofer: EU expects continuance of the talks' by <u>A.M.</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 2 'EU still in favour of reforms in BiH' by <u>A.Terzic</u>,</p>

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Oslobodjenje addition "Pogled" pgs 4-5 'Work on constitutional changes continues' by Nagorka Idrizovic— In two pages long interview for daily, Chair of BiH House of representatives and Vice-President of HDZ 1990 **Martin Raguz** talked about division within HDZ, stressing that current situation is a result of political disputes. *"Our stance was that basic reasons for changes, beside not recognizing political problems of not only Croats, but all people in BiH, are inappropriate personnel i.e. negative selection of personnel"* said Raguz adding that leadership has lost its trade mark, when it comes to reforms such as of education and PBS reform. Asked about constitutional changes and why are they bad for Croats, Raguz said that they asked for serious debate, considering that Dayton Agreement was created many years ago and it is possible to see weak and strong sides of it. *"Our interest is for this country to be established in democratic way and to get to the new step forward"* adding that they deem that these changes haven't responded in sufficient manner to needs and that procedures weren't simplified, but more complicated [such as election of Presidency]. Explaining their rejection of entity vote, Raguz said: *"These are state institution, within them we all should be in equal position, they should be efficient in order to be able to make autonomy decisions"*. Commenting on the process of constitutional changes, Raguz said that process should be united i.e. first and second phase should and the time needs to be rationalized. *"Because first phase wouldn't mean nothing basic if it doesn't comprehend this asymmetrical, expensive, inefficient and irresponsible internal structure of BiH, as precondition of serious European step forward"* said Raguz, adding that work on constitutional changes would continue right after elections.

<p>RS VP Osmanovic: I would raise issue of SDA relation toward Dodik's Government, due to his radical stances</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Karadzic and Seselj wouldn't be ashamed of Milorad Dodik', mentioned on cover by <u>N.D.</u>— RS Vice-President Adil Osmanovic told DA that latest statements given by RS Prime-Minister Milorad Dodik regarding separation of the RS are so irresponsible and extreme that even Radovan Karadzic and Vojislav Seselj wouldn't be ashamed of them. Osmanovic claims that Dodik has only radicalized the political scene, disregarding the fact that he is in majority composed of other parties then his SNSD. <i>"He hasn't distanced from the radical right nor he learned to separate statements he gives as party leader from those he gives as RS PM. His stances are such that at the next session, I as SDA Vice President would raise the issue of our relation toward Government he leads"</i> said Osmanovic.</p>
<p>HDZ 1990' Ljubic: Lawsuit filed by HDZ vs. HDZ 1990 is an act of a political loser</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'That is a desperate act of a loser', mentioned on cover by <u>F.Vele</u>— HDZ 1990 leader Bozo Ljubic told the press conference in Mostar that registration of the party is legal and undisputable. Commenting of the lawsuit HDZ filed against HDZ 1990, Ljubic said: "I see the lawsuit as a desperate act of a loser, who is trying to disable the competition trough repressive measures because he lost the political game". Asked about chance for coalition with the HDZ and leader Dragan Covic, Ljubic said: <i>"...there are two major problems in that. First is a leadership elected in undemocratic manner and the second is signing of the constitutional changes. If these two things would changes nothing is impossible"</i>. Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Lawsuit is a desperate act of a loser' by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 'Coalition with parties with Croat pre-sign' by <u>Danijela Kozina</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Process of party's registration a done deal' by <u>M.Kr.</u>,</p>

<p>Conf. on allocation of state assets; RS urges passing of the law to remove the ban imposed by former HR</p>	<p>RTRS = At the conference that RS Government organized on topic of allocation of state assets it was stated that RS deems that FBiH side is obstructing the passing of the BiH Law on Allocation of State Assets. Former High Representative Paddy Ashdown banned disposal over the state assets before the Law is passed. BHT1- RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik deems that this issue should solely be included in the Constitution. <i>"Agreement on succession cannot be the basis for the allocation of the property,"</i> added Dodik. BiH Justice Minister Slobodan Kovac deems that the law on succession cannot be consequently implemented but it represents the basis for the prepared projects. PINK- <i>"Some people from FBiH, from Sarajevo try hard to devastate constitutional order in BiH. They try to impose Agreement on succession to be basis for distribution of property. That is not right. That would mean that this building where we are right now belongs to BiH and that we are tenants",</i> said Dodik. Mladen Ivanic, BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs said that foreign debt is divided between entities and that same principle should be applied regarding property.</p>
<p>RS PM Dodik: Referendum in Montenegro to unburden relations between RS and Montenegro</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 7 'Referendum unburdens relation between RS and Montenegro' by <u>NINA</u>– Following the meeting with Montenegrin Prime- Minister Milo Djukanovic in Igalo, RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik said that relations between RS and Montenegro would be much more relaxed after the referendum on Montenegrin independence [to be held on May 21]. Dodik said that he visited <i>"Montenegro in order to give support to democratic and legitimate right of Montenegrin citizens to declare for their way to the future on referendum"</i>.</p>

<p>SNSD: SDS as creator of organized crime trying to prevent RS Government in started reforms</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'SDS is a true creator of organized crime' by <u>V.Popovic</u>– SNSD General Secretary Rajko Vasic told the press conference that SDS is a true creator of organized crime and wants to prevent RS Government to fight it and to establish Special Prosecutor. <i>"Right after his election, SDS tried to destroy his role"</i> said Vasic. He also stressed that SDS is leaving the politics and that their 'media fuss' won't be able to prevent changes that RS Government started. Vasic accused SDS and SDA, domestic and international tax bureaucracy for trying to prevent reforms that RS Government started. <i>"SDS is trying at any cost to prevent Government in intention to save RS from jaws of organized crime, trying at front to create an image in the public about unsuccessful Government's action in this fight"</i> said Vasic. Glas Srpske pg 7 'SDS leaving the scene' by <u>Z.M.</u>–</p>
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Police Reform

EC's Lange: EC expects BiH to adopt police reform based on three EC principles

BHT1- During the third round of negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement held on Friday in Sarajevo, between BiH and the EU, it was noted that the lack of cooperation with ICTY and the issue of police reform might slow down integration process for BiH. Head of Department for West Balkan in EC's General Directorate for Enlargement, **Dirk Lange** warned that EU expects BiH to adopt the police reform based on the three principles [establishment of single police including passing of legislation and budget at the state level, establishment of police free of any political interference and establishment of police regions based on technical criteria].

RTRS- *"In this context, I will repeat that EC still sticks to three principles, which were passed at the end of last year and which were crucial for the establishment of the police reform directorate"*, said Lange.

FTV- It was said that Police reform Directorate should meet at the end of May to discuss the issue.

PINK, Hayat- carried similar reports.

Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'Laws and budgets have to be under state authority' by T.L., **Oslobodjenje** cover splash and pg 7 'We are closer and closer to final text of the Agreement' by M.K.S.— Inset 'EC doesn't give up the principles for the police reform', **Dnevni List** pg 5 'EC is not giving up on three principles' by D.P.Mandic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'Finances and Laws for Police to transfer to state level', mentioned on cover by M.Cubro, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Step closer to the Agreement' by Z.Domazet-

<p>PRD SB member Lisak: RSNA's Recommendation not obligatory for PRD</p>	<p>PINK– Member of the Police Reform Directorate Steering Board, Sead Lisak said that the Recommendation that RS National Assembly passed [RSNA passed it on May 10, under title “Recommendation on model of future police structure in BIH”] does not obligate Police Reform Directorate. According to Lisak, Police Reform Directorate is the only that has a mandate to propose implementation plan for the police reform. Lisak said that after September 30 politics might be involved in this issue in order to reach consensus that RS insists on. Hayat, RTRS– carried. Dnevni List pg 6 ‘Recommendation doesn’t oblige the Directorate’ <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 ‘Parliament’s Recommendation doesn’t oblige the Directorate’ <u>by NN</u>,</p>
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<p>RSNA Speaker Radojicic: PRD cannot work on bases of previous documents, due to the Recommendation RSNA passed</p>	<p>RTRS- RS officials believe that the Police Reform Directorate cannot work on the basis of the Opinion that was passed by the Police Reform Directorate Steering Board [on May 3] due to different Recommendation of RS National Assembly [passed on May 10]. Igor Radojicic, RSNA Speaker demands respect of RSNA opinion that includes minimum of RS interests. <i>"They do not respect RS opinion so the chances to adopt something that they [Police Reform Directorate] propose are none"</i>, said Radojicic. RSNA asked form the PRD to precisely determine the role and competence of RS Interior Ministry. In regard to statement of PRD Steering Board member Sead Lisak, Milorad Dodik, RS Prime Minister believes that Lisak's way of thinking leads to collapse of police reform and that would be much better if there are no members in Police Reform Directorate such as Lisak. Mladen Ivanic, BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs deems that this is Lisak's political stance since Lisak believes that has support of the international community. <i>"I do not know at this point who the negotiator on behalf of the international community is. To whom to talk about the reform?"</i> said Ivanic. According to Ivanic, problem was caused by the appointments of members of PRD SB, during the mandate of former RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic when those members obtained legitimacy in decision making. Democratic Movement of Srpska [DEPOS] believes that RS lost its chance to enable RS Government to continue reform without endangering RS Ministry of Interior. Hayat– carried Radojicic's statement. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'He doesn't care about anything that comes from the RS' by <u>Srna</u>– carries Ivanic and Dodik. Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Only interest of the entity in the RSNA' by <u>Fena</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Parliament's Recommendation doesn't oblige the Directorate' by <u>NN</u>,</p>
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<p>Conference on media and security reforms; BiH HoR Chair Raguz: I doubt that politicians would endanger SAA through police reform</p>	<p>PINK By Zeljko Mandic- Two-day conference "Media and Security Reforms in BiH" is being held in Sarajevo. Issue of police reform was discussed and it was emphasized that only Police Reform Directorate has a mandate to propose implementation plan for the police reform. <i>"Consensus is being mentioned all the time. After September 30 when Police Reform Directorate proposes implementation plan, consensus should be reached by executive and legislative powers. Now, this is the phase in which police officers should be completely independent in order to complete their part of work professionally"</i>, said Sead Lisak, Member of the Police Reform Directorate Steering Board. <i>"I am convinced that solution for the police reform will be found since it is crucial condition for signing Stabilization and Association Agreement...I doubt that politicians would endanger this process"</i>, said Chair of BiH House of Representatives Martin Raguz.RHB, Hayat– also covered. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Crisis because of obstructing of police reform' by Fena– carried Lisak's statement. Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Crisis in police reform is artificial' by Fena, Dnevni List pg 3 'Politicians must not endanger police reform' by D.P.Mandic–</p>
<p>LDS: It is shameful that OHR and OSCE aren't objecting RSNA's Recommendation</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'It is shameful that OHR and OSCE aren't objecting the RSNA Recommendation' by Fena– LDS leader Lamija Tanovic and LDS condemned the Recommendation that RS National Assembly passed in regard to police reform. Seeing this Recommendation as shameful, it was stressed that even more shameful is OSCE and OHR's behaviour on this issue and the fact that they are not objecting the Recommendation. Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Criminals rewarded once more' <u>not signed</u>,</p>

Defence and security issues

<p>Third contingent of BiH soldiers departs for Iraq</p>	<p>BHT1- The third contingent of BiH soldiers departed on Friday night, on the peace mission in Iraq. The group counts 36 soldiers that would be located in Basra within the de-mining squad. Commander of the de-mining team Admir Jusupovic expressed readiness to go on a peace mission to Iraq. Hayat- At the inspection ceremony, it was said that BiH proved its readiness and determination to establish modern military forces, ready to contribute the peace and security in the world. FTV- This mission has been co-financed by U.S. government and BiH state and the monthly payment of the soldier is 5.000KM.RHB, PINK, RTRS- reported. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Third group of BiH soldiers departed for Iraq', mentioned on cover by <u>L.Sinanovic</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Squad for peace building' by <u>A.Prlenda</u>, Vecernjji List pg 2 'New BiH soldiers went to Iraq' by <u>EME</u>, Dnevni List pg 2 'Our soldiers going to dangerous area of Iraq' by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u>- Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Third group of BiH soldiers departed for Iraq', mentioned on cover by <u>D.Muminovic</u>,</p>
<p>Two kilos of unknown type of explosive located in East Sarajevo; explosive left close to elementary school</p>	<p>BHT1- Public Security Centre of East Sarajevo in cooperation with EUFOR has removed 2 kg of the explosive with the clock mechanism. The explosives had been found in garbage near the elementary school in Municipality East Novo Sarajevo after a man called the police informing them of the bomb. Danka Tesic, PSC ES Spokesperson, confirmed that the explosive has been found, denying having the information of the type of the explosive or the information of the perpetrators. She said that EUFOR has been analyzing the type of the explosive in their lab. The investigation is ongoing and it is still unknown at what time the bomb was supposed to explode. Hayat, FTV, RTRS- reported. Dnevni Avaz pg 51 'Two kilos of explosive with clock mechanism located', mentioned on cover by <u>H.C</u>, Nezevisne Novine cover splash 'Bomb near school and prosecution' and pg 15 'Explosive with clock mechanism deactivated' by <u>A.Dacic</u>,</p>

<p>NATO's Gregorian: No base for speculations that weapons was exported illegaly</p>	<p>BHT1– In light of Amnesty International's report on export of the weapons from BiH to Iraq [where speculates that weapons ended up elsewhere and possibly in wrong hands], London daily The Guardian published that Pentagon has been using the private BIH companies' network for exporting the weapons to Iraq in last two years adding that even one of the companies has been put on the U.S. and UN's black lists. Commenting these claims Political Advisor to the Commander in the NATO's Headquarters in Sarajevo, Raffi Gregorian, stated, <i>"all such movement has to be regulated according to the laws and regulations in BIH. There are no bases for suspecting that the weapons had been transported to some other location than noted because it was conducted through legal network"</i>. According to the AI's report had been transported thorough TuzlaAirport and PlocePort.</p> <p>Antonio Prlenda, military analyst for Sarajevo Daily Oslobodjenje, stated that this situation is not surprising because of the contracts signed with the Foreign Army Troops that include that for some issues BIH Authorities do not have to be informed. Hayat– Gregorian, member of the BiH Defense Reform Commission, says that the exporting was carried out in line with regulations and procedures. <i>"I have not seen AI's report but I am aware that moving of military equipment in BiH has been regulated by instructions given by parties and supervised by SFOR and EUFOR. Such transfers were carried out as instructed by political parties and in line with the BiH laws"</i>, says Gregorian and adds that such allegations on illegal weapon transport were unfounded. <i>"BiH Defence Ministry has not been submitted any such information and I do not know whether something like that really happened"</i>, says BiH Deputy Defence Minister Enes Becirbasic. RTRS– carried similar report. Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Defence Ministry can only give the opinion' by <u>L.S.</u>– Deputy Defence Minister Marina Pendes talked about AI report saying: <i>"Ministry can't comment on writing of certain agencies. But what needs to be said is that when it comes to licences for export or weapon trafficking MoD is only one institution in a line, we are only those that give opinions"</i>. Oslobodjenje pg 4-5 'Export in accordance to BiH laws' by <u>A.P.</u>, Dnevni List cover splash and pg 8 'Weapons smuggled for Saddam Hussein as well' by <u>Anja Krajinovic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'Weapons arrived to Iraq from BiH trough firms from the black list of USA and UN' by <u>N.N.</u>,</p>
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Naturalized citizens obligated to submit relevant documents	Vecernji List pg 3 'Annulling of citizenships to follow' by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u> – BiH Commission tasked to conduct an audit over naturalized citizens i.e. those that received their citizenship in period April 1992 to January 1, 2006 has submitted a general invitation to all concerned parties to submit documents on registering into BiH citizenship. All that doesn't comply with this demand could have citizenships annulled automatically.
EUPM takes over coordination in fighting the organized crime	RHB – EUFOR Commander Gian Marco Chiarini and Head of EUPM Vincenzo Coppola have signed a Document, which establishes the frame for further cooperation of these organizations in their efforts to help BiH in fight against organized crime. Accordingly, as of June 1 EUPM would take over leadership in coordinating all aspects of fight against organized crime. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'As of June 1 EUPM takes over coordination in fight against organized crime' by <u>Fena</u> , Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Support to BiH in fight against crime' by <u>Fena</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Joint fight against crime' by <u>N.N.</u> ,
Four candidates applies for vacancy for appointment of new RS Police Director	Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Four candidates applied for Andan's successor' by <u>N.D</u> – Chair of the Independent Board for election of RS Police Director, Ilija Lukic said DA that four candidates have applied the vacancy for appointment of new RS Police Director, which would inherent the function of Dragomir Andan . Lukic said that the Board would wait for another seven days, <i>"After that goes the interviews, evaluations and vetting procedures, opinion of the authorized ministry and final stance of the RS Government"</i> . Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Four candidates for RS Police Director' by <u>D.R.</u> , Glas Srpske pg 2 'Four candidates applied' by <u>V.J.</u> –

War crimes

Sarajevo
Cantonal
Prosecutor
Sljivar; all
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in Sarajevo

Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Bidding is not helpful in searching the truth' and pg 5 'We are conducting investigation against 1.300 suspected for war crimes' by Edina Sarac– In interview for DA, Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor **Branko Sljivar** reminded that even 13 years ago, when no one could even dream that BiH prosecution would be established one day, war crimes were prosecuted in Sarajevo. *"We are currently conducting investigation against 1.300 people suspected for war crimes in 81 cases.. Apprehensions of suspects, conducted on the RS territory and two years ago and the last three were conducted based on the cases that this Prosecution did,"* said Sljivar. Talking about missing Serbs in Sarajevo, Sljivar said: *"Biding with number of victims is not helpful in searching for Sarajevo missing Serbs. Instead for Commissions and Association to quarrel, I invite them, especially those from the RS, to submit data and document they dispose with in order to get to the truth, which is a common goal".*

<p>ICTY Spokesperson Nikiforov: ICTY cooperation is international obligation and has to be respected</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 13 'BiH Court would have to protect witnesses' by <u>L.Sinanovic</u>– Talking for DA, Spokesperson of ICTY Chief Prosecutor Anton Nikiforov reiterated once more that cooperation with the ICTY is an international obligation that has to be respected. <i>"For example, when it comes to [Radovan] Karadzic and [Stojan] Zupljanin we always insisted that only common effort from SCG and BiH could lead to the arrest. But that is not all. Key archive material has gone missing from the RS..."</i> said Nikiforov adding that ICTY doesn't care if these documents are in Serbia or in private hands. Commenting the work of BiH Court, Nikiforov said that they have good cooperation, but that as any new institution it has difficulties. <i>"That is why is necessary for BiH Court to have full support...It is up to the Court to provide witness protection and sometimes that is not simple even in The Hague"</i> said Nikiforov.</p>
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<p>HR CSS stressed that RS Commission is obligated to respect Human Right Chamber's decision on Palic case</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Palic is one of our priorities' by <u>E.Kamenica</u>– According to daily's source from the OHR, Chair of FBiH Commission for Missing Amor Masovic wrote the High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling asking for the exhuming of Avdo Palic [Member of BiH Army gone missing in Zepa area and the HR tasked the RS Government's Commission to find his remains] to be conducted by this Commission which was refused. As daily writes Schwarz- Schilling reminded to specificities of this case, specialty because RS is obligated by the Human Right Chamber to locate Palic's remains and his murderers. Schwarz- Schilling also reminded Masovic that Palic's wife has appointed two members of FBiH Commission to attend exhuming. Inset 'Dodik and Dupor'- Daily's source claims that Chair of RS Government's Commission Milan Dupor and RS PM Milorad Dodik have talked about Palic case on Friday and that even though exhuming is announced for May 15 that would not happen.</p>
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Reaction to Reis Ceric's statement

<p>Bishop Conference surprised with Reis Ceric's statement</p>	<p>RHB– Cardinal Vinko Puljic said that during his visit to USA he did not speak negatively about Muslims, but that he spoke about new streams, which oppose the Muslims' spirit and culture in BiH. Commenting the Grand Mufti Mustafa Effendi Ceric's statement, BiH Bishop Conference Secretary General Ivo Tomasevic said it should be necessary for Effendi to speak about attempts to impose a kind of a radical Islam, which opposes Muslim's spirit in BiH. Tomasevic said that religious differences should be respected and that all religious leaders should work together on making all of them equal. <i>"I am surprised with such a reaction, which is unfounded, since Effendi Ceric and Cardinal Puljic know each other for a long period of time and they are well introduced to their stances"</i>, says Tomasevic. Dnevni List pg 6 'Cardinal talked about reality we live in' by <u>A.Beus</u>,</p>
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<p>RHB: Reis Cerić wants unitary state, disrespecting rights of Croats and Serbs</p>	<p>RHBBy Ivica Simunovic – IN a weekly comment <u>Simunovic</u> says that the European Comment has become a world leader by promoting appreciation of differences, tolerance and rights of minorities, and adds that it is rather strange that words such as apartheid and segregation are being often mentioned in BiH, the heart of Europe. <u>Simunovic</u> furthermore says that such words are being used by BiH leaders, as well as the Grand Mufti Mustafa Effendi Cerić, which comes out as the result of Croats' insisting on their children being educated in Croatian language, which makes SDA members 'angry'. <u>Simunovic</u> says that Cerić supports idea of unitary BiH, disrespecting Serbs and Croats, as well as their cultures, traditions, customs, saying that there is only Bosnia and Bosniaks.</p>
<p>DA carries Cardinal Puljić's interview to CAN</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'What did Cardinal Puljić said in Washington' by <u>MINA</u>– MINA carried interview that Cardinal Vinko Puljić gave the Catholic News Agency and which can be found on www. catholicnews. com- by the author Regina Linskey. Cardinal Puljić said: <i>"Catholics in BiH feel the pressure, danger and discrimination from unjust political system and from Muslims, financially supported by Islamic countries"</i>, adding that successful dialogue between Croats and Muslims depend on <i>'political situation'</i>.</p>

<p>Croat Inmates have proofs that BiH Army had about 200 camps for Croats</p>	<p>Vecernji List cover splash and pg 3 'Army has had 200 camps for Croats' by <u>Zoran Kresic</u>– Reacting to the statement of Reisu-l-ulema Mustafa Effendi Ceric who said that BiH Army didn't have any prisoner camps for Croats, Chair of Association of Croat Inmates Mirko Zelenika said that Association has documents proving that BiH Army has had about 200 camps for Croats. Zelenika adds that 60 camps were on territory of Hercegovina- Neretva Canton. <i>"I am surprised that Reis Ceric is entering areas where his arguments can't hold on. His evaluations are of political manner"</i> said Zelenika.</p>
<p>Mostar Major offended by Ceric's statement; Mostar is the only multiethnic city in BiH</p>	<p>Vecernji List cover splash and pg 3 'Army has had 200 camps for Croats' by <u>Zoran Kresic</u>, Inset "Mostar is the only multiethnic city in BiH'- Reacting to Ceric's statement about apartheid, Mostar Major Ljubo Beslic said that these are vicious statement with untrue approach. "Statement that there is apartheid in act in Mostar toward Boosniaks is undermining efforts of establishment of coexistence...Mostar is the only multiethnic city in BiH, which is very simple to prove..." said Beslic.</p>

Economic issues

<p>RS PM to solve Prijedor Mira factory problems</p>	<p>Glas Srpeske cover splash 'Mira finally breathing' by <u>D.Bulic</u>– RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik visited Prijedor and promised that the Government, along with the Municipality would do everything trying to solve the property-legal issues of cookie factory 'Mira', whose majority owner is Zagreb based factory 'Kras'.</p>
<p>BiH Transporters unsatisfied with Causevic and Dixon treatment of thir industry</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 5 'Ignoring relation from Causevic and Dixon' by <u>R.D.</u>– Assembly of Association of BiH International Transporters within BiH Foreign Trade Chamber is dissatisfied with the relation of Indirect Taxation Administration, regarding their problems with issues concerning implementation of VAT on merchandise import. After addressing ITA several times, Association addressed ITA Director Kemal Causevic and Chair of the ITA Steering Board Joly Dixon, but again remained without any response. Association believes that it is necessary to write instructions or directives for transporters to follow.</p>