OHR BiH Media Round-up, 13/6/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 13 June

BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	**RTRS** (12,00 hrs)
BiH CoM establish Sarajevo Comm.	Int. Econ. Forum inSt Petersburg
Zelenovic to enter a plea on Tuesday	Zelenovic to enter plea
Symposium of insurance companies	Kirkuk attacks

TV news broadcast on 12 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
Broadcasting signal interrupted	EU Ministers had meeting in Lux.	Mittal Steel workers froze strike
	Tihic met with the Ambassadors	Warning strike of health workers
	Becirbasic on BiH Armed Forces	Protest of Krivaja workers
	Strike of steel companies' workers	Feature on strikes in BiH

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
'Mittal' veterans protest in Sarajevo	Regional news: Albania signs SAA	EU Ministers had meeting
Health workers in warning protest	EU on situation in BiH	230 million KM taken away from SRJ

DIB cancels credit transactions	Mittal Steel workers froze strike	Robinson testified
Robinson testified in Mandic case	Report on coal mine Tusnica	Trial to Delalic continues

Oslobodjenje	[FBiH experts warn] FBiH lost 1.3 billion KM in its own firms
Dnevni Avaz	[EU Council of Ministers] EUFOR also needed after 2006
Dnevni List	Lethal medicine in the pharmacies [*dangerous asthma inhalators in BiH pharmacies*]
Vecernji List	Sports related headline
Slobodna Dalmacija	Sports related headline
Nezavisne Novine	Strikes shaking F BiH *[three protests of workers held in Sarajevo on Monday]*
Glas Srpske	Poor people got the worst of it
EuroBlic	Every tenth marriage facing a divorce
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
BiH CoM to establish Sarajevo Commission on Wed/Thu	**BH Radio 1** – Deputy BiH Minister for Human Rights **Ivica Marinovic** confirmed for radio that all preparations for establishing the Commission on suffering of Serbs, Croats, Bosniaks, Jews and others in Sarajevo during the war time are about to end. Marinovic said that BiH Council of Ministers is to establish the Commission on Wednesday or Thursday.

War crimes	
EU Foreign Affairs Ministers called for arrest of Mladic and Karadzic, welcome Zelenovic's extradition	**PINK –** The EU Foreign Ministers held a meeting on Monday in Luxemburg and decided to recognize the independence of Montenegro. Albania signed Stabilization and Association Agreement with the EU. Ratification of this agreement might take several years. EU Ministers brought decision to start talks on Turkey's entrance to EU since Cyprus withdrew its requests regarding Turkey. In terms of BiH, EU Ministers called on the arrest of the war crime indictees, especially **Ratko Mladic** and **Radovan Karadzic**. EU believes that the arrest of the war crimes indictees would contribute to the reconciliation process in the Western Balkans. EU Ministers welcomed a decision of the BiH Court to extradite **Dragan Zelenovic**, war crimes indictee to the ICTY. **FTV** – Ministers deem that the European presence in BiH has contributed to the significant progress BiH has made during last few years, especially in the field of economy, security and political stability. They stressed that BiH, as a potential candidate for the admission into the EU, participated in the process of Stabilisation and Association. EU Foreign Affairs Ministers underlined the importance of the police reform, as well as the support EU provides in the fight against organised crime. **BHT1, RTRS, Dnevni List** pg 3 'EUFOR stay next year as well' not signed, **Vecernji list** pg 4 'EUFOR in BiH for another six months' by F, **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Karadzic and Mladic must be brought to justice', not signed, **Dnevni Avaz** cover splash, pg 2 'EUFOR also needed after 2006' inset 'Extradition of Zelenovic greeted', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'They appealed for arresting of Hague fugitives' by Agencies – also covered.

British Foreign Affairs Minister Hoon congratulated for extradition of Zelenovic	**Dnevni List** pg 3 'Congratulations for Zelenovic, others are waited for' not signed, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Hoon greeted to swift extradition of Zelenovic' by FENA, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'He congratulated on Zelenovic, asked for Karadzic and Mladic' by Srna, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'He congratulated for extradition of Zelenovic' by Srna – British Minister of Foreign Affairs **Geoff Hoon** on Monday congratulated to BiH authorities for a fast extradition of **Dragan Zelenovic** to the Hague Tribunal and appealed for extradition of remaining fugitives, especially **Radovan Karadzic** and **Ratko Mladic.** Minister Hoon reminded in a press statement that the full cooperation with ICTY was both an international obligation and pre-requisite for closer relations with EU and NATO.

ICTY Prosecution in contact with RS institutions regarding intrusions into FRY monetary system; allegedly money used for protection of Karadzic	**BHT1-** The ICTY Prosecution is in contact with the RS authorities, because of the investigation regarding the money RS Government took by intrusions into the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's monetary system in 1997. ICTY Spokesperson **Anton Nikiforov** confirmed on Monday the money was used for protecting and hiding the ICTY fugitives. Nezavisne Novine published on Monday that the ICTY had launched an investigation on BAM 230 million RS took in 1997 through breaches in the monetary system of then SR Yugoslavia. **Hayat –** "*If there are assets provided for financing the ICTY indictees at large, we would like to find them and block them*" noted Nikiforov. **RTRS –** It is suspected these resources were used to support **Radovan Karadzic**. "*We are in contact with the RS competent institutions regarding their investigation*", said Nikiforov adding he police undertakes investigation. The RS Interior Minister **Stanislav Cadjo** did not want to reveal any details on the issue: "*As a part of its activities to fight corruption and organized crime, the RS MoI undertakes different things … and this is all I could tell you at this point*." **Svetlana Cenic,** former RS Finance Minister told RTRS that **Momcilo Mandic** delivered some decisions of **Gojko Klickovic**'s [former RS Prime Minister, in time when alleged intrusions occurred] government to the **OHR**. Cenic said she that participated at that meeting as mediator. "*At the meeting with the OHR, Mr. Mandic gave those documents and explained that good deal of those resources was used to protect Radovan Karadzic*", said Cenic. She also said that at the time she was the Finance Minister she asked many times about 6 million KM assigned from 'Privredna Bank East Sarajevo' by Klickovic's Government to support of Radovan Karadzic, but she has never got an answer. Adding that she had the opportunity to see the documents that Mandic presented to the OHR but she could not say whether those documents referred to the protection of Karadzic or loan for the reconstruction of Eastern Sarajevo, Cenic stressed that former representatives of authorities in FRY and its Central Bank have the answer to these questions.

Bosniak Liaison officer with ICTY says if RS authorities had wanted, they would have investigated the biggest thefts of all in RS in nine years	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 'RS authorities could have resolved the biggest theft if they had wanted to' by E.Sarac – Commenting on the Hague investigation regarding RS intrusion into FRY monetary system, **Amir Ahmic,** Bosniak Liaison Officer with ICTY, says that it is al old story, reminding that **Momcilo Mandic,** former RS justice minister, spoke of it during witness stand in the Hague. In a statement to daily, he notes that the aim of this story is not to locate **Radovan Karadzic** but instead for exclusively sake of internal disputes in RS, stressing that if the desire had existed, the biggest theft of all in RS would have been investigated during the last nine years.
Zelenovic to enter his plea; if pleads not guilty to return to BiH Court	**RTRS-** ICTY indictee **Dragan Zelenovic,** who has been transferred from the BiH Court to The Hague on Saturday, will appear for the first time before The Hague Tribunal. Zelenovic is suspected for war crimes in Foca in 1992 and 1993, specifically for torturing of prisoners and raping. Zelenovic's case will be returned to BiH if Zelenovic pleads not guilty. **PINK, BHT1-** also covered. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'Dragan Zelenovic before ICTY Judges today' by Sense–
Trial to Delalic postponed; witnesses from Zvornik and Belgrade didn't appear	**BHT1**– The continuation of the court trial before Cantonal Court Sarajevo in the case of **Ramiz Delalic** aka '**Celo**', who is indicted for killing of attendee of a Serb wedding, **Nikola Gardovic** in March 1992 [which has been referred to by Bosnian Serbs as a beginning of war in Sarajevo] has been postponed once again due to failure of witnesses to appear. Two witnesses of the prosecution, Orthodox priests **Radenko Mijovic** from Zvornik and **Jovan Gazovic** from Belgrade were not able to come to Sarajevo on Monday, due to a religious holiday. **PINK, RTRS-** also covered.

Six former BiH Army members plead not guilty for crimes in Vares	**Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 8 'Croats viciously tortured', mentioned on cover, by Ivica Milesic – Before the pre-trail judge in Zenica Cantonal Court, **Faik Spahic**, six members of former BiH Army pleaded not guilty to the indictment which accuses them of the war crimes committed in Vares municipality against imprisoned members of the former HVO [Croat Defence Council]. All of them – **Sabahudin Operta**, **Muharem Frljak**, **Memsudin Operta**, **Mirsad Siljak**, **Muris Ajanovic** and **Alija Cizmo** – have disputed all counts of the indictment raised by the Prosecutor **Branimir Tomas**. Date of the trial is to be set later.
Disagreement between Chief Prosecutor and ICTY judges	**Oslobodjenje** pg 8 'Del Ponte requests more power, judges request shortening of cases' not signed – A new discord arises between the ICTY judges and Chief Prosecutor **Carla del Ponte** related to speeding up trials and the deadline for winding down ICTY, it is stated in a report by IWPR (Institute for War and Peace Reporting). Del Ponte strongly contests the new amendment to the ICTY Regulations according to which the judges are entitled to instruct the Prosecutor's Office to select the indictment points, which would be tried before the court because *"that would bring into question her independence"*. Del Ponte's spokesman **Anton Nikiforov** said he did not expect the new amendments to affect the two big indictments against 9 Bosnian Serb officers charged with genocide in Srebrenica and 7 political officials and officers charged with mass deportations and killings in Kosovo whose trials are slated to start within weeks. He added that *"to 'shorten' indictments would be seen as unjust by those already tried''*. Del Ponte also announced she would request the Security Council that her staff be allowed to apprehend suspects. This last request was described by **Vitalij Curkin**, a Russian delegate, as '*fantasy*'.

Security, judiciary, defence and police reforms

EU Foreign Ministers extend EUFOR's mandate for another six months	**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash, pg 2 'EUFOR also needed after 2006' by S.Numanovic – Conclusions EU Council of Ministers adopted also reads the number of EU troops deployed in BiH would remain the same until the end of year, and the mandate to be extended onto 2007. In this context, the Recommendation of EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy **Javier Solana**and HR **Christian Schwarz Schilling**, not only regarding EUFOR but also EUPM were accepted, confirming EUPM has a leading role in coordinating police activities at fight against organized crime in BiH. **BHT 1**, **RTRS, FTV,Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Karadzic and Mladic must be brought to justice', not signed, **Vecernji list** pg 4 'EUFOR in BiH for another six months' by F, **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'EUFOR stays in BiH six more months' by AFP, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'They appealed for arresting of Hague fugitives' by Agencies Inset 'EUFOR stays in BiH next six months' by AFP – also covered.

PB ES' Provisional Administrator Robinson: RS Government, agencies, municipalities, clients from Cyprus and Virgin Islands were major clients of PB ES by 1998	**RTRS** by Radan Skipina – The Provisional Administrator of the 'Privredna Bank East Sarajevo' **Toby Robinson** testified before the BiH Court on Monday at the trial against **Momcilo Mandic, Milovan Bjelica**, **Milorad Govedarica** and **Mirko Sarovic,** who are indicted for financial embezzlements in PB ES and criminal deeds trough fictive companies "Spektra' and 'Matres'. OHR partially released Robinson from business confidentiality, however she was not stripped of diplomatic immunity. According to Robinson, at the time when she took the position of the Provisional Administrator of PB ES, this bank was not liquid and had no capital. Robinson added that this bank was giving loans without guarantees to people that were associated with the bank, which have never been returned. Talking about many abuses and violations of the laws on banking, Robinson said that the RS Government, agencies, municipalities, clients from Cyprus and Virgin Islands were the major clients of this bank by 1998. Robison added that even Chinese transferred 63 million KM to China through this bank. Testifying about fictive companies, which were taking loans from the bank and never returned them, Robinson says that she believes that those resources were used for the SDS pre-election campaign in 1998 and illegal buying of the shares of this bank. Robinson said that Milovan Bjelica confirmed this to her. Trial along with Robinson's testimony would continue on Tuesday. **BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni List** pg 7 'Mandic laundered money trough Chinese' by E.Mackic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 '"Black cash register" with BAM 3 million' by N.J., **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 'Toby Robinson testified without taking an oath' by A.S., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'PB ES done business with 13 fictitious firms from F BiH' by A. Djozo– also covered.

BiH Presidency to decide on future Armed Forces' structure by end of June	**RTRS, PINK-** BiH deputy Defence Minister, **Enes Becirbesic**, announced during the meeting with the BiH Ambassador to Romania, Poland and Qatar, **Branko Neskovic, Zoran Skenderija** and **Azra Kalajdzisalihovic** respectively, that the BiH Presidency should bring decision by the end of June on future structure of the BiH Armed Forces and the locations of units. Becirbesic added that there is surplus of around 2000 members of the BiH Armed Forces who will receive a settlement from the NATO Trust Fund. **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'NATO has changed relation toward BiH' not signed, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'NATO has changed relation toward BiH' by Agencies – *"About half a year ago, NATO has changed its relation towards our country and we are no longer beginners, but we also participate… in improvement of the cooperation and adoption of NATO standards,"* said Becirbasic.

Daily on defence reform: Will Brcko District get Army?	**Oslobodjenje** pg 6 'Will Brcko get Army[?]' by A. P. – While talks between Defence Ministry and BiH Presidency on future organisation of Armed Forces are still ongoing, the question whether any of command offices or units would be seated in Brcko District had been launched. Daily carries that under the Brcko District Statute the city is de-militarised zone, which however does not refer to a possibility of having state units or civil service. As according to information, which was neither confirmed nor denied by Brcko District Government by Monday afternoon, local authorities would not mind if BiH Armed Forces had some of its formations in the territory of the District. A well informed source told daily that even international representatives are showing their interest in this scenario. However, this interest is not shared by the leading political parties, which are also involved in defence reform. Similar situation had occurred in past when local authorities of Brcko had offered facilities for seats of OSA and SIPA in Brcko.

PRD SB to discuss objections to model and schematics of state level police organization on June 21	**Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'No major objections on state level of police organization' by Az.Kalamujic – The Police Reform Directorate Steering Board would meet on June 21 in Sarajevo to discuss objections to model and scheme of the police structure at the state level. Head of the PRD SB **Vinko Dumancic** reminded that PRD's Executive Body has presented model of the state and local levels of police organization at the session held at the end of May, whereas local level was not entirely defined and members were given 10 days to submit their objections and proposals. Head of the Executive Body, **Taib Spahic,** told daily that three members of the PRD SB have submitted the objections, which include State Border Service Director Dumancic, FBiH Police Director **Zlatko Miletic** and Brcko District Police Director **Milenko Milicevic.** *"None of them had some general objections to the model of police structure in BiH; [their objections] most propose some changes of the technicalities and locations for certain police institutions"* said Spahic.
CoM to discuss draft strategy on fight against organized crime at one of its next sessions	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 5 'BiH losing 1.5 billion Euros per year over tax evasions' by M. Cubro – Draft strategy on fight against organised crime and corruption, which BiH CoM will discuss at one of forthcoming sessions, reads BiH loses 1,5 billion Euros per year due to tax evasions and debts. The draft strategy foresees strengthening of state institutions for financial investigations and confiscation of illegally acquired property. CoM Chair **Adnan Terzic** on Monday confirmed the draft strategy was developed and will be discussed soon, because it is one of pre-requisites for faster integration to EU.

HJPC rejected RS Govt's draft law on fight against organised crime	**EuroBlic** pg RS3 'Nothing without vacancy' by Tijana Veselinovic – HJPC Chair **Branko Peric** confirmed HJPC had rejected RS Government's draft law on fight against organised crime, which foresaw establishing of a special prosecutor's office. He explained HJPC could not have accepted the proposal that the prosecutors should be selected without vacancy notices and he announced he would meet RS Minister of Justice **Omer Visic** to finally harmonise provisions of laws on fight against organised crime.

Economic issues	
Mittal Steel employees protest in front of FBiH Govt building, freeze hunger strike for 7 days giving Govt time to find solutions	**BHT1** by Mirela Cosic – Demobilised veterans employed in Mittal Steel and Zeljezara Zenica companies on Monday gathered outside the FBiH Government building in Sarajevo, continuing their protest because they were not allowed to participate in a distribution of 596 company-owned apartments. FBiH Minister for Veterans and Disabled Soldiers of Patriotic War, **Zahid Crnkic**, was the only one to address the veterans; on behalf of the FBiH Government, he invited the delegation of protesters to talks with the FBiH Prime Minister **Ahmet Hadzipasic** and competent ministers. After almost two hours of negotiations with the Government representatives, protesters decided to temporarily freeze hunger strike; however, if FBiH Government fails to find a solution for their problems in the course of next seven days, Mittal Steel workers will resume their hunger strike, explained president of the Association of Mittal Steel Veterans **Nermin Sarvan**.The meeting of Mittal Steel management, Trade Union and Association of Mittal Steel Veterans, with the representatives of FBiH Government, is scheduled for Tuesday; Municipal authorities in Zenica will be recommended to stop the eviction of people who live in apartments owned by Zeljezara Zenica, at least until the end of negotiations. **PINK, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List** pg 3 'Baricades and special forces welcomed the protesters' by Mensud Zorlak, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 9 'Hunger strike frozen, solution in seven days' by Se.Muslic **Dnevni Avaz**pg 6 'Workers temporarily ceased hunger strike' by S.Sehercehajic, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'Strikes shaking F BiH' and pg 3 'Doctors want higher salaries and compensations' by R. Rakic, 'They halted hunger strike for seven days' by M. Rener and 'They demand for return of factory building' by M. R. – reported.

Report on privatization in FBiH: privatisation blocked: 1.3 billion KM of state capital lost	**BHT1** by Sanita Lisica-Biberovic, Tanja Alavuk – The participants of the round table on privatisation process were informed that in a period from 1999 to 2005 about 1030 companies have been privatised in the FBiH. BHT reports comments that the companies bought by the foreign investors are reasonably successful, while those bought by small stockholders have mostly gone bankrupt. Experts believe that 2006 could be the most difficult year for the privatisation process in the FBiH, especially since there are no adequate laws to regulate this field. Small stockholders own about 450 companies in FBiH; most of those companies have already gone bankrupt, or work on the verge of bankruptcy. "*I'm dissatisfied with effects of the privatisation, as new owners are not capable of restructuring their companies and launching production. A great number of those companies will go bankrupt*", stated Director of the FBiH Privatisation Agency, **Resad Zutic**. New changes to the Law on Privatisation would speed up this process in FBiH; however, the Parliament still has yet not adopted those changes. "*Since it is a very serious issue, I'm not sure if this pre-election time is the right time to discuss it*", stated the FBiH House of Representatives MP **Husein Nanic**. "*I think there are huge political barriers to privatisation, and this Government – which made the corrections in the privatisation process almost impossible with their passive behaviour – bears a great deal of responsibility for all those negative things in the field of privatisation*", concluded Director of Sarajevo Economic Institute **Anto Domazet**. Members of Transparency International warned that the state is not capable of operating companies, as the state itself is corrupted. **FTV-** Many domestic experts supported the idea of selling the state capital funds on stock market, which proved to be a good idea in RS and neighbouring countries. "*If radical steps are not made, I predict a 'privatisation hole' which could last up to two years – which means that there would be no improvements in this process*", concluded Director of the Sarajevo Stock Exchange [SASE] **Zlatan Dedic**. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5, announced on cover 'Privatisation of strategic companies is blocked' by M.Kukan – Zutic warned that last week's failure of FBiH Parliament to adopted Changes and addenda to Law on Privatisation blocked the privatisation of strategic companies, hence destiny of companies like "Agrokomerc", "Krivaja", "Hepok", "Aluminij", "Energoinvest" remain uncertain. **Oslobodjenje**cover splash, pgs 4-5 'FBiH lost 1.3 billion KM in its own firms' by Alda Omeragic – Daily carries that while the experts have also invited the representatives of the authorities, nobody attended discussion. **Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pgs 4-5 'FBiH lost 1.3 billion KM in its own firms' by Alda Omeragic– As daily carries, in last six years FBiH has lost 1.3 billion KM of state capital in its own companies, showing as a lousy owner, though authorities are constantly talking about protection of state assets. **PINK, Hayat,Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'Changes to laws needed for continuation of privatisation' by M. Rener– also carried.

ITA satisfied with VAT collection, Head of RS Chamber of Commerce and RS NA delegate warn poor population suffer because of it	**Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Poor people got the worst of it' by D. Vrhovac Mihajlovic – Head of ITA Communications Department **Ratko Kovacevic** has stated ITA is satisfied with the way in which reform of tax system in BiH is being implemented. On the other hand, Head of RS Chamber of Commerce **Mladen Micic** says the positive thing about VAT introduction were revenues that are being collected to the budget, however, the presence of grey economy is still noticeable and prices grew significantly, which affected the poorest population. Inset 'Pensioners' – Delegate of RS Pensioners' Party at RS NA **Ruza Nikic** also noted VAT affected primarily pensioners and unemployed people and added she would suggest that a part of funds collected from VAT to be distributed among these categories of the population.
IMF visits BiH: New warnings for decrease of public spending are expected	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'New warnings for decrease of public spending are expected' by T.Lazovic – Daily carries that International Monetary Fund [IMF] will open consultations with BiH institutions on Tuesday, aiming to get familiar with economic and financial situation of BiH state and issue its remark and recommendations in form of official document. Head of IMF Department for BiH **Dimitri Demekas** and his associates will hold meetings with all relevant state and entity officials in next two weeks. DA learns that IMF will take special attention on control of budget spending and strengthening of fiscal discipline, adding that new warnings for increase of public spending are expected. Author reminds that IMF report is one of the most relevant information sources among investors. IMF will also meet with representatives of all state funds [pensions and health care] and BiH Trade Union President **Edhem Biber**. Daily carries that IMF will also meet officials of HDZ 1990, adding that this party stated they do not know anything about these allegations.
DA op-ed: Vc corridor a paradigm of failure of local authorities	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'Corridor as a soap opera' op-ed by Sead Numanovic – Commenting on the procedure of construction of the 5C corridor highway through BiH, the editorial describes the project as a paradigm of failure of the local authorities because 5C is the only project implemented without international community. Instead of 30 km per year as previously promised by a local politician, BiH has had 8.5 km of highway built in 3.5 years for which there are countless excuses such as land ownership, tender documentation, absence of necessary laws, etc. *"Of course, when there are no arguments, there is ethnic rhetoric. Others (e. g. Serbs)are to blame for us not having a freeway. Let's take that is the case! Then who is to blame for the chaos in and around Sarajevo? Why don't we have at least a 'motorway' to Tuzla and Mostar. 'There aren't many Serbs there', to paraphrase somebody,"* editorial reads.

Political issues: referendum, elections, etc.

BiH Presidency Tihic met with EU Ambassadors, discussing BiH approaching EU	**PINK, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Tihic held working meeting with EU Ambassadors' by Fena – BiH Presidency Chair **Sulejman Tihic** held meeting with the EU Ambassadors in Sarajevo on Monday. Tihic and Ambassadors discussed requirements for BiH's approach to the EU. The meeting was initiated by Austrian Ambassador **Werner Almhofer** since Austria is finishing its mandate as presiding of the EU. **Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'What did ambassadors tell Tihic?' by R.I., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Talks on admission' by N. N – also covered.

BHT1: BiH and Serbia remain only two in the region outside EU integration	**BHT1**by Marina Martinovic – Since all countries in the region made a significant progress in negotiations with the EU, Martinovic comments this leaves BiH and Serbia as the only two countries in the region still outside this process of the European integration. BiH still has to fulfil two basic conditions if it wants to sign the Stabilization and Association Agreement: it must fully implement police reform, and adopt the law on Public Broadcasting Service [PBS], which is currently before the FBiH Constitutional Court. "*I believe that this procedure [regarding PBS Law] will be completed by the end of July, which means that the police reform will remain the biggest question*", stated BiH Council of Ministers Chair **Adnan Terzic**. Despite all the obstacles, BiH representatives deem that the talks on SAA with the European Union are going as planned, even though BiH will probably have to speed up the reform processes if it want to sign SAA. "*There is a very clear message from the EC, that the talks cannot be completed and the SAA signed if the reform processes are not carried out at the same time*", stated Director of the BiH Directorate of European Integration **Osman Topcagic**. BiH officials deem that BiH will sign SAA by the end of the year; on the other hand, according to BHT reporter, many analysts believe that it is a very optimistic prognosis, partially because EU would not want to rush with the new enlargement.

RS PM Dodik in Russia to meet Foreign Minister Lavrov; told Spiegel that referendum in RS would refer only to status of the RS	**RTRS –** RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik** arrived to Russia to attend the International Economic Forum. Dodik is supposed to meet with **Sergey Lavrov**, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday in St. Petersburg. Talking for German based 'Spiegel', Dodik said that the referendum in RS would refer to the status of RS only not to association with Serbia. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Referendum in RS would not refer to accession to Serbia' by ONASA, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Serbs in BiH do not want to be discriminated' by Beta, **EuroBlic** pg RS2 'Not enough of marketing, even less of reality' by Rajna Radosavljevic Inset 'Dodik: for Dayton BiH' – In an interview to Spiegel, Dodik said that "*the international protectorate over BiH must end as soon as possible*", stressing that Serbs in BiH do not want to be discriminated and keep listening that RS has been established illegally and on the foundation of genocide. On this he has noted: "*If these references do not stop, we must think of our own path. One of possibilities is referendum. We cannot accept our authorities keep reducing. High Representative to BiH has greater powers than Austrian Czar used to have.*" **Spiegel** – Commenting Bosniak's politics in BiH, Dodik stated: "*In the reality, we are here dealing with Muslim nationalism, that can swiftly turn into fundamentalism and destabilize whole the region. Couple of days ago, leader of Islamic Community said quite clear: Bosnia belongs to Muslims, take it or leave it.*"

Politicians' comments on referendum in light of constitutional reform and forthcoming elections: some find referendum justified, others see it as pre-election campaign	**EuroBlic** pg RS2 'Not enough of marketing, even less of reality' by Rajna Radosavljevic – Most of RS politicians agree referendum might be included as a protective mechanism in new BiH Constitution, as well as a principle that would additionally strengthen positions of the state. SNSD's **Krstan Simic** said the party is aware of position of BiH as the state and added the party never disputed the principles of the Dayton and if the state will be developed on these principles *'Serb people will not need to think about referendum'*. Simic noted if Albanian people in Serbia are grated right to independence, then he sees no reason why Serbs should not launch the same issue in accordance with same standards. SDS's **Dusan Stojicic** said they think the initiative on referendum is a part of SNSD's pre-election campaign. PDP's **Mladen Ivanic** said the story on referendum is not unrealistic but reminds that the continuation of talks on constitutional changes should not be expected for at least a year. SDA says there could be no continuation of constitutional talks if a pre-requisite for continuation is the story on referendum. HDZ says the story on referendum in frame of constitutional reform is a part of pre-election campaign.

DSS's Kovacevic: RS referendum should be held when the time comes for it	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Referendum when the time comes for it' by Srna, **EuroBlic** pg RS2 'DSS: when the time comes' not signed, **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'They are not giving up from referendum' by S. S. – DSS's **Predrag Kovacevic** on Monday stated that the referendum on separation of RS from BiH should be held when the time comes for it, adding DSS would continue to insist on referendum initiative as the party grew stronger.
BiH HSS to launch initiative on referendum for creating region of Bosanska Posavina	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'They will demand for referendum for Bosanska Posavina' by Fena – BiH HSS on Monday criticised RS PM **Milorad Dodik's** justification of the statement on referendum in RS *[Dodik explained the statement was a counter-measure to rumours from F BiH on abolishment of RS]*, and the party added it would initiate organising of referendum for creating of a region of Bosanska Posavina, for which they have collected enough number of signatures so far.

VL op-ed: Only worse thing from RS PM Dodik pre-election games is behavior of his FBiH counterparts	**Vecernji list** pg 4 'Political [im]morality' op-ed by Dejan Jazvic – "*Lack of consistency of parties and their leaders is one of rare constant factors in BiH politics*," reads the introduction to the editorial further claiming that one of the best proofs for this is the behaviour of the RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik**. Author notes Dodik has launched his pre-election campaign long time ago, *"never hiding the fact he wants to win votes of disappointed supports of SDS and PDP. If one understands this, it is also easy to understand the logic of Dodik's referendum story."* However, author argues that even worse is behaviour of the Dodik's allies in FBiH which have heavily criticized him for his referendum talk, however none has left the Government he leads. *"SDA, SBiH, and NHI, will of course not do such thing, instead they will keep telling the public something vague such as "Dodik's stances are not the stances of the RS Government."* Jazvic concludes that immorality dominates the politics in both entities. In FBiH, it is unclear, says the author, who supports the Government lead by **Ahmet Hadzipasic**, who is in HDZ BiH and who is out, and why SBiH always keeps the best positions.

TOL commentary: RS was never independent alike Montenegro or oppressed like Kosovo; the way is to strengthen central authorities, weaken entities	**Transition on Line** 'Montenegro's referendum revives talk of independence for Bosnia's Serbs' -Commenting the talk of referendum by the RS PM **Milorad Dodik**, TOL notes Dodik was immediately rebuffed by the OHR, after which he backed down. ToL notes it was entirely predictable for Serb politicians on both sides of the Drina to use the Montenegrin referendum, even more so the independence of Kosovo, "*now all but a done deal*", to create uncertainty, perhaps even instability. It further argues that the IC's insistence that these cases are unrelated is not persuasive. The commentary reads that unlike in Kosovo, BiH Serbs do not have historical arguments to claim territories "*like the Drina valley, were mainly Bosniak before the Bosnian Serb campaign [aided… by Belgrade] of ethnic cleansing.*" The RS, says ToL, is the "*product of genocidal war, an engineered homeland created through the expulsion of non-Serbs.*" It further notes RS was never independent as Montenegro, or oppressed alike Kosovo. Noting that the Dayton Agreement bans entity succession, but also foresees their existence, commentary reads that "*IC's gradualist policy appears the most realistic option: build up the competencies of the national government in Sarajevo and let the entities sink into a largely symbolic role. The failure by BiH parliament to pass a package of constitutional amendments doing precisely that has just dealt this approach a blow, but it remains the only alternative to the status quo or more radical solutions such as Dodik's referendum.*"

Serbian PM' visit to Banja Luka views RS Pres. As leading political figure in RS	**Patriot** Banja Luka seated weekly pgs 6-7 'Vojo amongst Serbs' by Slobodan Vaskovic – Writing about last week's visit of Serbian Premier, **Vojislav Kostunica,** the author, amongst other issues, observes that Kostunica's stay in Banja Luka did not assign political points solely to him, but also to RS leaders, **Dragan Cavic,** RS President, and **Milorad Dodik**, RS Premier. According to author, Cavic has many reasons to be satisfied, since Kostunica discussed issues of strategic importance for Serbia and RS at his Cabinet (while talks at Dodik's Cabinet focused on economy) which was also attended by other high ranking officials in RS and BiH. By this, Kostunica has ascertained Cavic's leading role in Serb political establishment in RS, as author stresses.

BiH CEC deadline for applying of coalitions expires; only Pensioners and NDS applied	**RTRS** by Branka Kusmuk– Despite the BiH Central Election Commission's deadline on registration of coalitions expiring today [Tuesday] at 17hrs, only Pensioners' Party and NDS applied for the registration of the pre- election coalitions. Reporter commented that the SRS and SSRS would have pre-election coalition as well. SDS, SNSD, PDP and Socialist Party will participate at the upcoming elections independently. *"We were invited by other parties to establish the pre-election coalition. Unfortunately, it did not happen. We will participate independently"*, said **Goran Milojevic**, PDP Deputy Chair. SDA and SDP will participate independently at the elections. **Beriz Belikic**, SBiH reported that SBiH would give information on its participation at the elections on Tuesday, since negotiations with BOSS and SDU are still ongoing. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'RS Pensioners and NDS for the time being the sole coalition' by L.S.

HDZ submits objection to BiH Court ’s Appellate Council asking banning of HDZ 1990 from participating the elections	**BHT1** by Martina Kristo-Antelj – HDZ has submitted an objection to the Appellate Council of the BiH Court, asking for banning of newly established HDZ 1990 from participating the October general elections. The problem is in the similar names of those two parties; although HDZ 1990 recently added two words – Croatian Unity (Hrvatsko zajednistvo) – to its official name, HDZ representatives deem that it would confuse voters, especially elder ones. HDZ also deems that the Central Election Commission [CEC] violated the Election Law, by accepting the HDZ 1990 Croatian Unity registration for coming elections. President of HDZ 1990 **Bozo Ljubic** deem that such move is just another attempt to exert pressure on HDZ 1990. “*We have been registered in line with the existing law, and the things they are trying to do only irritate both their members and public… because they do not have the political answer to our program*”, stated Ljubic. CEC Chair **Branko Petric** said that he learned from the media about the HDZ request submitted to the Appellate Council of the Court of BiH. BHT reporter concluded that the decision of the Appellate Council would be obligatory for the BiH Central Election Commission.

HDZ Presidency session: HDZ will form coalition with HNZ, HSP and Croatian block'	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'Decision by HDZ Presidency session: HDZ will form coalition with HNZ, HSP and Croatian block' by H. Orahovac – In a session held in Mostar on Monday, HDZ Presidency decided to form a coalition with HNZ, HSP and Croatian block for the forthcoming October elections for the BiH and FBiH Parliaments and Croat member to the BiH Presidency. As for the elections in RS, "*it was decided to take part in the election as part of the so called "All Croat election alliance" comprising the three above mentioned parties as well as [Kresimir] Zubak's NHI*," stated Miso Relota, HDZ BiH spokesman for daily. As regards elections for cantonal assemblies, Croats in the Tuzla and Sarajevo Cantons will form coalitions similar to those in RS because, says Relota, Croats in these two cantons are vulnerable. **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'HDZ decided on coalitions' by Fena,. **Dnevni List** pg 2 'Croats choosing between three coalitions', mentioned on cover by Dario Pusic **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 11 'HDZ wants Rightists', mentioned on cover, by M.Karacic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'Proposals for elections were determined' by N. N., **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Big ones go independently' by Z.Markovic – also covered.

VL comment on coalitions of Croat parties: former opponents form coalitions	**Vecernji list** pg 4 'Coalition to be made up of HDZ, HSP, HB and NHI' by Zoran Kresic – Commenting the announcement of the HDZ to be in coalition with NHI for the upcoming elections, the author comments that this would be the first time they are on the same side since he left the HDZ BiH in 1998 and established 1998. The reason for this is the decision of Bosniak and Serb parties to nominate Croat representatives within their lists. VL also notes it is interesting that while HDZ is in coalition with NHI, the latter has also made coalition with HSP Djapic-Jurisic, which announced on Monday it would not form coalition with HDZ. Another surprise, says Kresic, is decision to form Coalition with Croatia Block, which the party which was also established by dissatisfied members of HDZ and which was recently joined by **Filip Andric** and **Ivan Madunic**, great opponents of HDZ leader **Dragan Covic**.

SBIH today to take decision on possible coalitions	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'Party for BiH today to decide how it will take part in elections' by E.S. – **Safet Halilovic,** Party for BiH (SBiH) Vice President, Monday told daily that although deadline for submission of coalition applications with Central Election Commission expires today, SzBiH will today know whether it would take part at elections independently or in coalition, adding: *"Intensive consultations with large number of parties are ongoing… We will try – through wide linking of a block of small parties, non-partisan organizations and individuals – to show up as a wide association in the fight for constitutional changes and reforms in BiH."*
3 coalitions in RS for elections at RS level	**Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Big ones go independently' by Z.Markovic – It is evident for the time being there are three coalitions for elections at RS level: one of parties with Croat parties, second one between RS Serb Radical Party and Serb Party led by **Predrag Lazarevic,** NDS and Pensioners' Party. Bigger parties (SNSD, SDS and PDP) have announced long time ago they would take part at elections independently. According to inset 'Bosniaks', daily notes there is no indication for the time being whether some Bosniak parties would act jointly at elections in RS.

BiH HoR Chair Raguz: BiH HoR session on 22 June	**Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'Session by end of June?' by A.Terzic – BiH House of Representatives Chair **Martin Raguz** told daily on Monday, that the 'crisis' in state Parliament will be overcome, adding that he expect normalisation of its work in last days of June. He said that the continuation of the interrupted session is scheduled for 22 June: "What is going on is way of political pressure on the most important legislative institution in our state. I do not want to add raising tensions any further, so I am trying to respect all the provision so the work could continue without obstacles. Daily carries that BiH HoR Co-Chair **Nikola Spiric** was not informed that the there are conditions for the continuation of BiH Parliament's work: "*I expect BiH Council of Ministers do their job regarding forming Commission on sufferings of Sarajevo citizens during the war time… As soon as causes are removed, we are ready to start working. It is sad that High Representative must react to this issue at al, but it has to be said that we are not responsible for the situation occurred*." SDS deputy Momcilo Novakovic noted that Serb deputies from RS would return to BiH Parliament when BiH CoM does its job. Serb representatives left BiH Parliament on May 24, refusing to continue with their work until BiH CoM forms Commission on suffering of Sarajevo citizens.

HDZ' Lasic: HTV Mostar would work as long as I am the head of HDZ Mostar	**Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 9 'To the last breath for HTV Mostar', mentioned on cover, by Zoran Zekic – In a short interview to SD, Head of HDZ MostarCity Board **Denis Lasic** commented that at the occasion of adopting the city budget Bosniak councillors were directing an attention to the issue of HTV Mostar in order "*to hide nonsense*" happening in eastern side of the city. Lasic added he would not allow extinguishing of the only Croat public TV broadcaster, adding no "*pressure or blackmail*" would make him "*turn back to the Croat man and interest in Mostar*". He adds this would be a case until FTV and BHT1 establish a channel in Croat language. Commenting the Statute of Mostar City, Lasic said that HDZ is opposes the politics, which makes "*a case*" out of Mostar, and adds party would continue to implement imposed statute. He also accused Bosniak parties of not giving up intentions to divide the city. *"Best proof are public cries of their officials that Bosniak municipalities need to be returned into function,"* said Lasic.

DL: it is time for city authorities to say if this city can go into reforms	**Dnevni List** pg 2 My Mostar…' op-ed by Sanja Bjelica – Commenting on current situation in Mostar, and most disputable issues such as return of Croats to business area of Stari Most or returning of football club 'Velez' to stadium 'Bijeli Brijeg', Bjelica notices these are all the issues that authorities do not seem to want to discuss: *"City authorities simply don't have the strength to define some issues once and for all, and to say at loud does this city can, and does it want to go into reforms and true unification… It is better to timely say that we can't be together then to live under the cover of false unity, in such horrible political ambient, tap in one place or even worst, go backward."*

HR awarded with Manfred Wörner medal; met German State Secretary Silberberg discussing police and PBS reforms	**FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Schwarz-Schilling awarded with Manfred Wörner medal' by Onasa – The HR **Christian Schwarz-Schilling** was awarded with the **ManfredWörner** medal in Berlin on Monday. This medal is awarded yearly to individuals who significantly contributed to security in Europe; it was named after the late NATO Secretary-General. OHR stated Since one of Manfred Wörner's greatest achievements was the creation of NATO's Partnership-for-Peace, HR took the opportunity presented by the awards ceremony to express his hope that BiH would soon be invited to join the programme. HR also met with German State Secretary **Reinhardt Silberberg**and senior officials in the German Foreign Ministry to discuss the progress BiH made in police reform and the restructuring of the public broadcasting service, the key reforms required for completion of Stabilisation and Association Agreement. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Schwarz-Schilling got "Manfred Worner" medal' by S. G. – also reported.

Oslobodjenje op-ed condemns BiH authorities for readiness to recognize Montenegrin independence prior to Mtg apology for aggression	**Oslobodjenje** pg 9 'Montenegro and pyramids' by Svjetlana Salom – Editorial condemns BiH Presidency Chair **Sulejman Tihic** for inviting regional countries to recognize Montenegrin independence without prior apology for taking part in aggression, or guarantees for payment of war damage. Author also condemns other BiH politicians for not reacting after Montenegrin parliamentarian **Predrag Sekulic**, asked to comment apology for taking part in aggression on BiH, said that it is not an issue that should be discussed, adding "*we should turn ourselves to future*". Editorial concludes that Tihic surely did not react for he was in Opatija [Croatia], busy with explaining regional leaders that BiH has nine pyramids.