

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 13/8/2004

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BH TV 1</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FED TV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RT RS</b> (19,30)
Muratovic denies quotes	Problems of ballots print	News about "Sugar Affair"	Serb prefix on ballots
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<p>Three republics in BiH a project of Bozo Zepic</p>	<p><b>Herceg Bosna Radio, Oslobođenje</b> cover page, pgs 4-5 'Three republics in BiH a project of Bozo Zepic' <u>A. Omeragic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Tri-parted BiH is not my model' by <u>ONASA</u> – The author of a model of BiH with three republics is professor <b>Bozo Zepic</b>, according to former BiH Premier and current head of the Sarajevo University <b>Hasan Muratovic</b>. Muratovic denied he was advocating for introduction of such the BiH state structure. <i>"Taking a sentence out of context is ill-intentioned and represents labeling and a part of pre-election campaign,"</i> said Muratovic referring to media reports saying he was standing for establishment of three republics in BiH. Formation of three republics inside BiH is just one out of four state models proposed by some 15 experts including Muratovic and Zepic, who are the members of a group for constitutional changes established by the Center for Security Studies. Professor Bozo Zepic said on Thursday that professor Hasan Muratovic never rejected the option of the organization of BiH into three republics, but actually said it is a realistic option. <i>"However, Muratovic never said it would be his first choice. His first choice would be a country comprising municipalities and authority divided between the state and municipalities, without entities or cantons,"</i> Zepic said, adding that Muratovic's second option would a country comprised of regions, while the third would be BiH comprised of three republics. <i>"My first option, on the other hand, is the idea of three republics, as I believe it resolves the key issue, the ethnic one. However, I am not against the other models either, if valid arguments are presented and they resolve the ethnic issue, especially the ethnic issue of Croats,"</i> Zepic said.</p> <p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Muratovic: current BiH organization is the worst model' – Muratovic describes criticisms against his alleged statement for Hercegovacka TV as a political pamphlet. He reiterated he was standing for BiH as a state with two levels of authority: the municipal and the state one. An alternative, according to Mratovic, might be establishment of a state with three levels of authority: the state one, six regions and municipal level.</p>
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<p><b>Oslobodjenje op-ed on BiH state organization</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'Republics' In Focus column by <u>Zija Dizdarevic</u> – Dizdarevic believes that SDS, HDZ and SDA can easily reach consensus on establishing three republics within BiH. Dizdarevic said that, however, it was about an idea to divide BiH in three ethnic territories on the principle of ethnic majority and discrimination.</p>
<p><b>NN op-ed on Muratovic</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'Muratovic's occasional affairs' by <u>Slavo Kukic</u> – The author is writing about the most recent statement of <b>Hasan Muratovic</b> (see above). The author is actually critical of <b>Muratovic</b>, saying that "<i>prominent</i>" professor has been chosen to present the position of his party, meaning attempted re-affirmation of the old SDA theses on Muslim republic in BiH. The author reminds of the first Congress of Bosniaks in 1993, which had strongly promoted the idea of Bosniak republic in BiH. One of the biggest promoters of this idea was <b>Muratovic</b>, according to <u>Kukic</u>. The author further claims <b>Muratovic</b> is trying to re-affirm the idea on "green transversal", which also includes the solution of Kosovo problem. For more info on this author refers the readers to read "Islamic declaration" written by <b>Alija Izetbegovic</b>.</p>

<p><b>Mikerevic: Problems of FBiH cannot be solved at the cost of RS</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Creation of republics in BiH sought by adventurers', <b>FENA</b> – RS Prime Minister <b>Dragan Mikerevic</b> thinks that initiatives aimed at <i>"producing new republics in BiH"</i> represent a clear attempt to resolve evident and large problems in the functioning of the FBiH, but at the cost of RS.</p> <p>Spokesperson for the RS Prime Minister <b>Goran Radivojac</b> said that many wish to forget the fact that the FBiH was established by the Washington and the RS by the Dayton Agreement. Radivojac conveyed Mikerevic's position that this is a constitutional matter and that the current BiH structure is defined by international documents with constitutional power, and that there are also those guaranteeing such a structure. He said that the issue of creating new republics in BiH is being raised by <i>"certain adventurers who would love to place this within the daily political context and who find daily political profit more important than the stability and progress of BiH"</i>. Radivojac said that the problem of the functioning of FBiH should be returned to the <i>"home address of FBiH"</i>. RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic is confident that there is a solution to that issue and wishes that FBiH resolves all difficulties in its functioning to the benefit of BiH.</p>
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<p><b>DL on proposals of models of organization of BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front and pg 4 ‘One BiH made of three parts!?', <u>not signed</u> – notes that after several months of hard work, a Commission for changes to Constitution and re-organization of BiH, which comprised of domestic experts and university professors, came up with four possible proposals of new Constitution and organization of BiH on which BiH citizens will declare themselves. The first model proposes BiH as it was before the war, with municipalities and the state; second model proposes municipalities and the state, with existence of regions; third concept proposes three republics in BiH, and the fourth one proposes a cantonization of the whole BiH. All in all, concrete Constitutions based on these four models should be made by end of the year and the plan is to carry out an opinion poll among the peoples and citizens of BiH to see which model is the most acceptable to them.</p> <p>An inset entitled ‘Muratovic did not propose organization of BiH with three entities’, by <u>Indira Tabucic</u> – carries professor <b>Hasan Muratovic</b>, who denies that he stated that he was in favour of BiH made of three republics. Muratovic says that he proposed two models: state and municipalities and/or state with six regions, noting that professor <b>Bozo Zepic</b> proposed the model of BiH with three republics. <i>“It is my opinion, only the municipalities in BiH have the tradition and the state should be organized that way. But, it is obvious that someone, 15 days after, speaks about it, probably because the pre-election campaign is starting”</i>, said Muratovic.</p> <p>An inset entitled ‘Zepic in favour of BiH with three republics’, by <u>Miso Relota</u> – carries professor Zepic as saying that when it comes to BiH made of three republics, the concept would be accepted by 90% of the Serb people, 75% of the Croats and about 50% of the Bosniaks. <i>“There is a big number of Bosniaks who do not reject possible organization of BiH with three republics. I believe that such organization of the state solves the Bosniak and Croat national issue, knowing it is only the Serb national issue that is solved at the moment”</i>, says Zepic.</p>
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<p><b>DL on BiH with three republics</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Fourth entity', by <u>Vedran Vujovic</u> – comments on the proposals as elaborated in the article above, especially on the concept that envisions three republics in BiH, saying if BiH citizens thought that concepts of national divisions of BiH were things of the past, the latest initiatives by independent intellectuals prove them wrong. The author goes on to say that the majority in the RS do not care how many entities would exist in BiH as long as you do not touch 'their entity', that the Bosniaks are mostly against such proposals, whilst the Croats are the ones who come up with proposals on three entities in BiH. In that context, DL says it would seem that certain individuals never learnt the lesson from the Herceg Bosna story and the lesson regarding the so-called Croat self-rule and the damages it inflicted upon the Croats. The author concludes that peoples in minority in the so-called 'national' republics would be worse off, since the only merit would be the ethnic affiliation.</p>
<p><b>Dnevni Avaz: Why BiH Presidency members keep silent on citizens' opposition to sending BiH troops to Iraq?</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover page, pg 3 'Why BiH Presidency members keep silent?' Commentary of the Day by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – According to Numanovic, the BiH public has never been louder in opposition to sending of BiH troops to Iraq. However, those who made the decision on the issue, which is the BiH Presidency, are keeping silent. <i>"The time has come for <b>Tihic, Covic</b> and <b>Paravac</b> to stop ignoring the public,"</i> concludes Numanovic.</p>

<p><b>Over 5,000 signatures gathered against deploying BiH troops in Iraq</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'More than 5,000 Sarajevo citizens against sending of BiH soldiers to Iraq', <b>FENA</b> – To date, more than 5,000 citizens have signed a petition against deploying BiH army units in Iraq, which was launched by the youth wing of the Social Democratic Union of BiH (SDU). SDU deputy president <b>Sejfudin Tokic</b> on Thursday said that from tomorrow the signing of the petition will begin in other towns across the country and he expects an even larger number of citizens to sign the petition. <i>"We have received information that the current government has prolonged the departure of army units on September 1 – when it was planned in principle – until after the October local elections,"</i> Tokic told FENA. He emphasized that the SDU will continue to insist that the decision to deploy troops has no kind of legitimacy and said he will hold a meeting with the chairman of the BiH Presidency, <b>Sulejman Tihic</b>, to discuss the matter.</p>
<p><b>SDA's Jahic: Final decision on sending of BiH troops to Iraq should be made by the Parliament</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Final decision on sending of BiH troops to Iraq should be made by the Parliament' – <i>"A final decision on sending of our soldiers not only to Iraq but to any other country in the world should be made by the BiH Parliamentary Assembly,"</i> SDA Vice-president <b>Elmir Jahic</b> told the daily.</p>
<p><b>Deputy Defence Minister Becirbasic: BiH de-miners will not go to Iraq yet</b></p>	<p><b>Herceg Bosna Radio</b> – Members of BiH armed forces acting as de-miners will not go to Iraq for at least 3 months. This was announced by BiH Deputy Defence Minister <b>Enes Becirbasic</b>. He explained that 3 months are necessary for additional training and equipping of BiH de-miners. That process has not started yet. Officer from BiH who is supposed to coordinate those works has still not been sent to USA.</p>



<p><b>VL on reasons why BiH soldiers volunteer for Iraq mission</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'With rifle into search for better living', by <u>Ljuba Djikic</u> – wondering what is driving BiH soldiers to volunteer for the mission in Iraq, given the dangers they are likely to encounter, the author carries an anonymous BiH soldier, who is preparing himself to go to Iraq, as saying: <i>"I decided to go to Iraq knowing that I can come back in a Mercedes or coffin. Not only my mother, my wife too cries, begging me not to go, but I cannot go on like this any more. On the current salary I cannot feed the family, let alone provide for an apartment, car</i></p>
<p><b>Dnevni Avaz says there will be no removal of SDA Ministers in RS</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'There will be no removal of SDA Ministers' – Although the PDP launched an initiative for removal of SDA-nominated Ministers from the RS Government a month ago, the initiative is obviously not going to be realize. The daily learns that RS Prime Minister <b>Dragan Mikerevic</b> is against the removal and he is in such the position supported by SDS.</p>

<p><b>BiH Election Commission on printing of ballot papers</b></p>	<p><b>BHTV, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Dual names of municipalities on ballots', by <u>Danka Polovina-Mandic</u> – the ballot papers for 13 municipalities in the Republika Srpska will carry names as stipulated in the BiH Election Law. It means the ballot papers will use the pre-war names of municipalities and names as stipulated in the (RS) Law of territorial organization and local self-government. DL reminds that the RS NA was supposed to, pursuant to the BiH Constitutional Court's decision, adopt a law on changes of names in 13 municipalities in the RS that have the 'Serb' prefix by August 11. In the meantime, the BiH Election Commission has requested an opinion from the BiH Constitutional Court which names are to be used for printing of the ballot papers. According to a member of the BiH Election Commission, <b>Lidija Korac</b>, since the Constitutional Court did not give the Election Commission instructions how to proceed, the BiH Election Commission will proceed according to the BiH Election Law. Korac also notes that the printing of ballot papers is going according to the plan without significant problems. Similar article in <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'Thirteen municipalities are still 'Serb'', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 11, <b>EuroBlic</b>, pg. RS2 "'Serb" prefix remains on ballots' by <u>Srna</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Old names on ballots' by <u>V.C.</u> also covered the issue.</p>
<p><b>Update to Serb prefix in names of cities</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Law abolishing prefix Serb has not been put into effect' by <u>V.P.</u> – <b>Ante Nikolic</b>, Assistant to RS Minister of local self-governance, stated that the Law on territorial organisation and local self-governances (which RS NA adopted and which changes the names of 12 cities in RS with prefix Serb) has not been put into effect yet. He explained this law would go into effect after it undergoes the entire procedure at the RS Council of Peoples, since the Bosniak delegates have raised the issue of protection of vital national interest.</p>

<p><b>SD: 'Dr. Hebrang first honorary citizen of Siroki Brijeg, Tudjman and Susak 'dropped' '</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> front and pg 2 'Dr. Hebrang first honorary citizen of Siroki Brijeg, Tudjman and Susak dropped' by <u>D. Iavnkovic</u> – The Siroki Brijeg Municipal Council adopted the proposal to proclaim current Vice President of the Croatian Government <b>Andrija Hebrang</b> the first honorary citizen of Siroki Brijeg. SD also says that the Croat Block reacted against such decision wondering whether Hebrang has got such award because of the things that he has done for Siroki Brijeg so far, or this is, perhaps, about some secret agreement of a certain group that wants to curry favour with Hebrang in this way and involve Hebrang in its personal, economic and political projects. Croat Block President <b>Mario Vasilj</b> also says that it was not allowed to a group of true patriots to propose late Croatian President <b>Franjo Tudjman</b> and late Croatian Defence Minister <b>Gojko Susak</b> for this award.</p>
<p><b>Belgrade 's Universtity professor Cavoski on Ashdown – part two</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b>, pg. 6 'Removals over Karadzic' by <u>Kosta Cavoski</u> (<i>part two of Cavoski's feuilleton</i>) – The author refers to recent removal of 59 officials in BiH and says that the decision on removal of <b>Zoran Djeric</b> reads that he has been removed because BiH has failed to arrest Hague indictees in the territory of RS and extradite them. <b>Cavoski</b> claims that the only true reason for which HR <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> has removed the officials is a general feeling of public and a secret solidarity with the Hague indictees, which has been qualified by HR <b>Ashdown</b> as '<i>public and secret collaboration and keeping secrets</i>'.  <b>Cavoski</b> says that HR Ashdown has failed to explain why he had not removed former Ministers of Interior and SFOR Commanders over the same reason, since they too have been obliged to arrest Hague indictees. He claims that such a responsibility of the RS Minister of Interior could only be political and not legal. Therefore, RS NA, not the High Representative, has the jurisdiction to determine his responsibility. At the end, <b>Cavoski</b> concludes by wondering how it is possible that <b>HR Ashdown</b> has brought such serious accusations without presenting any evidence or bringing any requests for opening a criminal procedure against those persons.</p>

OHR on need for  
urgent higher  
education  
reform in BiH

**Herceg Bosna Radio, Oslobođenje** pg 9 'Urgent higher education reform in BiH', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Rejection of law extends agony of students'; **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'European standards in delay', **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 13 'Delay of reform is responsible for everything' by D. Pasic, **Dnevni List** pg 5 'Young people paid price of political mistakes', mentioned on cover, by De.L **ONASA** – OHR regrets that BiH's youth will no longer have the opportunity to study for free at higher education institutions in Austria, the OHR said in a press release Thursday. The disproportional level of BiH students wanting to study abroad and those from abroad wanting to study in BiH – in Austria's specific case some 2,000 BiH students study there, while only 3 Austrians want to study in BiH – is just one more indicator that BiH's current Higher Education system is damaging BiH's most gifted. This fact once again underlines the need for real and immediate reform of higher education in BiH – reform that will come through the Higher Education Framework Law, which will establish standards in this area that are already in place elsewhere in Europe. OHR regrets the BiH House of Peoples Decision last month to reject this Law – it has only prolonged the agony of BiH's Students, and delays the introduction of European Higher Education standards in line with the Bologna Declaration and the Lisbon Convention across BiH. These agreements, which set European standards in HE have already been signed up to by BiH's Education establishment. The High Education Law, which must be in line with these requirements, has now been returned to the Council of Ministers. It is now for the Council of Ministers to show the political leadership to put the interests of young people, and indeed all those who want BiH to join Europe, above narrow party political interest and ensure this law is returned to parliament as quickly as possible. The need for urgency is clear; a tranche of World Bank funds linked to this legislation has already been lost, and BiH's most promising young people should not be forced to wait longer than necessary for legislation that will ensure their education is on a par with those of their European classmates, according to the OHR press release.

<p><b>Bosmal of construction of Corridor Vc through BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 3 'We expect reply to offer that was made at our own initiative', by <u>J. Petrovic</u> – carries a statement by <b>Amra Kebo</b>, the director of communications of 'Bosmal', in which she notes that the BiH Council of Ministers has not replied to an offer submitted by 'Bosmal' regarding the construction of Corridor Vc through BiH. Kebo notes that the BiH CoM has failed to reply because there was not a commission for concessions before, and since the commission has been formed in the meantime, the company expects that its offer will be discussed soon.</p>
<p><b>Sale of BH Steel on Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 7 'Signing of contract with LNM in Zenica on August 16' by <u>M. Relota</u> and <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 14 'Sale of BH Steel on Monday' by <u>I.M.</u> – The dailies carry that due to commitments of a future owner of BH Steel, company LNM, the signing of the sale contract will take place one day earlier, that is, on Monday August 16. DL says that apart from the future owner of BH Steel, the representatives of the <b>OHR</b>, Kuwaiti Investment Agency, FBiH authority etc. will attend the ceremony of signing the aforementioned sale contract. <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 also covered the issue.</p>
<p><b>Elektroprivreda re-programmed debts of households</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS, Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 Debts on loan' by <u>M. Bestic</u> – Those citizens of RS who have debts for electricity over KM 1000, will have the opportunity to pay their debts in several monthly instalments. Managing Board of "Elektroprivreda" yesterday in Trebinje brought this decision regarding re-programming of debts for households, was brought yesterday in Trebinje. Considering the fact that the amount of debts of 13,5% of households in RS has crossed KM 100 millions the Board considers this solution to be one of the best ones. Chairman of MB of "Elektroprivreda", <b>Borivoje Milic</b> said that citizens would have the possibility to pay their debts in ten or twelve monthly instalments or even 24 instalments (if debts exceed KM 2000).</p>
<p><b>B. Luka Dairy to close plant</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine <b>cover and pg 3 'Banja Luka "Dairy" closes plant'</b> by <u>P. Klinčov</u> – The article announces that the Banja Luka Dairy will most likely terminate further work and close the plant on 17 August over court order on blockade of its account. By this, 190 employees will lose jobs, confirmed Vlado Guresic, Dairy Director.</p>

<p><b>Former RS Finance Minister Vracar on bank guarantees for Brod Oil Refinery</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 8 'I would do the same thing!' by <u>V. Janjic</u> – In a statement to Glas Srpske, <b>Milenko Vracar</b>, former director of Nova Banjalucka Banka and former RS finance minister, denies he abused office regarding the case of providing bank guarantees on the contract between Serb Brod Oil Refinery and the Company "Galaxy Central Europe Limited" seated at British Virgin's Island. He stresses: <i>"I would do the same thing again, if I had to give guarantee similar to one I gave two years ago as Director of Nova Banjalucka Banka."</i></p> <p>He claims that succession assets have never been used for this purpose, nor has he ever abused his office or authority.</p>
<p><b>On extraction of petroleum in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'BiH lies on 50 million tons of petroleum' by <u>R. Radic</u> – VL says that from 40 to 50 million tons of crude petroleum could be extracted from the area of Posavina, Tuzla and northern part of BiH, however, since there is no company that might do research on this possibility the extraction of petroleum in BiH will not start soon. Assistant of General Manager in Petroleum Refinery Bosanski Bord, <b>Dusko Bogdanovic</b>, stated that these days refineries will get concession for research and extraction of petroleum on a few oil-wells.</p>

	<p><b>Crime/security/investigations</b></p>
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<p><b>Kristo and Hadzipasic on status of 6 Croats in The Hague</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 7 'Temporary release of six Croats in September!?', by <u>Miso Relota</u> – regarding the decision of the Appeals Council of the ICTY which decided to postpone a decision of Panel of Judges of the ICTY, according to which six BiH Croats (<b>Jadranko Prlic</b> and others) are to be set on pre-trial release, DL carries the FBiH Justice Minister, <b>Borjana Kristo</b>, as saying that she was not informed about details of the latest decision by the Appeals Council. Minister Kristo hopes that the Appeals Council will execute the decision of Panel of Judges after the summer break is over, in September. FBiH Prime Minister, <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b>, is carried as saying that the FBiH Government gave the guarantees two months ago, stressing that the FBiH Government cannot influence the work of the Tribunal in The Hague.</p>
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**On mine  
clearance  
issue in BiH**

**Dnevni List** pgs 8 and 9 'Slovenians are in charge of money for mine clearance in BiH', mentioned on cover, by M. Karacic – DL carries an article on issue of mine clearance in BiH which says that this important issue has been marginalized in our country. DL goes on to say that the BiH Ministry of civil Affairs is in charge of this issue, while MAC is the executive body. According to DL, one of the absurd situations in our country is that MAC is sending projects to Slovenia, which is in charge of money for mine clearance in BiH. The article also says that the Association of BiH citizens for protection from mines called 'Felix' was established at the end of April this year by retired Generals from the line of all three peoples. According to one of them, **Zivko Budimir**, the Association was exclusively established in order to collect money for this purpose.



**Ivan Vuksic  
aspires to be  
new SIPA  
Director**

**Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'Ivan Vuksic  
aspires to position of SIPA Director'  
by M. Cubro – NN interlocutors close  
to BiH Council of Ministers confirmed  
that **Ivan Vuksic**, former Director of  
FOSS, has been lobbying for months now  
for his appointment to the position of  
the SIPA Director. The interlocutors  
claim that after it was agreed  
Director seat should be assigned to a  
Croat, **Vuksic** has started lobbying.  
**Vuksic** believes, according to NN  
sources, that **Barisa Colak**, BiH  
Security Minister, would nominate him  
to this position.  
**Dragan Lukac**, SIPA Deputy Director,  
stated he has heard of these  
aspirations of **Vuksic**.  
**Dragan Mektic**, BiH Deputy Security  
Minister, said that **Vuksic** cannot be  
appointed to this position, because he  
is not a certified police officer, as  
Law stipulates Director of SIPA must  
be. He added: *"His appointment would  
be a classical example of violation of  
law."*

**Police  
officials  
critical of  
judiciary**

**Nezavisne Novine** cover and pg 2  
'Prosecutor's let the most dangerous criminals free' by S. Karic – The author refers to officials at PSC Banja Luka, who claim that biggest criminals never end up in prison because Prosecutors let the most dangerous criminals free, claiming there is no legal grounds to detain them. The police further brings some examples of such cases (recent shooting/attempted murder in Banja Luka , arrest of 5 August when three armed persons were detained etc.)

Police further claims that the same persons they detain commit another criminal act shortly after they are released, bringing the example of theft cases. Police has no knowledge into activities Prosecutor's Office is running on the base of denunciations it filed.

**Sead Zeric**, Deputy District Prosecutor of Banja Luka, claims that *"it takes much more time to compile information and responses to some questions. Many cases have no legal grounds on which we could detain the suspects."*

**Update to  
"Forgery"  
police action**

**Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Prosecutor's Office proposed detention' by Sn. K. – The police action named "Forgery" was carried out early on Wednesday and saw the arrests of **Branka Susnjar (54)**, **Velimir Glavic (42)** and **Stana Malinic (52)**, all police administration members and **Sasa Pjanic**, RS Customs Administration employee. The suspects were questioned before the Banja Luka District Prosecutor's Office yesterday. After the hearing, Prosecutor proposed to Judge to pronounce detention sentence against the suspects.

**Alun Roberts**, EUPM Spokesperson, stated that EUPM is monitoring this event, assessing that this arrest "*is the sign the quality of police work is improving*". (**EuroBlic** RSpG 2 'Roberts: Police is getting more efficient'.)  
According to NN inset "Njegus ordered the arrests "of persons of minor importance", SNSD yesterday released a press statement, in which it says that organised crime and corruption is the only field in which RS has been making an advanced progress since coalition SDS-PDP-SDA is in reign. According to SNSD, one of the main players in this crime is **Radomir Njeguis**, RS Police Director. The release reads: "*In order to seemingly demonstrated his opposition against crime, **Njegus** ordered the arrests of those last in the circle.*"

**RTRS** also covered the issue.

<p><b>Update to Sijekovac exhumation</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'The origin of human remains of 18 children exhumed in Sijekovac unknown' by <u>B92</u> – The exhumation in Sijekovac, near Serb Brod has finished. The bodies of 59 victims, including 18 children, have been exhumed. There is no reliable information regarding the origin of the human remains of 18 children between ages of 5 to 12.</p>
<p><b>Investigation on war-time R BiH Presidency still ongoing</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Investigation after three years still marking time' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – NN reports that three years after the BiH Presidency Secretariat has filed the denunciation with the Canton Sarajevo MoI, it has not still been established how minutes from the sessions of the Presidency of Republic of BiH in period from October 1992 to November 1993 have vanished.</p> <p><b>Stjepan Kljujic</b>, war-time member of Presidency, has no knowledge of these minutes, noting: <i>"I was expelled from Presidency on 4 October 1992 and I came back on 10 November 1993. the period of my absences coincides with the time of disappearance of minutes. I would really like to see those minutes and see whether they could compromise the-then leadership of the BiH."</i></p>

<p><b>On plane crash of Macedonian delegation</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 6 'Any possibility of sabotage excluded' by <u>N. Bise</u> – The BiH State Prosecutor <b>Meddzida Kreso</b> stated for DL that there are no any material evidence or elements for issuing of the bill of indictment against anyone in the case of the Macedonian plane crash in which Macedonian President <b>Boris Trajkovski</b> got killed. DL also says that her report with complete material was sent to Skopje and all correspondence on this issue will be taking place at the diplomatic level. According to DL, then the material will be sent to Macedonian State Prosecutor <b>Aleksandar Prcevski</b>, who stated that he has not received any material yet and that he will be able to comment on it once he receives it.</p>
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**Broadcasting  
of BHT1  
begins  
tonight**

**BHTV, Dnevni List** front pg  
'Broadcasting of BHT1 begins tonight'  
and pg 3 'Exclusiveness for atmosphere  
from Greece' by I. Tabucic –  
Spokesperson of BHT1 **Sabina Bacvic**  
stated that broadcasting of BHT1 will  
start tonight at 18:00 hrs. She added  
that by the end of August viewers of  
BHT 1 will have an opportunity to  
watch all events from Olympic Games in  
Athens, as well as, 3 news during the  
day. According to her, after the end  
of the Olympic Games BHT 1 will  
continue to broadcast its programme  
every day from 18:00 until midnight.

OHR welcomes  
launch of  
BHTV 1  
whole-day  
program on  
Friday

**Herceg Bosna Radio, Oslobođenje** pg 2  
'Program in the entire BiH territory',  
**Dnevni Avaz** pg 13 'Start of work of  
BHTV1 channel a step forward', FENA –  
The start of service by BHTV 1 on  
Friday represents an important and  
welcome step forward for the public  
broadcast system in BiH, OHR  
spokesperson in Banja Luka **Ljiljana  
Radetic** said on Thursday. She said  
that this is also an important  
condition from the Feasibility Study  
calling for a single public  
information/broadcasting system, which  
is sustainable, intended for the  
entire country and crosses  
differences. She said that it is  
crucial that the BiH Parliament now  
adopts legislation for the PBS in such  
a form that would satisfy demands from  
the Feasibility Study. She stressed  
that the BHTV 1 channel would serve  
all BiH citizens and broadcast program  
that covers the entire spectre of  
entertainment program, domestic and  
foreign program in languages of all  
BiH peoples. The fact that this  
channel will go on air with the  
broadcast of a top-class event such as  
the Olympic Games in a way suggests  
what kind of services BHTV 1 will be  
able to provide to the citizens of  
this country. *"This is the first time  
after the war that citizens will be  
able to view a TV program broadcast in  
the entire territory of BiH"*, Radetic  
said.

