

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 14/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 14 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
On EC anti-terrorist measures	Todorovic critical of SDS, authorities	Farmers still on protest
On London terrorist actions	New bombings in Baghdad	RS camp inmates to visit US
BiH CoM in session today	Sports	Europe pays tribute to Lond. victims

TV news broadcast on 13 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Kebo on returning of refugees	BiH and Croatian ministers on return	200 died in train accident in Pakistan
Farmers wrote to Parliamentarians	McElhaney supports Brcko District	Britain to ban terrorist suspects
Ajanovic's demand to CoM	Children trafficking in BiH	Floods in Brcko
Cooperation of BiH and Germany	Gender equality in BiH	Internat. conference on genocide

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
300 killed in train accident, Pakistan	Forestry in Srednja Bosna Canton	RS MoI investigates on case Potocari
Int. Conf. on Srebrenica continues	MoCA: enough passports for all	Explosion in Bileca

Exhumations in Budak continues	200 died in train accident in Pakistan	Sajinovic's condition critical
EUPM on BiH link to London attacks	26 died in car bomb expl. in Iraq	Problems with relocated graves

Oslobodjenje	Trade with penance in SCG and RS much worse than crime itself
Dnevni Avaz	10,000 vehicles stolen in EU on BiH roads
Dnevni List	Verification of old foreign currency saving begins
Vecernji List	He sold daughter for 15 000 KM
Slobodna Dalmacija	Islamic radicals from Brcko
Glas Srpske	Where are Mico's remains?
Nezavisne Novine	Free Trade Agreement with BiH violated
Blic	First victim from BiH in Iraq (about funeral of Aleksic)
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia related headlines
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbia related headlines

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<p>International conference on Srebrenica genocide continues, expected to end today</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 – The international conference on genocide in Srebrenica has continued today. On the fourth day of the conference, participants concluded that it would be in interests of Serb people in BiH to condemn individuals who carried out genocide in Srebranica in order to avoid collective guilt. The conclusions of the conference are expected to be issued later in the day.</p>
<p>Rs Helsinki Committee's Todorovic says RS has carried not a single serious action to arrest Karadzic</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 – The Chair of the RS Helsinki Board, Branko Todorovic, warned that the authorities of the RS have not yet carried out a single serious action with the aim to arrest Radovan Karadzic. In a statement to RTRS, Todorovic said that certain structures in the entity in police and army still assist hiding of persons indicted for war crimes. He also accused SDS of using entities resources to ensure large amounts of money for hiding PIFWCs.</p>

<p>Entities, BiH Ombudsmen meet in Brcko</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 <u>Nedjo Djurovic</u> – The BiH Ombudsmen are holding the meeting today with the entities’ Ombudsmen in Brcko in order to harmonize the working criteria, and they are to present the report in the institution activities in 2004. Ombudsmen concluded that the Annex 7 of the Dayton Peace Agreement has not been implemented properly, except in Brcko District. About 5000 complaints related to return issues were submitted to BiH Ombudsmen.</p>
<p>Farmers demand BiH parliament to discuss their requests/problems</p>	<p>RS Radio – BiH officials do not realize the width of problems farmers are facing in BiH, which is proved by the fact that over the last 20 days, not a single BiH official has addressed the farmers on protest in front of BiH joint institutions. Farmers have today addressed a letter to BiH COM and BiH Parliamentary Assembly, demanding their requests be placed on agenda of sessions of these institutions.</p>

	<p>War Crimes</p>
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<p>Conference on Srebrenica genocide: Number of Srebrenica victims could reach 8,800</p>	<p>BHT <u>Damir Simic</u>, FTV – International Conference on Srebrenica Genocide continued on Wednesday in Sarajevo. Professor Muhamed Filipovic, member of Conference Presidency stated that the main purpose of the conference is to prevent closing of Srebrenica issue. Reports presented at the conference will be printed in a book. Participant Muhamed Kreso stated that he doesn't believe that Srebrenica genocide is going to be studied in BiH universities soon. Professors of Banja Luka University do not participate in the conference. Commenting this fact, Filipovic stated that those who deny the genocide are working on continuing of the effect of genocide.</p> <p>Hayat <u>Jasminka Borovac</u> – Doctor Srdjan Vukadinovic from Podgorica accused on Wednesday, at the international conference on Srebrenica genocide, Serbia, Montenegro, RS, Yugoslav Army and Serb Orthodox Church for the organized war crime in Srebrenica, reports TV Hayat. President of the Society for Threatened Peoples International, Tilman Zulch, spoke on Wednesday at the conference on covering and denial of genocide over BiH Muslims. <i>"It is clear to all that war crimes commenced in BiH in 1992 already and that Srebrenica is only small part of crimes, even though it is a big crime,"</i> he said. Over 40 scientific authorities, from the areas of genocide and crimes against humanity gathered at this conference, which will end on Thursday.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje cover page, pg 8 'Trade with penance in SCG and RS much worse than crime itself'', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Number of victims could reach 8,800', FENA – Genocide was committed against Bosniaks in Srebrenica in 1995 and not only the planners, executors and the helpers are responsible for its, but also the UN which refused to implement their mandate and the commitments they have accepted, FBiH Commission on Missing Persons President Amor Masovic said on in Sarajevo Wednesday during the second day of the international conference on the Srebrenica tragedy in July 1995. Masovic said that the true number of the victims of genocide will never be established because refugees from at least nine neighbouring municipalities found refuge in the Srebrenica safe area together with the local population. He said that victims of the Srebrenica massacre has so far been discovered in 43 mostly secondary graves and that the FBiH Commission is aware of at least 21 more such sites. <i>"The total number of known Srebrenica mass graves is 64 at this time, while 2.079 Srebrenica victims have been identified so far by using DNA analysis, which has proven to be the only possible method in the identification of victims",</i> Masovic said. <i>"This is not the final number and my assessment is that it could raise up to reach 8.800 victims,"</i> Masovic said.</p>
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<p>RS Vice-president Tomljenovic says Srebrenica commemoration messages to influence future happenings in BiH</p>	<p>BHT <u>Zoran Sarenac</u> – 10th anniversary of Srebrenica genocide has been marked in many world countries, but not in RS. RS Vice President Ivan Tomljenovic commented this fact, stating that the messages of local and international officials sent out from the commemoration ceremony in Srebrenica on July 11th would influence the future happenings in BiH. According to Tomljenovic, this means changes of BiH Constitution and question of survival of RS. These messages will also influence the creation of ambience of relationship between BiH and the international community. Tomljenovic is satisfied by the organization of commemoration ceremony and work of RS police, but he stressed that many families arrived too late to the ceremony. He believes that more effective controls of police could have enabled more people to attend the ceremony.</p> <p>Slobodan Popovic, representative at RS National Assembly stated that the authorities in Srebrenica should make radical moves in order to help the families of victims to cope with the past. Some analysts believe that RS officials are not making public statements on Srebrenica because they don't want to upset the voters before the elections. The same reason probably caused the official ignoring of decision of BiH Council of Ministers on mourning day for Srebrenica, which wasn't respected in RS.</p>
<p>BHT: BiH Parliament Assembly still didn't adopt the resolution on Srebrenica</p>	<p>BHT <u>Mirela Cosic</u> – Despite of resolution on Srebrenica adopted by EU Parliament and US Senate, BiH Parliament Assembly couldn't yet agree on such a resolution. Elmir Jahic, member of BiH Parliament Assembly who proposed the resolution, stated that the circumstances are obviously still not ready for adoption of this resolution, which has been opposed by Serb parliament members. Jahic explained that the resolution could have been adopted without the word "genocide" in its text, but there can't be no bargaining on truth. BiH Parliament Assembly member Nikola Spiric stated that there is no need for a compromise on truth, but there must be a consensus on a political act such as the resolution on Srebrenica. Families of victims say that they have never asked for the resolution, and it wouldn't mean anything for them. Munira Subasic from Association of Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa Enclaves stated that the fact that the resolution hasn't been adopted yet is not a surprise, but it is a shame. Tilman Zulch from "Society for Threatened Peoples" stated that the problem lies with the fact that BiH is still divided, and many war crime suspects still haven't been arrested. The reporter commented that Croatian Parliament could adopt the resolution on Srebrenica before the BiH Parliament Assembly.</p>

<p>RS leadership without reaction to cheering 'Long live Karadzic, Mladic' in Srebrenica</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Ovations for criminals Karadzic and Mladic in presence of RS leadership' by E. Huremovic – At the St Peter's Day theological observance held in Srebrenica's municipal home of culture, several hundreds of participants applauded and cheering names of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. The ovations occurred in the presence of RS President, Dragan Cavic, RS National Assembly Speaker Dragan Stojcic, RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic and RS Interior Minister Darko Matijasevic. However, DA reports that none of them reacted to the cheerings 'Long live Karadzic' and 'Long live Mladic'. <i>"They have done absolutely nothing about it, and faces of some of them reflected almost a smile of satisfaction,"</i> stated a witness of the event to DA. The municipal leadership has been informed of the events. Deputy Speaker of the municipal Assembly, Sadik Ahmetovic, commented to DA that <i>"failure of SDS and RS leadership to react in any way just proves that their politicians has not changed a bit since times of war criminals and genocide over Bosniaks in Srebrenica."</i> Ahmetovic adds that people will considers <i>"all possibilities to defend from constant and organized provocations, obstructions and sets ups orchestrated by SDS."</i></p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Cavic's double interests' by A. Av. – Daily says that ovations for Karadzic and Mladic occurred in welcoming RS Leadership to the observance. In addition, it notes hypocrisy of Dragan Cavic as has criticized the fact that several people wore T-shirts with picture of Naser Oric [Bosniak standing trial for war crimes before the ICTY] but at the same time attended this event. Srebrenica Mayor, Abdurahman Melkic, who strongly condemned the incident, said that he planned also to attend the theological seminar organized by Serb Academy of Sports and Culture, but after hearing of ovations gave up.</p>
<p>British Foreign Secretary commended Serbian President</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Straw: Tadic demonstrated large courage' by BETA – Jack Straw, the British Secretary of Foreign Affairs, has given a credit to Boris Tadic for havinbg attended Srebrenica commemoration. Straw also praised attempts to arrest war crime suspects, adding: <i>"The future of Serbia, as well as the future of other states, rests with European Union. Serbian President, who came to Srebrenica and showed large courage, is mostly meritorious for this."</i></p>
<p>Serbian Humanitarian Law Fund President Natasa Kandic comments on Serbian President Tadic's coming to Potocari</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5, mentioned on cover 'Under pressure of evidences Serbia admits a minimum responsibility' – Natasa Kandic, the president of the Fund for Humanitarian Law in Belgrade, said that Serbia President Boris tadic's coming to Srebrenica represnted an important step forward in proving the involvement of Serbian police members in Srebrenica crime.</p>

<p>Group of USA and European researchers on Srebrenica</p>	<p>Vecernje Novosti pg 2 ‘“Genocide” according to Clinto’ by <u>D.Savic</u> Part 2 – This is resumption of report bringing extracts from the Report of a group of researchers (see Round-up 13 July). Daily today notes that Srebrenica was deliberately sacrificed, while the truth about it was falsified because Bil Clinton told Alija Izetbegovic that American intervention would follow only if “<i>Serbs murder at least five thousand people</i>”. Report also notes that “<i>Muslim leaders from Srebrenica admitted the city was sacrificed by President of Bosnia...in order to encourage NATO intervention.</i>” Regarding Naser Oric, Report quotes General Philippe Morion saying that a group of Oric “ruled with means of terror”, accusing his troops for the murder of 1200 to 1500 deaths in the area of Srebrenica, while he has been charged only with the murder of seven Serbs. Daily today also brings names of the members of the team, led by Ed Hermann.</p>
<p>SCG President Marovic says issue of Mladic extradition crucial for country’s European future</p>	<p>RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 3 ‘Issue of Mladic extradition deciding on all of us’ – Speaking for Montenegro “Republika”, President of SCG, Svetozar Marovic stated that only after Ratko Mladic goes to Hague, SCG can expect to start negotiations on Stabilization and association Agreement and accelerated association with NATO.</p>
<p>Oslobođenje: Ashdown requests for full documentation on Palic case</p>	<p>Oslobođenje pg 5 ‘To tell where is Palic by July 22’ <u>E. Kamenica</u> – According to the daily, RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic must by July 22 send to HR Paddy Ashdown full documentation on what RS authorities has done so far to resolve the case of missing wartime Zepa commander Avdo Palic. The documentation must contain answers to at least three questions: wher is Avdo, who killed him, at whose order?</p>
<p>GS features story on a Serb form Skelani who lost family in 1993</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg splash ‘Where are Mico’s remains?’ by <u>K.Cirkovic</u> – Daily features a story about Cveto Ristic from Skelani, who lost his family members in January 1993 when BiH Army members killed them.</p>
<p>SD op-ed praising del Ponte’s work</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 13 ‘Mladic is finished?’ by <u>S. Ljubicic</u> carries that Serbian president Boris Tadic did not state just like that that war criminal Ratko Mladic would be arrested soon. According to the editorial, obviously, this shows that the negotiations have been underway, politics knows where Mladic is but they want to arrest him without victims. The author also praises the work of Chief ICTY Prosecutor Carla del Ponte and he says that the ICTY started to function when she came to her current position. The author concludes that after all, the ICTY would do its job no matter whether some people like it or not.</p>

	<p>Political Developments/Reforms</p>
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<p>Seminar on SAA held on Jahorina</p>	<p>BHT, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'BiH is a serious EC's partner'</p> <p>– BiH Directorate for European Integrations and Technical Support Team organized seminar on negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) on the mountain of Jahorina near Sarajevo on Wednesday. Seminar Presented methods, organization and coordination of the negotiations. Head of BiH Directorate for EU Integration Osman Topcagic stated that BiH could sign the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the EU by the end of 2006. However, BiH must meet the two remaining requirements, which are the police reform and reform of PBS system. After signing the Agreement, BiH will have to answer to over 3000 questions of EU on functioning of all segments of BiH authorities. According to experience of Lithuania, whose association process took 14 years, this process is very difficult. As Petras Austrevicius from Lithuanian Commission for EU Issues explained, Lithuanian didn't have problems with reform of administration and human rights. However, Lithuanian major problems were related to economic issues and market economy. Only two West Balkans countries which have signed the SAA are Macedonia and Croatia . BiH and SCG are still waiting for this. Depending on speed of meeting of requirements, BiH will be able to use the funds for support of countries in association process. BiH authorities should now decide on 11 development projects which will be financed by the EU.</p>
<p>British Foreign Secretary Straw says all former Yugoslav countries must become EU members</p>	<p>Hayat – Chairman of EU Council, British Minister of Foreign Affairs Jack Straw, stated that all former Yugoslav countries must become members of the EU in the foreseeable future. He confirmed that there is a big debate ongoing on the possible EU borders and added that the EU clearly said those are at the eastern Turkey border. Stow also said that their is more blood on some peoples' hands in Serbia than in other parts of the Balkan, but that most of the citizens of this country wants to live in peace and prosperity.</p>

Terzic: The best solution is for CoM to appoint SIPA leaders, Ivanic reinstated

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Dangerous halt on the road to Europe', mentioned on cover, by S. Numanovic – The Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, **Adnan Terzic**, stated for DA that there are a number of reasons for BiH ruling parties to meet as soon as possible, including the discussion on the situation in CoM. *"My proposal is to resolve the issue by CoM appointing Director, Deputy Director and Assistant Director of the SIPA, which then removes the reasons for which I have accepted resignation tendered by BiH Foreign Minister, **Mladen Ivanic**,"* said Terzic adding that even more important issue to be discussed at the meeting [to be held in BiH Presidency] is the temporary halt in reforms. *"RS National Assembly rejected principles of police reform as set by the EC. Now we have to find finds to de-block the road... in order to start negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement in mind November,"* adds Prime Minister also urging parties to take a stance of RS Prime Minister, **Pero Bukeylovic**, on continuing discussion on the issue in institutions. Terzic concludes by underlying that if reforms are not continue, damage for BiH would be enormous.

Political parties to discuss CoM crisis today

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Tihic: This is an issue that Adnan Terzic should solve' by A. Basic – L. Sinanovic – The leaders of ruling parties will meet today to try to resolve the crisis in the Council of Ministers [after **Adnan Terzic** accepted resignation by **Mladen Ivanic**]. SDA leader, **Sulejman Tihic**, [who was not aware of the meeting being held] states for DA that *"this is the issue that Terzic should deal with, and as for SDA he has our full support."* SBiH leader, **Safet Halilovic**, says today is a chance to finally reach an agreement on composition of the CoM and its possible restructuring. PDP Executive Director, **Gavrilo Antonic**, says the party sees solutions either if Terzic appoints new ministers, but he has no parliamentary majority for that; secondly for Terzic to annul his decision and thirdly for CoM Chair to tender resignation. SNSD official, **Nebojsa Radovanovic**, commented that the current ruling parties cannot improve the situation and would only reach an agreement in their personal interests.

Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Terzic ready to see Ivanic stay' by M.Cubro – The leaders of five political parties and BiH Presidency members should today resume talks on BiH COM's crisis, confirmed **Safet Halilovic**. **Adnan Terzic** Wednesday stated that he would withdraw his decision on acceptance of resignation of **Mladen Ivanic** *"if leaders of the parties agree that COM appoints any candidate for the SIPA Director"*.

EuroBlic RSpg 3 'Terzic and CoM in stalemate-position' by N.B. – Daily notes none of the participants of today's meeting confirmed whether meeting would take place today.

<p>DA interview with Cavic: 'In RS, for ones removed by Ashdown it is like receiving the highest medal'</p>	<p>Dnenvi Avaz pg 5 'If BiH misses its opportunity by November, a question is when the new one will appear?', mentioned on cover 'In RS, for ones removed by Ashdown it is like receiving the highest medal' by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – In an interview to DA, the RS President, Dragan Cavic says BiH has big chances to commence the negotiations in Stabilization and Association Agreement this year, stressing if this chance is missed it is a question when the new one would appear again. Adding that it is realistic to expect this in October/November, Cavic reminded it all depends on police reform adding that everybody must do a maximum to ensure consensus reached on the issue. He underlines that current RS ruling parties have done plenty for the entity and country in past two and half years, adding it would be a shame not include police reform in it. On the issue of war crimes, asked whether there was genocide committed in Srebrenica, Cavic said: <i>"I am not going to play with that word and it is not up to me to give such qualifications. Those authorized should do that. Genocide as legal qualification must be proved in the court."</i> Cavic notes that verdicts by ICTY such as those in case of Radoslav Krstic [which explicitly say genocide] refer to individual cases. Asked whether activities to improve RS cooperation with ICTY is a result of the measures by the High Representative, Cavic responds: <i>"What do HR's measure mean? Lets be entirely open and sincere. Here in RS, for a person removed by HR it is like receiving a medal for courage. Don't you think I would like to receive a medal from citizens?"</i> He concludes that the easiest way for a politician to solve his problems is to create situation in which HR will remove him/her.</p>
<p>NN op-ed saying BiH wasted a lot of time</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Is there time for BiH' by <u>Slavko Mitrovic</u> –Writing about BiH, the author raises the question as to whether nationalistic parties have killed a dream about Bosnia and Herzegovina, adding that not only three leading nationalistic parties in BiH (SDA, SDS and HDZ) but also the international community are responsible for this. He notes that <i>"the international community to BiH is the disease, which does not let BiH get well...Hence the very mention of extension of Ashdown's mandate looks like revenge of Europe."</i></p>

<p>Croatian, BiH ministers discuss refugee return</p>	<p>RHB, Pink, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 6 'Problems of refugees to be resolved next year', Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Kebo called on refugees to return to their house in BiH', Dnevni List pg 5, mentioned on cover 'Construction of bridge for Peljesac does not endanger BiH' not signed, Vecernji List pg 2 'Process of two-way return between BiH and Croatia' by E, Slobodna Dalmacija pg 4 '8500 Serbs from BiH returned to Croatia' by A. Malenica – The Croatian minister of development, Bozidar Kalmeta, and the human rights and refugees minister of BiH, Mirsad Kebo, on Wednesday held talks in Zagreb on the return of refugees and displaced people. Minister Kalmeta said that this issue was nearing completion in Croatia and that his country was likely to settle it in 2006. We have notified Minister Kebo of a plan for the return of refugees and restitution of property in line with the Sarajevo declaration on this matter, and of the process of reconstruction, Kalmeta said after the meeting. He said that by 10 August this year, Croatia would give back another 340 houses to their pre-war owners. We have also discussed plans for the return of 2,922 citizens of BiH who have refugee status in Croatia. Kebo informed the Croatian minister of 2,210 families that were currently in Bosnia and that would like to return to Croatia. We have also discussed possibilities for offering construction material to Bosnian Croats who would like to reconstruct their houses, Kalmeta said, announcing his visit to the northern Bosnian town of Derventa soon to see on the ground how the process of the return of refugees could be accelerated. It is in the interest of Croatia to see that Croatians remain in and not leave Bosnia, Minister Kebo said. He said that he was encouraged with the activities which Kalmeta and the Croatian ministry of development were taking so as to create conditions for the return of Croatian Serb refugees from Bosnia. He said that bilateral meetings of Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader and his Bosnian counterpart Adnan Terzic as well as President Stjepan Mesic's visit to BiH also contributed to this outcome.</p> <p>Kebo thanked Kalmeta for assistance which Croatia had so far given to Bosnia, stressing that Croatia was Bosnia's biggest bilateral donor. He said that security reasons were no longer an obstacle for the return of those who left Bosnia during the war.</p>
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<p>US' McElhaney visited Brcko District</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'I will visit all sites of crime in BiH' by <u>SRNA</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Less politics possible' by <u>M.Djurdjevic</u> – US Ambassador to BiH, Douglas McElhaney, stated on Wednesday in Brcko that if possible, he will visit all sites where war crimes in BiH were committed and talk to victims' families in non-political atmosphere. Brcko District Mayor, Mirsad Djapo, said that McElhaney supported District's authorities' efforts to have District treated in accordance with the final arbitration decision in relations with Entities and State institutions. Djapo sees this support as very important having in mind upcoming talks with Entities' and BiH Council of Ministers representatives on all issues that need to be resolved.</p> <p>TV PINK, RTRS, Sarajevo dailies also report on the visit.</p>
<p>Bosniak councillors in Stolac addresses international community, leave the municipal authorities</p>	<p>FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Bosniak councillors left government', Vecernji List pg 4 'Bosniaks do not want to work in Stolac Municipal Council' by <u>news agencies</u> – Bosniak Caucus at Stolac Municipality Council sent a letter to OHR, OSCE and US Embassy in BiH requesting assistance in prevention of violation of law by HDZ representatives. As they claim, an unauthorized person has called for session of Municipality Council in order to force the adoption of decision, which violates the law on construction permissions for state-owned land. They will not participate in the work of Municipality Council until the situation is changed.</p> <p>FENA: President of the SDA Stolac Executive Board Zlatko Hadziomerovic stated that the Bosniak Councillors in the Stolac Municipal Council expect a harsh reaction of the OHR and suspension of the Stolac Municipal Council's decision on free allocation of construction land.</p>

<p>DL: Western intelligence agents interested in frame-ups at HDZ Convention</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Intelligence agents interested in frame-ups at Convention' by <u>Z. Jukic</u> – According to an HDZ official close to the HDZ fraction led by Bozo Ljubic intelligence agents of many western countries have been checking these days the material that company NET recorded during the last HDZ Convention due to numerous complaints about regularity of the HDZ Convention. (NET is the company which was providing information and technical support at the HDZ Convention) The source also said that newly elected HDZ President Dragan Covic allegedly told former HDZ President Barisa Colak to move out of his way and asked Colak whether he really believes that the Convention would end up regularly if he (Covic) was not elected the HDZ President. DL inset 'Is Medjugorac going to begin to speak' carries that according to the DL source former HDZ Secretary General Vlatko Medjugorac told Covic that he would publish all information about frame-ups at the HDZ Convention if Covic removes him from the position of the HDZ Secretary General. DL wonders whether Medjugorac would really begin to speak since he was removed from this position.</p>
<p>CBC HDZ Board on Lovrinovic's removal</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Ungrounded decision on Lovrninovic's removal' by <u>NINA</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Constitutionality of law on education to be judged' by <u>Z. Cilic</u> – At its session held on Wednesday the Central Bosnia (CBC) Canton HDZ Board stressed that they support removed CBC Education Minister Nikola Lovrinovic and reject the decision on his removal as ungrounded. Also, they would demand from the HDZ Presidency to launch the procedure for judging constitutionality of the framework law on primary and secondary education. The CBC HDZ Board would sent an open letter to the OHR and all other relevant institutions in BiH and Croatia about the things that the International Community do to the Croat people when the education is in question. The CBC HDZ Board also concluded that they do not agree with '<i>one-sided appointment of the Acting CBC Education Minister made by the CBC Prime Minister</i>'.</p>
<p>OHR on police reform</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'OHR expects agreement by September' by <u>M.C.</u> – The OHR Spokesperson, Ljiljana Radetic, Wednesday stated that "<i>the High Representative expected to see talks on police reform resume asap in line with the 3 EU's principles on the basis of the agreement already reached at Vlasica. Also, we expect to see framework agreement on police reform be agreed and passed at Parliaments until middle September.</i>"</p>

<p>VL: Correction of Martens' maps of police regions possible</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg 3 'Correction of 'Martens' regions' ' by <u>E. Medunjanin</u> carries that the British chairmanship over the EU might play a crucial role in bringing back to life the negotiations on the police reform. VL learns that European representatives would demand that the negotiations on this issue do not start from the beginning but that negotiators focus on the rest of open issues. A participant of the first round of the police reform talks says that, most probably, the compromise proposal would include crossing of an inter-entity border but only on 4 to 5 places, while the police regions in other areas would follow the inter-entity borders. The source added: <i>'In that case certain corrections of the police regions maps proposed by 'the Wilfred Martens' Commission' would have to take place.'</i></p>
<p>PDP's Mikerevic met with European National Party's Martens</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Mikerevic with Martens' – Member of the PDP Presidency, Dragan Mikerevic, met Wednesday in Belgium with the President of the European National Party, Wilfred Martens. Wednesday's PDP press release reads that the meeting concluded that conditions are met for PDP to get stronger support before the parliamentary elections next year. It was also confirmed that Martens will attend the annual PDP conference toward the end of the year.</p>

	<p>Economic/Social Affairs</p>
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**HR acts to
save KM 30
million
monthly
losses**

Oslobodjenje pg 10 'Tax stamps will be issued', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Entities and Brcko can continue with issuance of tax stamps', **FENA** – The High Representative on Wednesday issued a Decision to provide full legal clarity with regard to the transition of full responsibilities for indirect taxation to the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA). The High Representative acted in response to a request from the ITA Governing Board. The Decision will permit Entity and Brcko authorities to continue to issue tax stamps that appear on tobacco and alcohol products for a short interim period until the ITA is ready to issue these stamps itself, OHR said. The High Representative's decision is designed to ensure that there is no loss of revenue. Failure to enact the decision would result in a loss of up to 30 million KM per month, which could in turn result in, for example, arrears in vital Entity level services such as education. A great deal of work has been accomplished in a short period of time in the indirect taxation reform process. The ITA has been created, a single state level account activated, and all indirect tax legislation is at the state level. But in order for this to continue, the High Representative said that the ITA and its Governing Board must remain fully focused on the key date of 1 January 2006 , when VAT will be introduced. By this time, all indirect taxation administrative competencies and full responsibilities must be assumed by the ITA. However, in order to ensure stability of revenue flows into the single account and taxpayer convenience, the transition of responsibilities must happen at the earliest opportunity – that means as soon as the ITA is ready to assume them, OHR said.

<p>Intrade, Energoinvest and Hidrogradnja to construct three new hydropower plants</p>	<p>Pink <u>Adriana Domazet</u> – Representatives of the consortium of companies “Intrade”, “Energoinvest Sarajevo” and “Hidrogradnja Sarajevo” signed agreement on construction of hydropower stations Vranduk, Ustikolina and Glavaticevo. Investment is worth 600 millions KM. Construction will last 5 to 6 years and there will be up 10.000 new working places in this period.</p> <p>Representatives of these companies announced at the press conference on Wednesday that construction will commence as soon as they get needed permit from the FBiH Government. Sarajevo dailes also covered the issue.</p>
<p>DL: ‘Verification of old foreign currency saving begins’</p>	<p>Dnevni List cover pg splash and pg 2 ‘Verification of old foreign currency saving begins’ by <u>I. Glibusic</u> – Entity Ministries of Finances and the Brcko District Revenue Administration informed depositors that verification of the old foreign currency savings begins. President of the Association of old foreign currency depositors Amila Omersoftic says that this is about a haste act, whose intention is deceiving of old foreign currency depositors. Omersoftic believes that this would be much bigger deceit of citizens than it was the case with certificates since the citizens will get nothing after they agree to receive worthless bonds.</p>

<p>VL on disastrous situation in Asylum Centre in Salakovac</p>	<p>Vecernji List cover pg splash and pgs 4 and 5 'Father sold daughter for 15 000 KM' by <u>V. Leto</u> carries a report on the disastrous situation in the Asylum Centre in Salakovac near Mostar (opened by UNHCR in 1998) where asylum seekers and refugees are placed together. According to VL, various criminal activities take place in this centre and as an example the article states the case when one of the tenants of this centre allowed that his 14 years old daughter gets married after he received 15 000 KM.</p>
<p>Comments following announcement of Croatian Government on increase of taxes on meat import for 70%</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pg 3 'Free Trade Agreement with BiH violated' by <u>N.Krsman</u> – The BiH Associations of Farmers claim that Republic of Croatia has severely violated Free Trade Agreement with BiH by having announced introduction of 70% increase in taxes on fresh meat to Croatia. Mladen Pavic, Spokesperson of the Croatian Ministry of Agriculture, says that taxes will be increased in 10 days latest, adding that regardless of the Free Trade Agreement, BiH will not be an exception.</p>

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<p>EUPM didn't receive any official request in relation to investigation on alleged presence in BiH of the main suspect for terrorist attacks in London</p>	<p>Pink, Hayat, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Nothing from London' – EUPM did not receive any official request from London police in relation to investigation in BiH on alleged presence in BiH of the main suspect for terrorist attacks in London. EUPM spokeswoman for Banja Luka region, Vedrana Dimitrijevic, said that EUPM have no mandate to conduct investigations, adding that EUPM experts can only provide assistance for BiH authorities. This suspect was allegedly in the area of Brcko District and District's police is seriously considering this issue, she said.</p>
<p>SD visited village where Abu Alssa allegedly used to live</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija cover pg splash 'Islamic radicals from Brcko' and pg 3 'There are no any terrorists from London here, there are only our brothers in religion' by <u>M. Herceg</u> carries that they visited a village Rasljani, where terrorist Abu Alssa, responsible for London terrorist attacks, allegedly used to live. The article carries statements given by local people who claim that there are no Islamic radicals from abroad in this area.</p>

<p>BiH Security Ministry completing report on terrorism in BiH</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Investigation on money smuggling in 40 caes should show whether those finance terrorists' by <u>M.Cubro</u> – Dragan Mektic, BiH Deputy Security Minister, Wednesday stated that the investigation on money smuggling in 40 cases will show whether organizations in BiH take part in financing of terrorism. He added:</p> <p><i>"We have 40 open cases on money smuggling. Out of this figure, 10 cases are investigated in collaboration with the security agencies from other states. The investigations will show whether the aim of money smuggling was financing of terrorism or those were tax frauds."</i></p>
<p>'10,000 vehicles stolen in EU on BiH roads'</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover page, pg 3 '10,000 vehicles stolen in EU on BiH roads' – According to the professor at the Sarajevo University's Traffic Faculty, Seval Kovacevic, BiH should urgently adopt the traffic safety legislation including the regulation on central registration of drivers and vehicles. Kovacevic claims that some 10,000 vehicles stolen in EU are on BiH roads due to a lack of this legislation.</p>