

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 18/10/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 18 October

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
BiH experts: no avian flu in country	War crime case in Brcko District	CoE MM with RS officials
Macedonian experts on avian flu	FBiH HoP in session	BiH HoP in session
BiH HoP on police reform	World News	Bird flue

TV news broadcast on 17 October

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Jovic attends UN ceremony in Rome	Terzic on negotiations with the EC	Terzic in Brussels
FBiH HoR on apartment selling	Terzic and Lagumdzija held talks	Terzic-Lagumdzija agreement
Terzic met Lagumdzija	Ivo Miro Jovic in Rome	No bird flue in Hutovo Blato
Terzic departure for Brussels	Law on the sale of flats rejected	Salmonella infection in Bihac

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Anniversary of Izetbegovic's death	2 men arrested in Sarajevo	Dodik released of indictment
Terzic and Lagumdzija held talks	Salmonella infection in Bihac	Rycroft on SAA negotiations

Croatian preparations for EU talks	School boycott in Zepce	Terzic and Lagumdzija on SAA
Avian flu: BiH still virus-free	Life standard in BiH	Future status of Brcko District

Oslobodjenje	Ashdown insulted BiH patriots
Dnevni Avaz	[Rycroft] Green light for BiH (to be given) on December 12?
Dnevni List	3 cars destroyed
Vecernji List	Arrest of Covic and Lijanovics being preapred ?
Slobodna Dalmacija	Virgin Mary's prayer for young people
Nezavisne Novine	Negotiations on 12 December
Glas Srpske	Dodik is not guilty
EuroBlic	Wild birds hunt banned (ban against hunt of birds in RS)
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related topics

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
BiH HoP adopts police agreement	FENA – BiH House of Peoples has adopted the Agreement on restructuring of police structures in BiH at the session commenced this morning.
FBiH HoP to discuss education	RHB, BH Radio 1 – The FBiH HoP continued its regular session in Sarajevo today with discussion on labour law/rights issues. An announced special session to discuss education affairs in light of current events will be held in the course of the day.

CoE's monitoring mission meets RS officials	RTRS – The delegation of the Monitoring Mission of the Council of Europe' Parliamentary Assembly has been visiting Banja Luka, during which the delegation has met with Dragan Cavic , RS President, and Pero Bukejlovic . Press statements will be issued later on.
Terzic meets NATO SG Scheffer	FENA – Chairman of BiH CoM Adnan Terzic met with the NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer at Brussels on Tuesday, when Scheffer congratulated Terzic on adoption of defence laws and political agreement on reconstruction of police forces. Scheffer stressed the necessity of full cooperation with the ICTY and extradition of main war crimes suspects before BiH is to join the PfP.

BiH efforts to open SAA talks

<p>British Ambassador Rycroft hopes EU Foreign Minister will recommend start of SAA talks with BiH on Dec 12</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz, front pg splash and pg 2 'Green light for BiH on December 12?', by <u>L. Sinanovic</u> – The UK Ambassador to BiH, Matthew Rycroft, told journalists that EU Foreign Ministers, who are to meet on December 12, could give the EC the green light for start of SAA talks with BiH. Asked whether he shares the opinion of some senior officials from Brussels, who believe that BiH authorities seem do not know what they want from the EU, Rycroft says the fact is that the (BiH) Directorate for European integration, the Prime Minister and several other individuals exactly know what they expect, however <i>"there are others who do not share the vision"</i>. He also noted that the full cooperation with the ICTY would be one of pre-requisites for joining the EU, however he did not specifically said whether BiH would be given the same condition like SiCG – extradition of Radovan Karadzic or no membership in the EU. RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Recommendation for talks with EU (to be given) on December 12?', Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pg 3 'Negotiations on 12 December' by <u>S.Josovic/M.Cubro</u> – also carried.</p>
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<p>Rycroft on OHR future: Transformation of OHR to EUSR to take a year followed by EU decision on final shutting of OHR</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz, front pg splash and pg 2 'Green light for BiH on December 12?', by <u>L. Sinanovic</u>, inset 'Change of status of OHR' carries UK Ambassador Matthew Rycroft as reiterating that as soon as BiH starts with SAA talks, a transformation of the OHR into the EUSR would begin. <i>"That reform would last one year, after which the EU would assess the progress we will have made and take a decision on final shutting down of the OHR. In the meantime, the High Representative and European (Special) Representative would work together. Authorities of the HR would gradually decrease, whilst the EU Representative would not have executive authorities, he would be here to help solving of political problems"</i>, says Rycroft. Oslobodjenje pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Recommendation for talks with EU (to be given) on December 12?' – Daily carries that the candidates for the position of the HR should be proposed official by 28 October. <i>"In any case, there is a plan for completely withdrawing HR Bonn powers by December 2006, and OHR role to transform into EUSR,"</i> says Rycroft.</p> <p>RTRS – In a statement for RTRS Radio, Rycroft said that as of January next year, HR will become EU Special Representative. Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pg 3 'Negotiations on 12 December', inset 'About Ashdown's successor on 21 October' – Rycroft said that SAA talks of BiH with EU will most likely commence by the end of HR Paddy Ashdown's mandate, who has been the best HR so far according to him. He noted: <i>"One of three candidates from CzechRepublic, Holland or Italy will succeed Ashdown."</i></p>
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<p>Terzic departures for Brussels , scheduled to meet Schefer, Solana, Rehn</p>	<p>RHB, RTRS, Oslo bodjenje pg 3 'Paving path for talks'- Chairman of CoM Adnan Terzic has departed for Brussels on Monday, where he will meet with the NATO Secretary General Jaap De Hoop Scheffer, EU Commissioner for Security and Foreign Policy Javier Solana, as well as with EU Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn. PINK – Officials will discuss further BiH integration into European and Euro-Atlantic institutions. <i>"What I wish to achieve in Brussels is to get a precise [answers] on what BiH has to do, what the EC has to, having in mind their bureaucratic procedures and the fact that now 25 EU member states have to decide on the content of the agreement"</i>, said Terzic. CoM Chair added that it would be good if BiH succeed on agreeing timing for the start of the negotiations with the EC by mid-December. <i>"That would give us space to sign that agreement perhaps until the (next year's) elections or just after the elections"</i>, concluded Terzic.</p>
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<p>BHT 1 comments atmosphere in Brussels regarding BiH has changed significantly, anticipates Terzic visit to have concrete results</p>	<p>BHT 1 <u>Elvir Bucalo</u> – With regard to the CoM Chair, Adnan Terzic, visit to Brussels, BHT 1 reporter comments that the atmosphere in Brussels regarding BiH has changed completely. This stance was confirmed by the BiH Ambassador to the EU, Lidija Topic, who stated that the preparations for opening SAA talks have already started. EU Commissioner for Foreign Affairs Javier Solana stated that EU expects from BiH to do a lot of work when preparing for start of SAA negotiations on the 10th anniversary of Dayton Peace Agreement. Thus, BHT1 says Terzic's visit to Brussels is expected to bring very concrete results. After the positive change of attitude towards BiH in EU, it seems that NATO member countries also have a new, milder opinion on BiH and it's obligation to arrest Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic before the accession to the Partnership for Peace programme. BiH Ambassador at NATO, Sven Alkalaj, stated that it may be possible for BiH to become PFP member state before Mladic/ Karadzic are extradited to Hague. However, this obligation would remain a priority in any case. According to reporter's unofficial sources, date of start of negotiations n SAA for BiH might be set by the end of this week.</p>
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<p>Terzic, Lagumdzija discuss SAA talks preparations: parties to meet to agree on joint activities</p>	<p>PINK, RHB, Hayat, FTV, Oslobođenje pg 7, mentioned on cover 'No consensus on how to go to Europe', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Terzic: We need consensus on ways how to get to Europe', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'No consensus on how to go to Europe' by <u>M.Cubro</u>, EuroBlic RSpg 3 'They are in search of European path from Bosnian macadam road' by <u>D.S.</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'Ruling parties and opposition together for Europe' by <u>E. Mackic</u> Slobodna Dalmacija pg 20 'Together to Brussels' by <u>b. Kristo</u>– Before BiH starts the negotiations with the European Union, it is absolutely necessary to form expert teams on the state level, which would conduct those negotiations – concluded BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic and SDP President Zlatko Lagumdzija after the meeting in Sarajevo. They agreed that there is a consensus in BiH about its admission to EU, which makes it even more important to define the way it should be done. The main reason for the meeting was the letter Lagumdzija sent to Terzic and BiH House of Representatives Chair Nikola Spiric, in which he urged them to reactivate activities included in the agreement on parliamentary parties' support to BiH's European path made reached in 2004. <i>"I am sure that we all want to join Europe, but we still don't have a consensus on how to go through with our European path"</i>, said Terzic. He agreed to create an action plan for conducting the negotiations with the EU, until the meeting with the leaders of political parties on this issue is held. HoR Chair Spiric should be the one to convene this meeting. Asked by the journalists how will BiH get the green light for SAA talks without the PBS law adopted, Terzic said that this law is in its final stage of adoption. BHT 1 – Terzic and Lagumdzija have signed the platform on joint tactics of negotiations on SAA. Political leaders of all parties should approve this platform as well.</p>
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<p>Spiric comments Terzic/Lagumdzija mtg: I am not prepared to have full trust in FBiH negotiators</p>	<p>RTRS By Branka Kusmuk– Commenting the meeting between Adnan Terzic and Zlatko Lagumdzija, BiH HoR Speaker, Nikola Spiric, who initiated similar agreement year and half ago, he the agreement reached looks more like Bosniak agreement and association of SDA and SDP's stances on negotiations, stressing that this isn't good for BiH. <i>"I am not prepared to have a complete trust in negotiators from FBiH, because so far it was shown that they are talking one and doing the other thing and I would like to be proven wrong this time,"</i> said Spiric.</p>
<p>DA op-ed on mtg Terzic/ opposition: Good course all should follow</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz op-ed pg 3 'Front of BiH parties' by <u>Admir Malagic</u> – Writing about latest talks between Adnan Terzic and opposition officials, author stresses it represents a good course which all the politicians in this state should be following, since all of them should share the view about European integration and hence should work together to accomplish it. He adds that historic chance reflected in possibility of seeing BiH integrated into EU family should not be wasted.</p>
<p>DL op-ed on Terzic/Lagumdzija mtg: it will not be easy to reach agreement btw opposition and ruling parties</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Parties in power and opposition together to Europe' by <u>I. Glibusic</u> carries an editorial on the Terzic-Lagumdzija meeting and the author says that the announced unification of the parties in power and opposition seems optimistic to BiH citizens at first sight, <i>'however, when we see who reached the agreement and who did not take part in this agreement, it becomes obvious that it will not be easy to establish that process of joint acting of the ruling parties and the opposition'</i>. The author also says that BiH should get rid of discrimination, imposing of laws, outvoting etc. before it joins Europe.</p>

Other political issues

<p>FBiH HoR rejects amendments allowing purchase of nationalized apartments expect those owned by legacies</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, FTV, BHT1, Hayat, Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 'Government's proposal on privatization of nationalized apartments rejected', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Deputies rejected privatization of nationalized apartments', Dnevni List pg 2 'Changes to Law on sale of apartments' by <u>I. Glibusic</u>, Vecernji List pg 9 'Franjo Topic: Ill- gotten goods never prosper!' by <u>E.</u> <u>Medunjanin</u> – The Federation of BiH House of Representatives (HoR) on Monday did not support the changes to the Law on sale of apartments with tenancy rights. If this law was adopted, it would allow occupancy rights holders to purchase nationalised apartments in which they are living for decades, as well as financial compensation to earlier owners. At the Monday's session, only SDP representatives supported those changes, SDA representatives abstained from voting while HDZ representatives were against the changes. FBiH HoR rejected the amendments to the Law which would allow purchase of all nationalized apartments expect those initially owned by legacies, foundations such as Vakuf, after which the FBiH Urban Planning Minister Ramiz Mehmedagic withdrew legislation from the procedure.</p>
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<p>RS Govt to discuss Faculty's decision not to replace dean Lukic</p>	<p>RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'Next session of RS Government is dedicated to removal of Lukic' by <u>G.Maunaga</u> – Head of RS Government's PR Bureau Cvijeta Kovacevic said that during its next session, RS Government will discuss decision of Eastern Sarajevo University's Council not to replace Radomir Lukic, from the position of the Dean of the Faculty of Law.</p>
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<p>OHR: RS must obey decision on suspension of Lukic</p>	<p>Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 2 'RS must obey decision on suspension of Lukic, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Pecelj now needs to remove Law Faculty Council as well' by <u>N.D.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'To erase exams and grades' – In regard to the issue of Radomir Lukic, Ljiljana Radetic, OHR Spokesperson, Monday said: <i>"RS Government has obligated itself to respecting of the High Representative's decision, by replacing members of University's Council. Also, we expect that RS Minister of Education Milovan Pecelj will present written prove on ceasing of salary payment to Mr. Lukic. Also, we expect RS Government to make a public announcement that Mr. Lukic no longer teaches legally on Faculty of Law, by which exams and grades from his lectures are considered invalid. If these steps aren't taken that will be considered as breach of DPA".</i>EuroBlic RSpG 2, announced on cover 'Minister Pecelj to decide today' by <u>Mirna Soja</u> –According to Zlatko Juric, working at RS Government Bureau for Public Affairs, stated that the upcoming session of Government, which should take place tomorrow or day after tomorrow, will discuss the possibility of not launching procedure for recall of Lukic from position.</p>
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<p>Beta interview with Wolfgang Petritsch: DPA reform necessary</p>	<p>RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 5 'A step – made backwards' by <u>Beta</u> – Former HR to BiH Wolfgang Petritsch has assessed that a reform of the Dayton Agreement was necessary in order for BiH to become a country that can negotiate with EU. He noted that ten years since the Dayton Agreement was signed, the international community in BiH should make one step backwards and let BiH start deciding on its future alone. He also assessed it is the time to move on, considering the fact a significant progress was made in development of bodies and institutions, as well as in return of property and refugees. He said BiH now needs a rational model of the Constitution in order for it to resemble to European countries. He said BiH needs a government, while its administration should be more of a public service than a bureaucratic system. Asked whether a change of the Dayton Agreement or the Constitution would represent a threat to survival of RS, Petritsch said this was an unpleasant issue but added: <i>'RS is made of people who live there and they must get a perspective of EU, new jobs, better education. This, not a piece of paper, will decide on whether RS would survive or not'</i>, Petritsch said.</p>
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<p>Monitoring Mission of the CoE Assembly meets Brcko officials: District's status must be clearly defined by Constitution</p>	<p>RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'The District wishes to participate in the constitutional changes' by <u>E. R., Glas Srpske</u> pg 2 'Brcko too should be asked for an opinion' by <u>M. Djurdjevic, Vecernje Novosti</u> pg 17 'The District in the Constitution' by <u>M. D., EuroBlic</u> pg RS9 'The District defends the status' by <u>L. Stefanovic</u>, – also reported on the visit of the Monitoring Mission – On Monday, Brcko District Officials met with Monitoring Mission of the Council of Europe's Parliament, and stressed that Brcko District status has to be clearly defined within the BiH Constitution. Mayor Mirsad Djapo stressed that the District officials want to participate in future constitutional changes, adding that District has no aspirations for changing its status but insist on its clear definition within the Constitution in accordance with final arbitration decision.</p>
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<p>Sarajevo dailies strongly criticize Dodik's 'federalization or separation of BiH' rhetoric displayed in last week's interview to RTRS</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'In a glory of genocide' by <u>Zija Dizdarevic</u> – Commenting the interview SNSD leader Milorad Dodik gave to RTRS show 'Oci u oci' last Friday, the author focuses at the Dodik advocating the constitutional changes in a manner that would define the RS as the Federal unit. He is highly critical of Dodik's presentation – federalization or separation of BiH – calling his statements as the <i>"harshest threat for BiH and Bosniaks since Karadzic had threatened they would be extinct."</i> In this light, author notes that Dodik's desire is to seal BiH fate in accordance with the Serb plans in 1992 – for this purpose he makes fun of Paddy Ashdown, but praises US Under Secretary Nicholas Burns, who did not question RS existence, and former PDHR Donald Hays, whose proposal for new BiH Constitution includes the RS. Stating Dodik's rhetoric was entirely directed at glorifying genocide, author criticises a silence of his FBiH opposition counterpart, Zlatko Lagumdžija. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Dodik is most militant nationalists in BiH', mentioned on cover, by <u>Husein Orahovac</u> – DA brings an interview with Nijaz Durakovic, a delegate in the BiH parliament, who most harshly criticises the same interview by Milorad Dodik, adding it proves that SNSD leader is the most militant nationalist.</p>
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<p>RS Finance Ministry forwards reports on SDS Pale, Sokolac to OHR</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Business conduct of SDS from Pale and Sokolac before Ashdown' by <u>N. D.</u> – RS Ministry of Finances forwarded reports on SDS Boards from Pale and Sokolac to OHR on Monday. Spokesperson of the Ministry Radmila Mihic confirmed the deadline set by HR Paddy Ashdown was overstepped by four days adding: <i>"We could not have forwarded the requested reports due to a business trip of Minister Svetlana Cenic."</i></p>
<p>Daily: Members and officials will ask for elections within BiH HDZ to be repeated?!</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 2, announced on cover 'Members and officials will ask for elections within BiH HDZ to be repeated?!' <u>not signed</u> – Members and officials of BiH HDZ will today in Mostar hold a presentation of "Aidé-memoire of members and officials". According to Bozo Ljubic, many HDZ delegates at state, F BiH, Cantonal and Municipal parliaments have signed this document already and he refused to reveal the contents of the document prior to its presentation. He says their aim is to democratize HDZ and put it back within frames of Statute. Ljubic refused to comment on whether the document reads elections within HDZ should be repeated.</p>

<p>Both primary and secondary school pupils (Croats) in Zepce area do not attend classes</p>	<p>FTV, BHT1, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Croat students do not attend classes' by <u>P. Marincic</u> – Croat pupils in all secondary schools in the area of the Zepce Municipality will not be attending classes as of October 18 (today). This decision was passed at the meeting of parents of primary and secondary school pupils held on Monday. SD says that this decision has resulted in complete suspension of classes in the Zepce primary and secondary schools. The reason for such decision is unfulfilling of the demand for giving up the 9-year primary school education according to the Croat curriculum until conditions for it were not met. They also demand passing of the decision about transferring of powers in the domain of education at the Municipality.</p>
<p>VL: 35.000 people sign petition for separation of RS</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 8 'As many as 35.000 Serbs want separation', by <u>B. S.</u> – The 'Serb People's Movement' (Srpski Narodni Pokret) has collected 35.000 signatures for separation of the RS from BiH. The Movement was collecting signatures at Banja Luka 's 'Krajina Square ' on Monday.</p>

Judicial issues / Crime / Security

<p>Dodik, Kondic acquitted of charges</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Nada Arlov</u> – Former RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik and former RS Minister of Finances Novak Knodic were acquitted of charges for abuse of position. Verdict was passed by the Council of Banja Luka Basic Court. Dodik and Kondic stated that they have had full trust into the Court, stressing that they were convinced that justice would prevail. Chairman of Court's Council Spasen Keleman stated that evidences have shown that all decisions that Dodik and Kondic were incited for were passed by the Government, thus the Council has acquitted them. Defence Attorney Krstan Simic stressed that this case is a proof that pressures on judiciary exist, adding they must end, while Prosecutor Milenko Delic didn't want to comment this, adding that he assumes that appeal will be submitted to the Court's verdict. Reporter concluded that the Prosecution could submit the appeal within fifteen days from receiving a written verdict, stressing that this would make this whole process even more expensive then it was so far, being that all the money for it came from taxpayers' pockets. FTV, Hayat, PINK, RHB, BHT 1, Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'Dodik and Kondic did not misuse positions', Oslobodjenje pg 2, mentioned on cover, 'Dodik, Kondic acquitted', Vecernji List pg 8 'Acquittal for Dodik' by <u>B.S.</u>, Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'Dodik is not guilty' by <u>M.D.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Dodik and Kondic acquitted' by <u>S.Karic</u>, EuroBlic RSpG 3, announced on cover 'Celebration of acquittal with trumpeters' by <u>Mirna Soja</u> – also reported.</p>
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<p>NN op-ed on Dodik trial: Political process</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Political process' by <u>Aleksandar Sekulic</u> – Referring to the Dodik trial, the author says the process against the leader of the opposition in RS revealed two facts – RS judiciary needs more time to become independent, while directed court processes are still one of powerful means of “political fight” in hands of the current authority.</p>
<p>VL: BiH Prosecution wants to arrest Covic this week?</p>	<p>Vecernji List, front pg splash 'Arrest of Covic and Lijanovics being prepared?' and pg 3 'Dragan Covic will be arrested this week?', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – VL claims to have learned from sources close to the BiH Prosecution and FBiH police that the Special Department of the BiH Prosecution (for organized, economic crime and corruption) is planning to arrest the President of HDZ, Dragan Covic, this week in order to prevent him from escaping BiH the same way Ante Jelavic did. Similar thing could happen to other indictees in the 'Covic and others' case. VL argues that the announcement is an obvious part of the plan by the international administration in BiH, the aim of which is to maintain the current division of BiH into the RS and FBiH with the Bosniak majority and to hush up the euphoria among the Croats after the HDZ asked for re-organization of country and establishment of a Croat federal unit. Inset 'I am shocked' carries Covic who briefly stated that he was “<i>shocked if turns out that such thinking is true</i>”. VL concludes that if the scenario does take place, the BiH Croats' destiny is to be in jail or hide in Croatia.</p>

<p>Update to PBES issue: Sarovic fails to respond to court summons</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Ratel: Sarovic will be detained dead or alive', announced on cover 'Mirko Sarovic dead for the Court' by <u>A.Sisic</u> – Jonathan Ratel, Prosecutor with the BiH Special Prosecution Department for organized crime, Monday stated that the former member of BiH Presidency, Mirko Sarovic, will be brought to BiH Court 'dead or alive". This statement follows the fact that Sarovic for two times failed to appear before the Court for hearing in the case of Privredna Banka East Sarajevo. Namely, daily got hold of post bill of lading, according to which court summons was not handed to Sarovic on the address of Petra Sarajevskog bb in Lukavica, since he was dead. According to inset 'Sarovic" I am well and alive', Sarovic told NN reporter Monday over the phone he is well and alive, and living at the address of Ozrenska 5 in Lukavica.</p>
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<p>Bomb explosion outside Mostar</p>	<p>Dnevni List, front pg splash 'Three cars destroyed' and pg 48 'Gagro knows who planted explosive', by <u>N. Dedic</u>, Vecernji List, pg 45, mentioned on front 'Bimb under car at Buna', by <u>Robert Soldo</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 23, mentioned on front 'Explosion damages three cars', by <u>T. Z.</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 30, mentioned on cover – An unknown explosive device detonated in front of a house of a private entrepreneur Srecko Gagro at Buna near Mostar on the night between Sunday and Monday, destroying three cars and causing damage to other Gagro's property. In a brief statement for DL, Gagro said he knew the motive behind the attack and that he suspected that the perpetrator of the attack was not from the FBiH. (he believes it was done by his debtor who owes him 5.000 KMs)</p>
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On loans granted by Jelavic that are not being paid back

Slobodna Dalmacija pg 19 'Jelavic's loans to soldiers illegal' by Z. Tulic Commenting on the warning given by state Prosecutor **John McNair** that the FBiH Ministry of Defence should file lawsuits against those do not pay back loans approved by former FBiH Defence Minister **Ante Jelavic**, Deputy FBiH Defence Minister **Marko Strbac** stated that it is their legal obligation to secure paying back of the loans. He added that they have already launched certain activities in order to achieve this goal and added that the only problem is that among the persons who do not pay back the loans are those who are holders of Homeland War medals, who lost job meanwhile. Strbac believes that they should show some sort of understanding for these peoples Strbac also disagreed with the number of persons that allegedly do not pay back their loans, which was given by Hercegovacka Banka Provisional Administrator **Toby Robinson** (she said that 30 persons only pay back the loans). Strbac said that this information is not correct and that over 51 % of them pay back their loans on a regular basis.

<p>Serbian Prosecution: BiH Prosecution does not cooperate in process against Scorpions members</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg 7, mentioned on cover 'BiH Prosecution does not give Serbia evidence about Scorpions' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – Representatives of the Serbian judiciary accused the BiH authorities that they do not cooperate at all in processing of 5 members of Scorpions unit. A source from the Serbia Prosecution stated for VL that for 2 months Prosecutor (of the Serbia Prosecution's Special Department) Branko Vukcevic has been unsuccessfully trying to get from the BiH Chief Prosecutor Marinko Jurcevic documentation against 5 members of the Scorpions, that the Serbian Prosecution demanded. The source added: <i>'Simply, there was no any reply from Prosecutor Jurcevic.'</i></p>
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Renaming of SarajevoAirport

Organizing Board
cancels ceremony of
renaming airport into
Alija Izetbegovic Airport

RHB, BHT1, RTRS, Hayat, FTV, Oslobođenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Ashdown insulted BiH patriots', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Organizing board gave up on Airport's ceremony', **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'It has been given up of manifestation at Sarajevo airport' by D. Pasic, **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Everybody gave up of new name of Sarajevo airport' by E. Mackic, **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Ashdown insulted them' – The Organizing Board for commemorating the second anniversary since the death of **Alija Izetbegovic** decided on Monday that it would not organize a ceremony at the Sarajevo Airport on Monday to mark its renaming into the International Airport Alija Izetbegovic – Sarajevo. However, the decision to rename the airport is correct, moral and legally founded, BiH Presidency member **Sulejman Tihic**'s Cabinet stated. *"This is not only a gesture of respect for Izetbegovic's life and work, but also represents a confirmation of the continuance of the statehood of our country and a recognition to BiH patriotic forces that fought for independence, international recognition and the defence of BiH"*, Tihic's Cabinet stated. The Organising Board therefore views as wrong the decision of HR **Paddy Ashdown**, deeming it not only showed disrespect for the multiethnic and multiparty character of this Board, but has also offended BiH patriots. The Board concluded that the other events, including the renaming of the Liberation Square into Liberation Square – Alija Izetbegovic, the completion of construction of Alija Izetbegovic's grave and the commemorative ceremony, would go ahead as planned.

<p>DA: Tihic not at US warship ceremony objecting US support for airport decision</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Why Tihic was not on the US warship?' – DA learns that Sulejman Tihic did not join ceremony held on Sunday at the US warship anchored in Neum port because of US Embassy's support to HR's decision on airport. Tihic comments he did not attend because he visited Stolac returnees on that day.</p>
<p>Green berets cancel protests scheduled for today; organize gathering on Wednesday</p>	<p>Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 4 inset 'Berets gave up on gathering at the airport' – The Veterans Association "Bosnae – Green berets" cancelled today's protests against the decision to stop renaming of the airport, and called on all citizens and BiH patriots to attend the ceremony of renaming the Liberation Square in Sarajevo into the Liberation Square – Alija Izetbegovic on Wednesday, October 19 at 11,00 hrs.</p>
<p>Srebrenica association ask HR to reconsider his decision</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Why Ashdown doesn't mind Karadzic's laws in RS?', Oslobodjenje pg 5 inset 'We expect from Ashdown to reassess his decision' – Associations "Mothers of Srebrenica" and "Women of Srebrenica" state on Monday there are deeply hurt by the decision of the HR to suspend renaming the airport into Alija Izetbegovic airport. They added they expect from Paddy Ashdown to once again reassess his decision. They also wonder whether Ashdown is aware of a numerous discriminating laws in RS, including its symbols endorsed by Radovan Karadzic.</p>

<p>DL: 'HR's too early apology'</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3 'Everybody gave up of new name of Sarajevo airport' <u>by E. Mackic</u> – DL inset 'Paddy's too early apology' carries that immediately after SDA President Sulejman Tihic stated that SDA would not support decisions and work of the High Representative Paddy Ashdown, the HR indirectly apologized for his decision by saying that he did not mean that the airport should not be named after Izetbegovic but that it is too early for such decision. DL says that in this way the HR, who plays as national parties' leaders say, has shown his real face once again.</p>
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