

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 18/2/2006

TV news broadcast on February 17, 2006

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
HR in visit to Mostar	Topcagic on EU Parliament resolut.	First avian flu cases in BiH?
Beslic on HR's visit to Mostar	McElhaney on constitutional changes	WN: deadly mudslide on Philippines
HDZ on HR's visit to Mostar	US Gov. called for const. changes	Mad cow disease in Croatia
USA Gov't on BiH Constitution	Barroso and Rehn visiting Sarajevo	Eight cases of Q-fever in RS

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Demol. of ruined houses in Derventa	FTV, the most watched television	Bird flue in BiH
React. on demol. order in Derventa	Carcinogenic waste disappeared	Cow madness in Croatia
Rehn, Barroso on BiH	Avian flu in Slovenia confirmed	RS PM raised salaries
USA Gov't on BiH Constitution	First avian flu cases in BiH?	HR said no more imposed decisions

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Approximately 400 persons to lose BiH citizenship?
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	A fast test confirmed existence of avian flu in BiH?!
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Avian flu in BiH

<b>Vecernji List</b>	A healthy stamp for mad cow <i>[tests confirmed one case of mad-cow disease in Croatia]</i>
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Bird flu in BiH
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	They have failed on what they have already passed <i>[Dean of Faculty of Economics in Brcko annulled results of mathematics test due to suspicion some students have paid to pass the test and asked from competent bodies to investigate case]</i>

## HR Schwarz-Schilling visited Mostar

<p>HR visits Mostar: lot has been achieved but there are still some problems to consider</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – During his first official visit to Mostar, High Representative to BiH <b>Christian Schwarz Schilling</b> has met with the Mostar Mayor <b>Ljubo Beslic</b>, the Mostar City Council members and HDZ officials. After the meeting with Mostar Mayor and City Council Members, HR complimented the unity and improvement of the city achieved in past years in order to come to more efficient administration. <i>“Of course, they gave me the big problems to consider, the question of budget, revenues, of the names of the streets, city hall, culture, institutions that still haven’t been solved”</i> stressed Schwarz Schilling. He promised that he will investigate these issues and come back to Mostar to have a further dialogue to discuss the problems. <i>“I am more in the position of an advisor, supporter, convincing the people and not to impose because we are now in a further stage of democracy and in the transition on the road to Europe”</i> added Schwarz Schilling. He expressed hope that through the dialogues progress can be made in the role of BIH Institutions and International Community. <i>“So I wish good cooperation, good work and a little bit of luck”</i> concluded Schwarz Schilling.</p> <p>BHT 1, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 ‘Schwarz-Schilling: I do not want to give promises I cannot keep’ by <u>F. Vele</u>, Vecernji List pg 9 ‘Professors surrounded Schwarz-Schilling in Mostar’, announced on cover ‘I understand education workers’ by <u>Ivana Brkic-Cubela</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 7 ‘There will be no imposing of decisions’ <u>not signed</u>, Dnevni List pg 10 ‘Great progress was achieved’ by <u>Sanja Bjelica</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Education workers protested and waited for Schwarz-Schilling’ by <u>M. Krilic</u> – also reported.</p>
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<p>Beslic on HR's visit to Mostar: OHR to act as advisor, BIH institutions to adopt reforms</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – Mostar Mayor <b>Ljubo Beslic</b> expressed satisfaction of receiving High Representative to BIH <b>Christian Schwarz Schilling</b> during his first official visit to Mostar. Beslic stressed that HR was informed on all good and bad issues regarding Mostar. <i>"We informed HR on financial difficulties in our city and I firmly believe that HR will thoroughly investigate the situation and find the solution for Mostar issue"</i> noted Beslic. He stated that it was agreed that continuation of reforms is crucial adding that reforms will be adopted by BIH Institutions and with OHR's help. <i>"Luckily OHR will now act more like an advisor instead of imposing the decisions"</i> concluded Beslic expressing hope for another meeting with HR Christian Schwarz Schilling.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Education workers protested and waited for Schwarz-Schilling' by <u>M. Krilic</u> – also reported.</p>
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HDZ after meeting with HR: continuant implementation of key reforms crucial for BIH

**RHB** – High Representative to BIH **Christian Schwarz Schilling** has met with HDZ officials in Mostar during his first official to this city on Friday. HDZ Spokesperson **Miso Relota** stated that they have discussed the issue of Constitutional reforms, implementation of key reforms, signing the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, PBS law and High Education law. It was concluded that continuant implementation of key reforms is crucial for BIH. HR has wished to HDZ Leader Dragan Covic soon recovery. HR Christian Schwarz Schilling has met with HDZ Deputy Chair **Niko Lozancic**, and HDZ Delegation consisted of vice-Presidents **Borjana Kristo** and **Marinko Cavara**, General Secretary **Nevenko Herceg** and HDZ Presidency Members.

**Dnevni List** pg 5 'Implementation of reforms is necessary' not signed – reports on the meeting.

<p>HNC School Trade Union deny the agreement was reached, call on strike to be continued</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – Herzegovina Neretva Canton Primary and Secondary School Trade Unions denied that their requests on 30% salary increase of food allowance and signing of collective contract have been adopted by the HNC Government. Trade Unions called on continuation of the strike until their demands are adopted. Trade Unions have also met with High Representative to BiH <b>Christian Schwarz Schilling</b> who told that that he was informed on their problems but it was not in his authority to help them.</p> <p><b>TV Pink, BHT1, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 10 'Schwarz-Schilling: I do not want to give promises I cannot keep' by <u>F. Vele</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 9 'Professors surrounded Schwarz-Schilling in Mostar', announced on cover 'I understand education workers' by <u>Ivana Brkic-Cubela</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 12 'Syndicates waited for Schilling' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Education workers protested and waited for Schwarz-Schilling' by <u>M. Krilic</u> – also reported.</p>
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<h2>Constitutional changes/SAA</h2>
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<p>U.S. government: BIH political parties should resume negotiations on Constitutional changes</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – The U.S. Government has emphasized the importance of constitutional reform in BIH and strongly urged the parties to continue with negotiations and agree on measures by the end of March as promised to State Secretary <b>Condoleezza Rice</b> in Washington. Representatives of BIH political parties have promised to increase the efficacy of BiH national institutions, including implementation of a single Presidency, a strengthened government, and a more effective parliament. The EU Parliament, in its adopted resolution on 16<sup>th</sup> January, emphasized the need for Bosnia and Herzegovina to pursue constitutional reform as a necessary step towards EU integration.</p> <p><b>TV Pink, BHT1, TV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 ‘Promise from Washington must be fulfilled’ <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3, announced on cover ‘Parties must reach an agreement by the end of March’ <u>not signed</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 ‘Pressure on politicians to reach constitution’ <u>by Ivica Glibusic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4, announced on cover ‘Political leaders must keep their promise’ <u>by M. Cubro and V. Popovic</u> – also reported.</p>
<p>US Ambassador McElhaney: negotiations on constitutional changes will continue</p>	<p><b>TV Pink, Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 ‘continuation of negotiations’ <u>by Lj. D.</u> – US Ambassador to BIH <b>Douglas McElhaney</b> said on Friday in Drvar that negotiation on constitutional changes in BiH will be continued. According to McElhaney, negotiations will be intensified in order to achieve optimal constitutional agreement that will bring more efficient work of BiH CoM.</p>

<p>BiH official Topcagic: SAA talks are no conditioned with agreement on const. changes</p>	<p><b>TV Pink</b> – Director of BiH Direction for EU Integrations <b>Osman Topcagic</b> stated that negotiations and signing of Stabilization and Association Agreement are currently not conditioned by reaching of an agreement on the constitutional changes in BiH. Topcagic explained that resolution of EU Parliament refers to full membership, which comes in later phase, explaining that the constitutional changes would be obligatory for the full EU membership.</p> <p><b>BHT1, Dnevni List</b> pg 5 ‘Pressure on politicians to reach constitution’ by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – also reported.</p>
<p>Silajdzic (Party for BiH): Some are trying to legitimise ethnic cleansing through negotiations on constitutional changes</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘Some are in haste to complete the project from 90-es’, announced on cover ‘They cannot exclude us from negotiations’ by <u>E. Sarac</u> – <b>Haris Silajdzic</b> from the Party for BiH stated at a press conference held on Friday that no person can exclude the Party for BiH from negotiations on constitutional changes because this party has a credibility. He also noted it is obvious the negotiations on constitutional changes are being used to complete legitimising of ethnic cleansing in BiH. <i>‘Unfortunately, neither the international community nor domestic political forces are reacting in a right way after statements given in Belgrade by the Chief of Diplomacy, Vuk Draskovic, who said ‘we have lost Kosovo but got RS’,</i> Silajdzic stated.</p> <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 ‘Ethnic principle in reform of the Constitution is unacceptable’ by <u>S. Se.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4, announced on cover ‘Political leaders must keep their promise’ by <u>M. Cubro and V. Popovic</u> – also reported.</p>



<p>HDZ, SDA, SDP, HNZ welcomed the Resolution on BiH; SDS – Resolution contradictory to previous claims; SNSD will not change its stance regarding rotation in Presidency</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Filipovic: We must accept the fact the Dayton constitution was overgrown' by <u>A. Malagic</u> – Following the adoption of the Resolution on BiH at European Parliament, HDZ's <b>Ilija Filipovic</b> says the European Parliament is the first valid European institution that had clearly presented the stance on the Dayton constitution and confirmed the necessity of the adoption of a modern constitution BiH must have if it wants to join EU. SDA's <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> reiterated his stance by saying the Resolution will both make an influence on BiH political parties to reach an agreement on the first phase of constitutional changes before the elections, as well as to exert a pressure on the European Commission to define more determined stance with regard to this issue. SDS's <b>Mladen Bosic</b> thinks the Resolution is contradictory to previous claims that the constitutional changes are not a pre-requisite for the integrations. SNSD's <b>Krstan Simic</b> reiterated SNSD will not change its stance with regard to the rotation at the Presidency and decision-making at the level of entities. SDP's <b>Jozo Krizanovic</b> welcomed the Resolution and said he thinks it would encourage continuation of the negotiations. Inset 'They ask from us to be more responsible' – HNZ's <b>Milenko Brkic</b> expressed a support to stances presented in the Resolution, adding it actually asks from politicians to be more responsible and serious.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4, announced on cover 'Political leaders must keep their promise' by <u>M. Cubro and V. Popovic</u> – carries statements of SNSD, SDA, SDS and SDP. It also carries statement of PDP's <b>Vinko Radovanovic</b> who said the continuation of negotiations on constitutional talks are possible, but the issue of functioning of BiH Presidency still remains disputable.</p>
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<p>DA interview with creator of Resolution on BiH Doris Pack: ethnic divisions in BiH must be overcome</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'Ethnic divisions in BiH must be overcome', announced on cover 'It is crazy to have 147 Ministers in country' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – carries a lengthy interview with <b>Doris Pack</b>, the creator of the Resolution of European Parliament on situation in BiH. She stressed BiH is currently in a critical moment, since it had launched SAA negotiations. She repeated which stances were presented in the Resolution and added ethnic division in BiH must be overcome. According to Pack, it is up to BiH politicians to decide how they would achieve this. Pack especially emphasised BiH is not a functional state and its state apparatus must be strengthened.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed: Europe wants results</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> op-ed pg 9 'Europe wants results' by <u>Mirko Sagolj</u> – the author refers to the Resolution on BiH, adopted in European Parliament, and emphasises the main point of the Resolution was the fact European Parliament sent out a message to BiH political parties BiH cannot join EU with the current constitutional structure and institutional frame developed on the base of the DPA.</p>
<p>BiH Presidency Chairman Jovic advocates for the third entity and tri-partite Presidency</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Three entities and tri-partite Presidency' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 9 'The third entity in BiH as well' <u>not signed</u> – In a statement for BN TV, BiH Presidency Chairman <b>Ivo Miro-Jovic</b> has stated that the three constitutive peoples in BiH should have equal rights, therefore if two peoples already have their entities, the third people should have it as well. He noted talks on constitutional changes must be continued and advocated the idea on tri-partite Presidency.</p>

<p>OHR on Jovic's request on PBS continuity: SAA requirement on PBS will not change because of this initiative</p>	<p><b>RHB – OHR</b> commented, for FENA agency, the recent BiH Presidency Chair <b>Ivo Miro Jovic's</b> request for the assessment of constitutionality of the PBS law saying that it was the matter for the Constitutional Court to discuss it. OHR stated that the Stabilisation and Association Agreement requirement on PBS is clear and will not change because of this initiative adding that the State level Parliamentary procedure on the PBS reform is complete and the law has been published in official gazette. OHR's statement read that the adoption of harmonised Entity level legislation and the overall implementation of PBS reform remains a SAA priority and that Jovic's initiative should not undermine the passage of this harmonised legislation currently being considered by Entity parliaments.</p> <p><b>FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Conditions for contract with EU will not be changed' by Fena – also reported.</p>
<p>Reform of Public Administration needed for SAA and EU integration</p>	<p><b>TV Hayat</b> – As in accordance with the Feasibility study in the process of signing the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, 27 BIH Institutions that will be needed for the EU integration process are planned for improvement. Reporter noted that Reform of Public Administration is a key issue for BIH adding that reform doesn't include only adoption of the laws but also the efficiency of the institution. Director of BiH Directorate for EU Integrations <b>Osman Topcagic</b> stated that they have received the laws and institutional framework needed for the negotiations on SAA . Reporter added that the number of institutions needed for integration will vary. Topcagic added that at one point BIH will need approximately 100 institutions for a successful EU integration.</p>

<p>New SDHR appointed on Friday</p>	<p><b>RHB, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Peter Bas-Backer took over the position of Senior Deputy' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Olisobodjenje</b> pg 4 'Peter Bas-Backer new Senior Deputy' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 4 'Dutch is Deputy High Representative' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Bas-Backer instead of Ney' <u>by Z. D.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 'Bas-Backer instead of Nay' <u>by G. M.</u> – OHR stated that Dutch Ambassador <b>Peter Bas-Backer</b> has been appointed as Senior Deputy High Representative. Bas-Backer will be in charge of the Defense and Intelligence reform, the strengthening of BiH institutions and reform of the public administration, PBS reform and the establishment of a modern European PBS, the development of civil society, and issues related to young people. Presenter read the biography of SDHR Bas-Backer noting that he was previously employed as Head of the Liaison Office in Pristina.</p>
<p>RHB Comment of the Day: approach to distribution of revenues differs in Croatia and BiH; distribution of revenues in BiH is a way to abolish cantons</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – <u>By Ivica Simunovic</u> – Reporter compared the approach of Croatia on the distribution of revenues to BiH law on distribution on revenues concluding that Croatia has finally entered the phase of E integration while the situation in BiH is completely different. <u>Simunovic</u> stated that the law on revenues, according to which revenues would be directly given to the municipalities, is a way to abolish the cantons because <i>"who has the money-bag has the power"</i>. Reporter noted that attempts to invoke on the protection of Vital National Interest of Croats before the FBiH House of Peoples is differently interpreted adding that revenue law has been supported by International Community since Venetian Commission suggested abolishing cantons.</p>

## Other political issues

<p>Outgoing RS Government increased salaries for PM and Ministers</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> – The outgoing RS Government of <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b> adopted a new decision on salaries of the Prime Minister and Ministers in the new Government according to which future RS Prime Minister <b>Milorad Dodik</b> should have a salary of 3.500 KM instead of 2.500 KM. Deputy Prime Minister will receive 2.700 KM instead of 2.000 KM, and Ministers will receive 2.500 KM instead of 1.800 KM. The law specifies that the dismissed Prime Minister and Ministers have the right to continue receiving salaries for another six months after handing over duty.</p> <p><b>TV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 12 ‘Radmanovic: Bukejlovic is framing us with increase of salaries’ <u>by N. D.</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 ‘Pero Bukejlovic increased salaries at the end of the mandate’ <u>not signed</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 ‘Thicker envelopes in the Government’ <u>by G. D.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 ‘PM designate Dodik announces he would annul the decision’ <u>by V. P.</u> – also reported.</p>
<p>SNSD’s Radmanovic criticises decision of outgoing RS Govt to increase salaries</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 12 ‘Radmanovic: Bukejlovic is framing us with increase of salaries’ <u>by N. D.</u> – SNSD’s <b>Nebojsa Radmanovic</b> commented on the decision of outgoing RS Government to increase salaries of PM and Ministers and stated this act is morally questionable and assessed this decision is a provocation for a new executive authorities.</p>

<p>RS PM designate Dodik announced he would annul the decision on increase of salaries</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'PM designate Dodik announces he would annul the decision' by <u>V. P.</u> – RS PM Designate <b>Milorad Dodik</b> announced he would, at the first session of new RS Government, annul the decision on the increase of salaries of PM and Ministers. He says he thinks the decision to increase salaries was inappropriate for the difficult economic situation of RS citizens.</p>
<p>Dodik would like to see change in BiH CoM</p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> – RS Prime Minister Designate <b>Milorad Dodik</b> said on Friday in Berlin that would like to see a change in BiH CoM. Dodik added that European Commission knows that BiH CoM does not function due to resignation of few ministers and that Chair of BiH CoM <b>Adnan Terzic</b> does not even have a support of his political party. According to Dodik, if European Commission approves this, then this is decadency.</p> <p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Warning of European Commission is decadent' by <u>Agencies</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'Dodik expects changes at BiH CoM' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – also reported.</p>
<p>Paravac is not leaving BiH Presidency</p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> – BiH Presidency member <b>Borislav Paravac</b> stated he does not even think about leaving BiH Presidency. Paravac said that SDS Presidency will bring a decision regarding his position and positions of ministers in BiH CoM.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'Dodik expects changes at BiH CoM' by <u>V. Popovic</u> inset 'Paravac: My withdrawal is a matter for SDS' – also reported.</p>

<p>PDP's Crnadak: PDP to consider further flow of talks on new RS Govt with SNSD on Sunday</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'On personnel solution in new Government on Sunday' by <u>V. P.</u> – PDP's <b>Igor Crnadak</b> confirmed PDP Presidency will consider the further flow of talks with SNSD on establishing of the new RS Government and personnel solutions concerning PDP members on Sunday. According to some information, PDP should get Ministerial positions at Ministries of Agriculture, Education as well as to get Minister without Portfolio.</p>
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<p>Member of Commission for Revision of Citizenships Pandurevic: 1500 persons, mostly of Afro-Asian origins, to undergo the process of revision</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover pg splash and pg 7 'Approximately 400 persons to lose BiH citizenship?' by <u>A. Terzic</u> – BiH Commission for Revision of Decisions on Naturalisation of Foreign Citizens should finally resolve the issue of disputable citizenships in BiH. The Commission has the right to annul the citizenships in case irregularities are found. Associate to BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and a member of the Commission <b>Miodrag Pandurevic</b> announced approximately 1.500 cases of persons mostly of Afro-Asian origins will undergo the revision.</p> <p>According to some information, approximately 400 of these persons might lose their citizenship.</p> <p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Revision of citizenships finally commences' by <u>Nina</u> – reads the Commission was established and carries names of the Commission members.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'First expelling within 30 days' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – Deputy BiH Minister of Security <b>Dragan Mektic</b> announced the Commission should reach first decisions on annulling of citizenships within a month and expel persons who were illegally granted citizenships from the country.</p>
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<p>Minister Dokic to present to CoM preliminary report of BiH Expert Commission for Peljesac Bridge next week</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'BiH should not auction with the height of the bridge' by <u>Az. Kalamujic</u> – BiH Expert Commission for Peljesac bridge project on Friday developed a preliminary report in which they presented their opinion on Croatian intentions with regard to the construction of the bridge. The Commission believes the current plans with regard to the height of the bridge (30 meters) do not guarantee BiH would have the access to open sea without obstacles. BiH Minister of Traffic and Communications <b>Branko Dokic</b> will present this document to CoM next week. Minister Dokic said he thinks BiH should not auction with the height of the bridge and confirmed experts think the bridge should be higher than 40 meters.</p>
<p>LDS: Peljesac bridge would jeopardise territorial integrity of BiH on Adriatic Sea</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'The bridge jeopardises territorial integrity of BiH on Adriatic Sea' by <u>Az. K.</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 4 'Opposing to construction of Peljesac bridge' by <u>D. P. M.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 'The bridge will jeopardise territorial integrity of BiH' by <u>D. Muminovic</u> – Liberal-Democratic Party (LDS) forwarded a study to CoM, in which the party listed reasons why BiH should not allow Peljesac bridge to be constructed. LDS President <b>Lamija Tanovic</b> stated the bridge would jeopardise territorial integrity of BiH on Adriatic Sea.</p>

<p>BiH Election Commission: the number of voters to increase for 400.000 through passive registration of voters</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'The number of voters will increase for almost half a million through passive registration of voters' by <u>L. S.</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'New 400.000 voters in BiH' <u>not signed</u> – The Election Commission expects the introduction of the passive registration system to result in an increase of the total number of voters in BiH by approximately 400.000, which represents the number of voters who remained outside the election process due to the complex registration procedure at the previous elections. Member of the BiH Election Commission, <b>Tihomir Vujicic</b>, has stated that that the increase of the total number of voters in BiH represents the difference between the CIPS data and the data from the central voters' list.</p>
<p>BiH Ombudsmen welcomed passive registration of voters</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 'Passive registration was welcomed' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Mistake was corrected' by <u>G. D.</u> – The BiH Ombudsmen for human rights, <b>Safet Pasic</b>, <b>Vitomir Popovic</b> and <b>Mariofil Ljubic</b> welcomed on Friday the launch of implementation of their recommendation from the Special Report issued in July 2004 on the necessity for applying the principles of passive registration of voters for the forthcoming elections.</p>

<p>Turkish PM Erdogan sent a letter to BiH CoM Chairman Terzic following recent protests</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'A dialogue of civilisations instead of conflict' by S. Numanovic – Turkish PM Recep Tayyip Erdogan sent a letter to BiH CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic, referring to the recent protests against caricatures of Prophet Mohammad published in a Danish daily. He expressed his fear the current situation might escalate up to the point in which it might jeopardise international peace and stability and noted it is in the interest of global peace and preservation of joint values to have politicians and state officials who are behaving in a wise and reasonable manner. Oslobodjenje pg 5 'All civilisations have joint values' <u>not signed</u> – also reported.</b></p>
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Return process/social issues	
<p>Derventa Municipality conducts subtle prevention of returnee process</p>	<p><b>TV Hayat</b> – Hayat brings feature on advert posted by Head of Derventa Municipality <b>Milorad Simic</b> who called pre-war owners of the devastated houses to remove them otherwise the Municipality will charge for removal of their facilities if carried out by municipal authorities. Simic claims that the advert was posted as an attempt to organise ecological cleansing and not “as commented ethnical one”.</p>

<p>NGOs and BIH Institutions on Derventa Municipality's subtle prevention of returnee process, OHR must be involved</p>	<p><b>TV Hayat</b> By <u>Snjezana Mulic</u> – BIH Institutions and NGOs have condemned the advert posted by Head of Derventa Municipality calling pre-war owners of the devastated houses to remove and if not the Municipality will charge for removal of their facilities. Reporter stated that OHR refused to get involved in this case. OHR Spokesperson <b>Mario Brkic</b> stated that implementation of DPA annex 7 is solely given to the local authorities adding that they called Head of Derventa Municipality to cancel the public call. Reporter concluded that if by this call the implementation of DPA annex 7 is violated that it must be of <b>OHR's</b> concern.</p>
<p>Banja Luka Bishop Komarica met with Head of EC delegation Humphreys: The fact few Catholics are returning is not good for future of RS</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'The fact few Catholics are returning is not good for future of RS' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 9 'Bad position of Croats in RS' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 4 'Posavina without Croats' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 'Humphreys and Komarica pleaded for return of Croats' by <u>Agencies</u> – Banja Luka bishop Msgr <b>Franjo Komarica</b> met with the Head of European Commission to BiH, <b>Michael Humphreys</b> and his associates on Thursday in Banja Luka. Humphreys said that he knows that a small number of Catholics have returned to the entity of Republika Srpska, which cannot be good for future either of Republika Srpska or BiH.</p>

<p>Archbishop Vasilije: invitation of Minister Kebo for my return to Tuzla is positive, pre- conditions need to be created first</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Pre-conditions do not exist as yet' by <u>S. Radjen-Todorovic</u> – Upon an appeal of BiH Minister for Human Rights and Refugees <b>Mirsad Kebo</b> to Archbishop <b>Vasilije Kacavenda</b> to return to Tuzla, Archbishop Vasilije stated this was a positive initiative, but he stated needed pre-conditions, which do not exist at the moment, for this need to be created first</p>
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## Miscellaneous

Two swans with  
avian flu-like  
symptoms  
discovered on  
a lake near  
Jajce

**BHT1** – Two swans with avian flu-like symptoms have been discovered on a lake near Jajce on Thursday. Preliminary tests showed that those swans are infected with the avian flu virus, however, according to Director of BiH Veterinary Office **Jozo Bagaric**, those preliminary tests are not entirely incontestable, so further analysis should be carried out. It is expected that final results of those additional tests would be announced early on Monday. Bagaric stressed that the local centre for supervision of the disease, as well as the experts' working group have been formed; all the necessary measures will be carried out, including quarantine or the slaughter of all birds or poultry, if it is proven that those two swans are infected with avian flu virus.

**TV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** cover pg splash and pg 3 'A fast test confirmed existence of avian flu in BiH?!' by Z. Perisic, **Vecernji List** pg 6, announced on cover 'Avian flu entered BiH as well?' by Valentina Rupcic, **Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5, announced on cover 'We can expect avian flu any of these days', **Dnevni List** cover pg splash, pg 6 'Bird flu in BiH' by M. Zorlak and A. Vrebac, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash and pg 3 'Avian flu in BiH' by R. Rakic – also reported.

<p>DA: F BiH Financial Police to file denunciations against Hadzipasic and Vrankic next week over 'Energopetrol' case</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8, announced on cover 'Financial police to file denunciations against Hadzipasic and Vrankic' by <u>F. Vele</u> – According to <i>DA</i>, F BiH Financial police will, at the beginning of next week, file denunciations to Chief Sarajevo Canton Prosecutor against F BiH Deputy PM <b>Dragan Vrankic</b> over his responsibility in "Energopetrol case", i.e. adoption of illegal decision to annul a decision of F BiH Financial Police by which "Energopetrol" was freed of the obligation to pay debts in the amount of 22 million KM. Although it was not specified by name, facts from the denunciation also imply the responsibility of F BiH PM <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b> as one of persons held responsible in this case.</p>
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