OHR BiH Media Round-up, 18/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 18 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	**RTRS** (12,00 hrs)
DRC to adopt Draft Defense Law	DRC to adopt Draft Law
FBiH Gov. delegation visitsTuzla	Verdicts for Stambolic murder
Ajanovic on BiH lawsuit agst SCiG	NATO SG on Kosovo

TV news broadcast on 17 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
DRC signs defence reform proposal	DRC will adopt the Draft Law	120 dead in suicide attacks in Iraq
A. Karadzic released	Tenth anniversary of DPA	BiH soldiers in Iraq well and safe
Cases before ICTY	Ashdown to address BiH HoR	Police work/entities' border
Babic and Deronjic's appeal	Aleksandar Karadzic released	NATO released Sasa Karadzic

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
Ashdown to address BiH HoR	Hurricane in Mexico	A. Karadzic released

Radovanovic on BiH soldiers in Iraq	Traffic jams all over Europe	Radovanovic satisfied with BiH Unit
Aleksandar Karadzic released	Lack of passport booklets in BiH	DRC signs defence reform proposal
Milosevic and Krajisnik case	Heat in Mostar	HR addresses Parliament on Tuesday

Oslobodjenje	New airport in Visoko to be constructed in three years?
Dnevni Avaz	Adnan Terzic: I am concerned about the BiH Presidency's position
Dnevni List	Entering to Croatia full of upleasantness for BiH citizens
Vecernji List	Gotovina before he ran away : I am running away beuase they want to kill me
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Glas Srpske	Trebnik did not decay (remains of murdered martyrs found near Foca)
Nezavisne Novine	BiH citizen attempted to smuggle 41 kg of heroin from Turkey
Blic	Explosions reduce prices (tourist in Turkey)
Vecernje Novosti	Mladic is not a condition
Srpski Nacional	Dinkic versus Tijanic (Serbia related)

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

FBiH Government's delegation visits Tuzla	**RHB** – The Federation of BiH Government's delegation visits Tuzla today. Among the other things, they would talk with representatives of the Tuzla Canton Government about continuation of the privatisation process, damage caused by floods in this area etc. RHB says that for the time being, there is no confirmation that the FBiH Government's delegation would agree today the strategy on continuation of Energopetrol's sale.
BOSS' Ajanovic on BiH lawsuit against SciG	**RHB** – BOSS President **Mirnes Ajanovic** sent a demand to Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic** to organize a donors' conference in order to collect money for financing the BiH's lawsuit against Serbia and Montenegro since this lawsuit had been brought in question due to the lack of money (6 millions KM).
Incident in Bijeljina – investigation ongoing	**RS Radio** – Bijeljina PSC is engaged in investigation regarding the Sunday incident, when a group of Bosniaks (approximately 50) stoned Serbs, who were placing the cross near the Hotel "Vidikovac" near returnee settlement of Divic near Zvornik. According to **Dragomir Peric,** PSC Bijeljina Spokesperson, there was no physical conflict between Bosniak returnees and Serbs.

Political Developments/Reforms

DRC to formally adopt Draft Defense Law today	**RHB, BHT, Pink, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Agreement on defence reform to be signed today', **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Signing of the defence reform proposal today' by f, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Signatures to laws today' – The BiH Defense Reform Commission will formally adopt the Draft Law, which it has been developing during last seven months, at a signing ceremony scheduled for Monday, stated NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo. The Draft Law foresees abolishment of the entity Ministries of Defence, entity command and the regular military service/conscription, and it introduces a single budget and chain of command at the state level. New BiH professional armed forces should not have more than 10.000 soldiers. **Oslobodjenje** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Agreement on military to be signed today? A. Prlenda – The daily quotes a source close to the BiH Presidency as saying that the leaders of ruling political arties in BiH met last week in an attempt to agree on the amendments to the Defense Law. The source could not confirm if anything was agreed at the meeting. The Defense Reform Commission members also did not want to give any details about the meeting. However, one of them told the daily that the main disputes are related to the units that should represent a continuation of the current components of the armed forces in BiH: RS Army, BiH Army and HVO i.e will the current components remain existing?
Nikolic: HVO must preserve its identity	**Dnevni List** pg 5, mentioned on cover 'Nikolic: HVO must preserve its identity' by M. Karacic – Federation of BiH Defence Minister **Miroslav Nikolic** stated that the agreement on the defence reform should be signed on Monday (today). Nikolic added that he would support the agreement only if the agreement does not imply abolishment of the HVO identity and the identity of other 2 components. Nikolic stressed that playing of ceremonious songs during the oath-taking ceremonies (Serb and Croat anthems) would be also defined by the agreement.

RS Defence Minister Stankovic on DRC proposal	**EuroBlic** RSpg 1 'Army without recruits as of January' by Rajna Radosavljevic, **Srpski Nacional** pg 10 'Republika Srpska without protection' _– Apart from carrying NATO press release, dailies carry statement of **Milovan Stankovic,** RS Defence Minister, has stated that DRC proposal stipulates the abolishment of the conscription and reserve and establishment of professional armed forces, that would number around 10 thousand members. He has noted: "*The current proposal of DRC does not coincide with the RS NA conclusions, especially in the part referring to transfer of authority. Hence, the abolishment of RS Defence Ministry will again depend on RS NA decision.*" He has also noted that NATO did not accept any proposal regarding display of identification, religion or letters.
Entity parliamentarians announce adoption of defence reform	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'No discussions on defence reform before Parliaments before autumn time' by R.Cengic – Daily refers to delegates at both entity parliaments (**Sadik Ahmetovic** from SDA, **Marin Vucer** from SDS at RS NA and **Nermin Vila** at F BiH Parliament) claiming that the defence reform stipulating the abolishment of entity defence ministries and armies will be passed on the basis of practical reasons. Ahmetovic notes that "*RS NA will adopt defence reform, but it will most certainly slow down police reform.*" Vucer notes there are pressures from DRC regarding the adoption of the Law by middle September. Daily notes delegates reject any possibility of having this issue discussed within shortened procedure.

Pol. parties on today's meeting of DRC	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'SDS says Parliaments should reach decisions' by V.Popovic – The representatives of the majority of political aprties in BiH (**Sefket Hahizovic** from SDA, **Radovan Bjelogrlic** from SNSD, **Slobodan Popovic** from SDP of BiH) share the view that today's session of the DRC would see signing of the final text of the Report of DRC, which will – in the form of proposed shape and organisation of armed forces – be forwarded for parliament procedure and hence terminate the existence of entity defence ministries and entity armies. **Stanko Pivasevic** from SDS notes that SDS sticks to its position that RS Defence Ministry and RS Army cannot be abolished without decision of RS NA. **Mladjen Zaric,** PDP Vice President, says PDP remains faithful to its stance RS Defence Ministry must remain. **Petar Djokic** from SPRS says that ruling parties have cheated on electorate, since they promised completely different reform concept. **Drago Kalabic** from DNS says: "*It is shameful that SDS reaches solutions in a primitive manner through deceits and frauds.*"
UNDP: Croats most loyal to national politics	**Dnevni List** pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Croats most loyal to national politics' by I. Rozic carries results of the UNDP's research of the BiH social and political scene. Among the other things, the research showed that when the loyalty to the national parties is in question, Croats are the most loyal to the national politics, while Serbs and Bosniaks slowly distance themselves from the national parties.

HR Ashdown to address BiH HoR on July 19	**Pink, BHT, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Discussion on the HR's mandate/powers', **Dnevni List** pg 5 'Addressing HoR' by NINA, **Vecernji List** pg 4 'Ashdown to address BiH Parliament tomorrow' by f, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Ashdown to address BiH Parliament tomorrow' by Agencies, **FENA** – High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** will address the BiH Parliamentary Assembly's House of Representatives in Sarajevo on Tuesday when the chamber will examine the attitude of BiH institutions towards the mandate of the High Representative, the OHR announced on Sunday. The High Representative welcomes and encourages this debate as part of the process of BiH becoming a complete state. Ten years have passed since the Dayton peace agreement was signed. Upon his arrival in BiH, Ashdown said that he would measure the success of his mandate by how close the country was to the position in which it would no longer need the High Representative, according to the OHR press release. In his address to the House of Representatives, Ashdown will hail the conclusions by the Venice Commission with regard to its assessment of BiH's progress laid out on 11 March 2005 . Ashdown will inform the MPs about his objectives in the last couple of months of his term of office and talk about those competencies, currently under the remit of the High Representative, which in his view could first be transferred to the BiH authorities and about ways in which BiH could continue its accession process with the EU. The High Representative will stress that the real test for BiH on the issue of EU accession will be its readiness to complete key reforms, including the reforms in police forces and defence, both of which are regarded as key preconditions for the beginning of stabilization and association talks, or rather for membership of the NATO's Partnership for Peace programme. After his address, Ashdown will take questions from the House of Representatives deputies, the OHR press release read.

Comments on BiH HoR's session on HR's mandate	**EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Dayton stone in Bosnian shoe' by Mirna Soja – **Milorad Zivkovic,** SNSD delegate at the BiH Parliament says that the conclusion of the BiH Parliament' Commission for Foreign Affairs (framed in document "Relation of BiH institutions towards HR's mandate to BiH" on agenda of 19th July session of BiH HoR) are aimed at re-launching initiative for the change of BiH Constitution, since it promotes reduction of HR's powers parallelly with reform of BiH Constitution. Zivkovic says it is completely wrong to bring these two issues in connection. Furthermore, representatives of political parties at BiH HoR have already announced they would not vote for these conclusions (**Tihomir Gligoric** from SPRS named).
HR Ashdown in private visit to Mostar	**Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'In private visit to Mostar', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Ashdown toured Stari Most', **Dnevni List** pg 13, mentioned on cover 'Ashdown: UNESCO would help unification of Mostar' by E. Milavic – Two days after Mostar was placed on the UNESCO's list of protected cultural heritage, High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** visited Mostar with his family. Among the other things, the HR stated: 'I *hope that placing of Mostar and the OldBridge on the UNESCO's list would help the unification of Mostar and whole BiH. I congratulate to all those who participated in this project and especially citizens of Mostar on this big event.'*

DA: Op-ed by EU's Rehn on reconciliation in BiH, way to EU	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'Way to Europe through reconciliation', mentioned on cover 'I am well familiar with reconciliation pain' carries an editorial signed by European Enlargement Commissioner **Oli Rehn** who, among the other things, writes about the Srebrenica commemoration and says that it is our duty to remember the Srebrenica tragedy so that it does not happen again. Rehn believes that this commemoration contributes to reconciliation and that ethnic hatred and destructive nationalism must be buried. Rehn also says that reconciliation is a very painful process after such terrible war, but it is the process, which is necessary. He added: '*The EU, as the biggest project of peace and reconciliation that has been launched so far, can testify and serve as an example of the things that can be achieved.*'
Jose Cutiliero on first peace plan for BiH offered	**EuroBlic** pg 2, announced on cover "The USA encouraged Izetbegovic to refuse the offered peace plan for BiH' by Nikola M.Jovanovic – In a statement to daily, **Jose Cutiliero,** the author of the first plan of the international community for BiH, says that if Serbs, Bosniaks and Croats had accepted the plan offered to them, the war in BiH would have been avoided and reconciliation process would have proceeded far more smoothly. He stresses that if plan had been adopted, there would have been no war neither Srebrenica. He notes that the Americans have encouraged leader of Bosniaks **Alija Izetbegovic** to refuse the offered peace plan.

Adnan Terzic: I am concerned about the BiH Presidency's position	**Dnevni Avaz** cover page, pg 2 'Adnan Terzic: I am concerned about the BiH Presidency's position' – *"If the BiH Presidency believe that I should resolves crisis in Council of Ministers with parties from RS then we will do it that way. It is simply unbelievable that they (BiH Presidency members) are now trying to distance themselves from the issue,"* BiH CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic said in a statement for the daily. He adds that this would not be the first time he must resolve certain issue by his own. Note that Terzic refers to Friday statement by BiH Presidency member Suljeman Tihic in which he said that the current crisis in CoM should be resolved by Terzic and Serb political parties from RS.
NN op-ed critical of Cavic/IC	**Nezavisne Novine** op-ed pg 7 'Cavic's hostages' by Aleksandar Sekulic – The author stresses that everything ahs been forgiven to **Dragan Cavic,** who is now keeping the international community to BiH as a hostage since the key of reforms in BiH, as well as the key of success of the world diplomacy in this state, is in the hands of RS President. The author stresses this has clearly pointed at hypocritical policy of IC, who has in public praised the opposition while making secret agreement with the SDS and other creators of the most notorious war destructions and criminal networks.
ESI's Knauss on Dayton	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 6, announced on cover 'Dayton Agreement can only be changed with some new international conference' by V.Popovic – In an interview to daily, **Gerald Knauss,** President of the Executive Board of the European Stability Initiative (ESI) says that RS will not be abolished, since such action would demand assent of all sides in BiH, adding: *"The Dayton Peace Agreement is a historical document and it cannot be changed unless some new international conference, that nobody wishes and that will never take place, is held."* He assesses BiH is nowadays more isolated than it used to be few years ago, stressing it is not late as yet to compensate for the time lost.

HJPC President Peric says HJPC is an independent body	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Ashdown insists that foreign judges must be as responsible as the domestic ones' – BiH High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council President **Branko Peric** said in an interview with the daily that the HJPC had become a fully independent body without any political influence on its work. Peric also said that they had in general very good experience with international judges and prosecutors particularly because HR **Paddy Ashdown** insisted that the same standards regarding the appointments and responsibility were applied on the internationals as on the domestic judges and prosecutors.
Nikola Radovanovic: BiH soldiers in Iraq safe and well	**BHT** Damir Simic – BiH Minister of Defence, **Nikola Radovanovic**, stated after visiting Iraq that BiH soldiers in this country are safe and well. They have already completed their first task and 11 locations in Iraq remain to be cleared of weapons by them, reports BHT.
Reactions on proposal of RS Gov. reg. RS holidays	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'RS Government has showed frivolity by proposing Day of army and police' by V.P. – Daily carries comments of political officials (**Stanko Pivasevic** from SDS, **Petar Djokic** from SPRS, **Mladen Zaric** from PDP, **Drago Kalabic** from DNS, **Slobodan Popovic** from SDP of BiH, **Nikola Spiric** from SNSD, **Sefket Hafizovic** from SDA)regarding the proposal of the RS Government Law on Holidays (according to which 12 May would be celebrated as RS Army Day and 4 April and RS Police Day). Politicians say RS Government has demonstrated a maximal level of frivolity and triviality by having proposed this.

War Crimes

NATO forces in BiH release Karadzic's son	**RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'NATO release Aleksandar Karadzic', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4, mentioned on cover, **Dnevni List** pg 4 'Sasa Karadzic released' by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 5 'NATO released Karadzic's son' by H,**Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Sasa Karadzic released' by S.Sekara, **Srpski Nacional** pg 2 Sasa arrived home!' by U.Mrdic, **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'NATo released Aleksandar Karadzic', **SRNA** – NATO forces in BiH early on Sunday released **Aleksandar Sasa Karadzic**, **Radovan Karazdic**'s son, who was suspected of aiding war crime indictees, NATO has confirmed. *"Aleksandar Karadzic was treated in line with International Humanitarian Law and a delegation from the International Committee of the Red Cross has visited the detainee,"* the spokesman of NATO forces in BiH, **Derek Chappell**, said in a statement.
Italian daily publishes Karadzic's letters to his wife	**Oslobodjenje** pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Karadzic claims The Hague will never prove his guiltiness', **Vecernje Novosti** pg 7, announced on cover 'Not so much time for response' by Zeljko Pantelic – Daily re-reports letters **Radovan Karadzic** addressed to his wife, and which EUFOR seized during one of searches. The letters were reported by Italian weekly "espresso". The letters carries advises Radovan gives to his wife ranging from political to family related.

Serbian official on arrest of Mladic	**Vecernje Novosti** cover pg splash, pg 2 'Mladic is not a condition' by Dubravka Vujinovic – In a page-long interview to daily, **Trivo Indjic,** Advisor to Serbian President, says that the launchment of talks with EU is not connected with the issue of **Ratko Mladic,** adding that talks will not take place soon or succeed unless issue of arrest and cooperation with the ICTY are settled.
NATO SG says Mladic might soon be arrested	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Indications from Belgrade Mladic would be arersted' by N.N. – **Jaap de Hoop Scheffer,** NATO Secretary General, stated in an interview to Television B92 that there are certain indications from Belgrade **Ratko Mladic** might soon be arrested, adding: *"Mladic should be in The Hague even before he is there – this condition remains."*
BiH Registry Office Head Johnson says BiH Court could even try Karadzic, Mladic	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'BiH Court is even capable of trying Karadzic and Mladic' – Head of BiH Registry Office **Michael Johnson** told ONASA that the international community had learnt its lessons from Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde. Johnson praised professionalism of BiH Court President **Medzida Kreso** and BiH Prosecutor Marinko Jurcevic saying that the BiH Court was even capable of processing the most complicated cases such as the case of **Radovan Karadzic** or **Ratko Mladic**. This does not mean that BiH judiciary does not need assistance to improve its resources, according to Johnson.

Former UN military observer on Srebrenica	**Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Comparison as a lesson' by Carlos Martins Branko – The author of this sort of introductory note is the UN military observer, who speaks about the fall of Srebrenica, a text of which was first published seven years ago. He stresses he has no intention to speculate on number of victims, noting it is clear these figures are used for propaganda purposes and do not help to understand the conflict in former Yugoslavia states. He stresses there is no doubt almost 2 thousand BiH Muslims died during clashes with better trained RS Army, raising the issue of time frame during which they died. **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'They did not do anything' by Carlos Martins Branko Part 1 – Writing about Srebrenica, the author stresses that discussions on Srebrencia cannot be limited to genocide and mass graves, noting that majority of reports is limited to media reports without thorough analysis. He notes that defence of Srebrenica would make it public that protected zones were not demilitarized at all as it was claimed and the military resistance would have jeopardised the image of "victim" that was carefully designed.

Lawyer Ivanovic on circumstances of Gorvina's runaway	**Vecernji List** cover pg splash 'I am running away because they want to kill me' and pgs 14 and 15 'They want to kill me and not arrest me' by D. Ivankovic carries lawyer **Marin Ivanovic** who was with ICTY fugitive **Anto Gotovina** on the night when Gotovina ran away. Ivanovic said that on that night the Croatian Parliament had an extraordinary session and before midnight somebody phoned and sent a message to Gotovina that members of the special police unit had been on the way to arrest him. After he had received this information Gotovina said: '*They do not want to arrest me, they want to kill me.*' After he said this Gotovina sat in a car and disappeared.

Economic/Social Issues	
Oslobodjenje: New airport in Visoko to be constructed in three years?	**Oslobodjenje** cover page, pgs 4-5 'New airport in Visoko to be constructed in three years? – According to the daily, a long-standing idea on construction of the Airport in Visoko has been closer and closer to its realization. The potential investors include MIS AG America Inc. supported by Seabury Group. The investment would amount up to KM 500 million. Zenica-Doboj Canton Government has supported the project and Prime Minister **Nedzad Polic** has promised to the potential investors he would as soon as possible initiate a meeting with representatives of all level of authorities in BiH to discuss the issue.

SD: Interview with General Manager of 'Aluminij' M. Brajkovic	**Slobodna Dalmacija** pgs 8 and 9 'Workers from Croatia work here' by Z. Zekic carries an interview with General Manager of Aluminij Mijo Brajkovic. Asked to comment on the claims that nationality of the capital, which should be invested in BiH, is also important, especially when it is about the Croatian capital, Brajkovic says: *'When we analyse problems that Croatia Osiguranje is faced with when purchase of Sarajevo Osiguranje is in question and Ina when purchase of Energopetrol is in question, the question of political obstructions arises. In the whole story some forces, especially Party for BiH, play a negative role. I really do not know reasons for such policy, however this is not good for BiH for sure.'*

Miscellaneous

On problems to enter Croatia at border crossing Crveni Grm on Sunday	**Dnevni List** cover pg splash and pg 3 'Entering to Croatia full of unpleasantness for BiH citizens' by A. Beus carries that the Croatian State Border Service officers were checking in details BiH citizens who were entering Croatia on Sunday at the border crossing Crveni Grm and for this reason it took hours for BiH citizens to enter Croatia. DL concludes that the goal of the Croatian side was to make so-called BiH weekend tourists (who go to the coast during the weekend only) that they give up their visit to Croatia since they do not contribute in financial terms to the Croatian tourism. DL believes that BiH should respond in the same way.
Bulgarian police arrested BiH citizen at border crossing point Kapetan Andrejevo	**Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'BiH citizen attempted to smuggle 41 kg of heroin from Turkey' by R.Segrt – The Bulgarian police arrested Sunday 41-year old citizen of BiH with initials **A.M.,** who attempted to smuggle 41 kg and 340 grams of heroin from Turkey to BiH.

Analyst Copley says British and US Governments hiding evidence on terrorist network in BiH	**Glas Srpske** pg 5 'AN open door to Jihad' by D.Majstorovic – The US weekly "defence and Foreign Affairs" has recently published that the British and American Government are trying to hide evidence on creation and existence of terrorist network in BiH. According to report, they are also trying to isolate those officials, who might raise the issue of their political correctness in this case. The author of the analysis is **Gregory Copley**.