OHR BiH Media Round-up, 18/8/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 18 August

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00hrs)	**RTRS** (12,00 hrs)
BiH Presidency session today	Mrakovica meeting
Police reform talks without results	Cavic on Council of Ministers
HR on importance of police reform	Madrid bomber arrested in SCG

TV news broadcast on 17 August

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
Police reform meeting in Mrakovica	Mrakovica meeting on police reform	Momcilo Mandic arrested
OHR criticizes Dodik	FBiH PM on Mrakovica meeting	Police reform negotiations continue
Jovicic on police reform meeting	BiH SBS officer killed	FBiH Gov. delegation visited Vc site
Tuzla officials on police reform	Momcilo Mandic arrested	SBS officer killed

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
BiH SBS officer killed	New child abuse case reported	SBS officer killed his colleague
Momcilo Mandic arrested	Protests of “Azot Vitkovic” workers	Momcilo Mandic arrested

Regional News	Feature on “Energoinvest-Armature”	Police reform meeting in Mrakovica
Mrakovica meeting on police reform	FBiH Gov. delegation visited Vc site	Local company about GMO issue

Oslobodjenje	Final agreement on police reform to be reached by the end of the month
Dnevni Avaz	Momcilo Mandic arrested in Budva
Dnevni List	He killed his colleague by official pistol
Vecernji List	Bosniak killed Serb
Slobodna Dalmacija	Parish priest blessed transmitter at cemetery
Glas Srpske	Nine bullets in the head
Nezavisne Novine	Mandic arrested in Budva and extradited to BiH
Blic	Bomber from Madrid arrested in Serbia
Vecernje Novosti	Prices are troubling us; Momcilo Mandic arrested
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbia related headlines

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
BiH Presidency session today	**RHB, RS Radio** – The BiH Presidency session takes place today and, among the other things, they should discuss the report on execution of the BiH institutions’ budget and international obligations for first 6 months this year.

Police reform talks in Mrakovica interrupted without concrete results, to be resumed on August 23	**RHB** – During the police reform talks on Mrakovica BiH officials have not reached a concrete agreement on this issue. RS Prime Minister **Pero Bukejlovic** stated that he expects that the agreement would be reached by the end of August. **RS Radio, SRNA** – The talks between senior BiH officials, those from the RS and the Federation of BiH about the reform of police structures temporarily ended on Wednesday and will resume on Tuesday, 23 August in Mostar. The chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, **Adnan Terzic**, told journalists that it was agreed not to make public the details of Wednesday's talks.
HR on importance of police reform	**RHB** – High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** has warned that if the authority representatives do not reach an agreement on the police reform BiH and the RS would become dark holes of Europe . The HR stressed that the IC does not have any role in these talks.

Political Developments/Reforms

Talks on police reform continued in Mrakovica	**RHB, Pink, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Hayat, Oslobodjenje** cover page, pg 3 'Final agreement on police reform to be reached by the end of the month', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Vlasic maps challenged/brought into question', **Dnevni List** pg 5 'Stands of entity Governments make reaching of agreement difficult' by I. Glibusic, **Vecernji List** pg 2 'Long way to solution acceptable for all' by M. Ivesa – New meeting on police reform was held in Mrakovica on Wednesday. Participants in the meeting from State Institutions were BiH Council of Ministers (CoM) Chair **Adnan Terzic**, his Advisor **Bojan Zec Filipovic,** BiH Minister of Security **Barisa Colak**, SIPA Director **Sredoje Novic** and Advisor of Bosniak member of BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic, Mehmed Zilic**. RS was represented by RS Prime Minister **Pero Bukejlovic**, who initiated meeting, RS Minister of Interior **Darko Matijasevic** and RS Finance Minister **Svjetlana Cenic**. FBiH was represented by FBiH Minister of Interior **Mevludin Halilovic** and Zenica-Doboj Canton Minister of Interior **Muhidin Alic**. Representatives of the OHR (**Michael Haner**) and the European Commission (**Frane Maroevic**) attended the meeting as observers. RS Prime Minister **Pero Bukejlovic** said that the solution to police reform could be reached without changing the Constitutions, if the participants in talks be reasonable. Change in the Constitutions would only contribute to creation of tensions in BiH, added Bukejlovic. Regarding the talks in Mrakovica, Bukejlovic said that they were going on in a tolerant atmosphere, completely different from the one on the mountain of Vlasic and in Konak residence in Sarajevo . Bukejlovic said that he was optimistic about the results of the talks and that the solution might be found by the end of this month. The talks are to be continued. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3, announced on cover 'Resumption of talks in Mostar' by V.Popovic, **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Solution – some other time' by P.Spadic– Apart from carrying **Pero Buekjlovic'**s statement, dailies also carry the statement of **Adnen Terzic,** after the meeting, who stated, according to *NN,* that talks were constructive, without being willing to disclose any further detail, adding: "*The participants of talks agreed that we should not go in public with results of talks.*" According to GS, Terzic stated progress is visible in the fact first four hours did not result in break up of a meeting, adding it could not said that stances of entities governments are getting closer regarding police reform. **EuroBlic** RSpg 3 'Serb officials are optimists, federal still abstained' by G.Savic – Carrying Bukejlovic' and Terzic statements, daily also reports that **Barisa Colak,** BiH Security Minister, expressed abstained optimism, responding to press remarks (that talks might fail again) that "*such epilogue is also possible, but it would very bad for BiH*".

CoM Chair Terzic: Talks in Mrakovica to show who is for Europe and who is against it	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'It will be known who is for darkness and who is for European standards' – Chair of BiH Council of Ministers **Adnan Terzic** stated before the start of talks on police reform on Wednesday that the Mrakovica meeting was going to show who is for Europe, and who against it. Teraiz added that he was not too much optimistic but that he hoped some of the disputes related to the police reform could be resolved in Mrakovica
DL op-ed on police reform talks on Mrakovica	**Dnevni List** pg 2 'Marathon negotiations' by I. Rozic comments on the latest police reform talks on Mrakovica and the author wonders: *'I am only interested to know how it occurs to someone at all to negotiate on the unified police structure in the country which was divided on the ground of the Dayton Peace Accord long time ago, since it is obvious that only air can be unified here.'*
SNSD leader Dodik says police reform in BiH will fail	**Hayat, Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'Dodik expecting failure of police reform' – In a statement to Vicom TV SNSD Leader **Milorad Dodik** said on Tuesday that the police reform process in BiH would fail and that the proposed model of police reform according to which headquarters of seven police regions would be in FBiH and only three in the RS is unacceptable. Dodik thinks that reform processes in BiH are aimed at making the RS pointless/senseless. He excluded the possibility of the RS being abolished and added that this entity has been a *"more constructive part of the BiH road towards Europe".*
OHR describes Milorad Dodik's statement as unacceptable	**RHB, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'OHR: Reform will not destroy RS', **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Police reform will not destroy RS', **Dnevni List** pg 5 'OHR condemned statement of Milorad Dodik' not signed, **FENA** – OHR has described Alliance of Independent Social-Democrats (SNSD) President **Milorad Dodik**'s statement that the process of reforming police structures in BiH will fail as utterly counterproductive and contradictory to the courageous moves he has taken so far, assuming the leading role in the police reform process. Responding to Dodik statement OHR spokesperson **Mario Brkic** told FENA on Wednesday that it is completely false to say that police reform will destroy the RS or terminate its importance. This is neither the intention nor the planned consequence of this reform. *"If the police restructuring proves is initiated and if BiH enters talks on the Stabilisation and Association Agreement it will join its neighbours, including Serbia and Montenegro, on the road towards Europe. This will bring new jobs and a better future for the citizens of the RS and the entire BiH",* Brkic said. He said that this statement was aimed at making it more difficult to reach a compromise at Mrakovica. *"It is now time to put the interests of BiH and all its citizens in front of the interests of daily politics",* Brkic said.

DL on Dodik's initiative to abolish RS Council of Peoples	**Dnevni List** pg 9 'Dodik is preparing ground for secession of RS' by M. Zorlak carries that SNSD President **Milorad Dodik** has been showing his real face, the face of nationalistic-inflammatory politician these days. The author grounds this claim on the fact that Dodik launched an initiative to abolish the RS Council of Peoples through a change of the RS Constitution. DL also says that as long as the RS Council of Peoples exists it can always invoke a vital national interest and prevent secession in case that the RS tries to secede from BiH.
NN interview with RS President Cavic	**Nezavisne Novine** pgs 8-9, announced on cover 'Council of Ministers should turn into BiH Government' by Dragan Jerinic – In a lengthy interview to daily, **Dragan Cavic,** RS President, says that the issue of BiH Constitution should not be a taboo, adding that all those thinking of constitutional changes must know that Constitution can be changed in line with readiness of all BiH people. In relation to this, he expresses his view that it would not be disputable at the present time if more exact relations between BiH COM, Presidency and Parliament is set, since there are many undefined aspects on this, stressing: "*Also, Constitution could precise a clear authority of the Council of Ministers and turn it into Government… since it must have the authority for foreign representation of the BiH.*" He reiterates his stances regarding police reform, adding crucial problem lays in interpretation of three EC principles and stressing that compromise is possible, but it would be hard to identify it. He expresses full support to proposed defence reform concept. In an inset 'I am close to decision to completely withdraw from politics', Cavic stresses he is close to decision of retiring from politics, i.e. not to run candidature for any position at 2006 elections, stressing he is realistic in assessing his chances at the upcoming elections and whether there is any point in running a candidature. He notes major political decisions have been reached during his mandate and seven-years of high-positioned political engagement, which saw non-comprehension of many of those decisions amongst the people.
VL op-ed saying that time of OHR and IC has gone	**Vecernji List** pg 2 'OHR's time has gone' by Z. Kresic harshly criticizes the **OHR** and **High Representative's** powers and the author says that due to these powers BiH citizens might be considered to be among the ones who are the most discriminated in the world. The author also says that although the International Community and the OHR used to have extremely positive and significant role the time has come when the huge world bureaucracy has become an end to itself, to their huge fees and privileges. The author also says that people who say that the IC has become the biggest obstacle for the BiH's way to EU are right since under different circumstance the reason for their existence would be lost.

GS: IC's influence on political scene in BiH	**Glas Srpske** pg 5 'People on the back seat' by Z.Markovic – Writing about influence of the international community on the political scene in BiH, daily notes that IC is shaping political life in BiH, which is no longer a secret. Also, it carries statements of **Nikola Poplasen, Petar Kunic (**President of Democratic Forum), **Gostimir Popovic (**political analyst) all sharing the view IC does indeed extensively interfere in political life of BiH, noting IC is now trying to identify its partners at 2006 elections.

Crime/War Crimes/Judiciary/Legal Proceedings

Momcilo Mandic arrested in Budva, extradited to BiH	**RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** cover page, pg 2 'Momcilo Mandic arrested in Budva', **Oslobodjenje** back page, **Vecernji List** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Red berets kidnapped M. Mandic' not signed, **Dnevni List** pg 2 'Montenegrin special police unit members arrested Momcilo Mandic' by NINA, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'Mandic arrested in Budva and extradited to BiH', pg 3 'Mandic arrested in Budva' by R.Segrt/A.Sisic – Montenegrin police arrested**Momcilo Mandic** in Budva Wednesday. **John McNair,** Head of Special Department of BiH Prosecutor's Office for Organised Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption, stated that **Mandic** has been handed to the BiH institutions in charge and is currently in custody at Sarajevo Central Prison. Montenegrin Ministry of Interior (MoI) confirmed that arrestment was requested by BiH Prosecution. BiH Prosecution suspects Mandic for several organised criminal actions, stated**Branko Bulatovic**, Spokesmen of Montenegrin MoI. Mandics' wife was present and stated that arrestment went without any explanation. Family claims that authorities did not inform family members on this action. Mandic was Minister of Justice in first RS Government and owner of "Privredna banka" from East Sarajevo. The High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** cancelled working licence of "Privredna banka" on suspicion it had financed ICTY indictees. Because of connections with Radovan Karadzic , USA administration blocked his property in the USA and forbid him entrance into USA . The European Union has done the same thing for same reasons. **Glas Srpske** pg 2, announced on cover 'Momcilo Mandic arrested', **EuroBlic** pg 11 'Businessman Momcilo Mandic detained in Budva' – report on arrest, not extradition. **Vecernje Novosti** pg 12 – carries a number of articles regarding Mandic, carrying some background information related to his business/accusations against him etc.

OHR: CoM Must Send Narcotics Legislation to Parliament without further delay	**RHB, Pink, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'To send draft narcotics control legislation to the parliament as soon as possible', **Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'To urgently adopt law on narcotics in BiH', **Dnevni List** pg 5 'BiH became producer and distributor of narcotics' by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 16 'Poor control of narcotics in BiH' by D.P., **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Law on narcotics urgently', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Adoption of law on narcotics in BIH necessary' – The High Representative, **Paddy Ashdown**, met on Tuesday in Sarajevo with Professor **Hamid Ghodse**, the President of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), OHR said in a press release issued on Wednesday. Discussion focused on concerns that current legislation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is at the Entity-level only, together with outdated drug control mechanisms, means that Bosnia and Herzegovina is not complying with international narcotics controls to which it has subscribed, according to the release. *"Bosnia and Herzegovina has so far failed to introduce adequate controls over acetic anhydride, a substance used to manufacture heroin. Seizure reports have highlighted the fact that weaknesses in Bosnia and Herzegovina institutions have turned the country into a safe haven for illicit drug and chemical trafficking. Outdated and fragmented legislation that is not applicable in the whole territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and outdated lists of internationally controlled substances have been among the factors preventing effective action by the authorities. The High Representative and the INCB President welcomed the fact that draft State-level legislation banning controlled substances has been prepared. This draft Law on the Prevention and Suppression of Narcotic Drugs will modernise Bosnia and Herzegovina's legislation and close gaps between Entity laws. The Bosnia and Herzegovina Council of Ministers must now ensure that this draft legislation moves to Parliament when it reconvenes in early September,"* the release read.

Boyle on BiH lawsuit against SiCG	**Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'BiH must resist pressure of major powers', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Bosnian people must remain persistent in lawsuit for genocide against SCG' – In a text entitled "Division of BiH: From Washington to Dayton", **Francis Boyle,** formerly legal representative of the BiH in BiH lawsuit against SiCG, says that BiH has been sacrificed on the altar of Machiavellian policy of grand powers, who did the same thing to Czechoslovakia in 1938 in Munich. Namely, division pf this state did not bring peace to the-then Europe , and accordingly division of BiH Republic will not bring peace to Europe even now. Speaking of the BiH lawsuit against SICG, he says that BiH people must stand out as one people in order to make it clear to grand world powers, including USA and Europe , it would persist in the suit against former Yugoslavia for genocide.
DA claims OHR to exert pressure against RS MoD over Srebrenica TF Sub-Groups' Report	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 9 'Will OHR exert pressure against RS Defence Ministry' by S.Skuletic – Writing about Report, which Srebrenica Task Force Sub-Group on Tuesday handed to OHR and Task Force, daily refers to its source saying that OHR is expected to exert pressure against RS Defence Ministry in order to make it complete the task set, i.e. to remove all persons, who took a direct part in Srebrenica genocide from its structure. According to inset 'OHR is reviewing Report', **Oleg Milisic,** OHR Spokesperson, commented by saying that "*it is still too early to talk about further steps OHR would make. It would be discussed after Report is reviewed.*"

SBS police officer killed his colleague	**Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** cover page, pg 37 'SBS police officer killed his colleague', **Dnevni Avaz** cover page, pg 27, **Dnevni List** cover pg splash and pg 49 'He killed his colleague by official pistol' by M. Zorlak, **Vecernji List** cover pg splash 'Bosniak killed Serb' and pg 3 'Bosniak border guard killed his colleague of Serb nationality' by D. Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 7 'Border guard of Bosniak nationality killed his colleague of Serb nationality' by H carry that border guard **Anis Bandic** of Bosniak nationality killed his colleague of Serb nationality **Bojan Prodanovic** at the border crossing Metaljka on Wednesday. DL says that, allegedly, the two of them came in conflict after a long discussion about the reasons for the beginning of the war in BiH. VL also says that ethnic reasons cannot be excluded as a possible motif of the murder since according to the article there have been inter-ethnic conflicts and even fights among the State Border Service (SBS) officials, however the SBS leadership covered up all of them. VL also says that this incident might deepen the crisis that the SBS has been faced with during the last few months. **Vecernji List** pg 3 'He was shooting and then ran away in bush' not signed carries **Nermin Mrkaljevic** from the SBS unit Visegrad that there was no any conflict between the two of them. Mrkaljevic added that **Anis Bandic** had nervous breakdown and he shot the first person who was on his way. **Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Nine bullets in the head' by R.Obrenovic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2, announced on cover 'SBS member killed his colleague' by D.Muminovic, **EuroBlic** RSpg 8, announced on cover 'Border office murdered his colleague on duty near Cajnice' also reported on the incident.

A group of SBS employees accuses SBS Operations Administration Chief	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Colleagues accuse Dostanic of crime and corruption' by A.Sisic – A group of BiH SBS employees has addressed a letter to various international (including OHR and EUPM) and local institutions (BIH Prosecutor's Office, BiH CoM, etc) demanding urgent intervention in connection with **Radomir Dostanic,** Chief of SBS Operations Administration, whom they accuse of crime and corruption. Dostanic firmly denies these allegations.
Another international judge in two weeks leaves War Crimes Chamber	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Gerald Gahima awarded with fellowship' by CIN – Daily reports that for the 2nd time in the last two weeks, the BiH War Crimes Chamber is faced with departure of one of the eight international judges. BiH judiciary high official claims that domestic institutions must participate more in selection of the future international judges. Daily notes that Judge **Gerald Gahima** from Rwanda (appointed to Court in March this year) and against whom the disciplinary prosecutor is currently conducting investigation, has won fellowship[p of the American Peace Institute (founded by US Congress). He is expected in Washington in October. **Branko Peric,** HJPC President, stated that if Gahima leaves BiH, "*the investigation against him will no longer have sense and would be terminated*".

Reconciliation/Human Rights

Howard Dean: Europe will not be stable until BiH becomes its full member	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Europe will not be stable until BiH becomes its full member', announced on cover 'BiH must not be outside EU family' by S.Numanovic, **Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5, announced on cover 'You must ask Bush why BiH is no longer American interest'- In a statement to group of the press after his attendance of the International Conference on Reconciliation and Global Human Rights, **Howard Dean,** the former candidate for US President and Governor of Vermont, says that when Democratic Party takes over power in 2009, BiH will again be included on the list of the US interests, stressing: *"Europe will not stable until BiH becomes its full member."* He notes that a strong Europe is the American national interest, adding that there is no strong Europe if there is no BiH and other Balkans states inside its family. Regarding Dayton Peace Agreement, he notes: *"At that time, Dayton was extremely good solution and it served the purpose. It stopped the war and disabled people from keep fighting. However, the Agreement is now brimming with obstacles that must be removed. Hence, Dayton must be changed, but the initiative for this must come from inside instead of being imposed from outside."*

Conclusions of International Conference on Reconciliation and Global Human Rights	**RHB, Pink, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'There are still big blockades in building of reconciliation process', **Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5, announced on cover 'Five truths about events in BiH' by M.Kavaz-Sirucic, **Dnevni List** pg 4 '70 % of citizens expect new conflicts' by E. Mackic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'Every 4th citizen of BiH fears of new war' by N.Krsman– Dailies report on the International Conference on Reconciliation and Global Human Eights, which resumed in Sarajevo. The UNDP research in BiH shows that every 10th citizens of BiH is of the view that events from 1992-1995 should be reminded of only in special occasions. The list of speakers included **Miodrag Zivanovic,** Professor of Banja Luka Law Faculty, saying that there are still five truths in BiH – three are truths of ethnic groups, the fourth is the truth of refugees and the fifth is the truth of the international community. The conference also noted that as if reconciliation and society re-building were not parts of political parties, but instead some short-term projects.

Economic/Social Issues

A. Hadzipasic: FBiH Government to discuss Energopetrol issue, defence laws	**Dnevni List** pg 2, mentioned on front 'Defence reform will not be late because of FBiH Government' by N. Bise – Announcing the Federation of BiH Government's session, that is to take place on Thursday (today), FBiH Prime Minister **Ahmet Hadzipasic** stated that they would not decide on the destiny of Energopetrol (EP) at this session but instead they would discuss EP's obligations and to what extent a part of obligations of the consortium INA-Mol is acceptable. According to Hadzipasic, with regard to the defence reform the FBiH Government would discuss today a set of 7 laws and he announced that the defence reform would not be late because of the FBiH Government.
Vrankic on Energopetrol issue	**Dnevni List** pg 5 'Ina-Mol stays in race for Energopetrol' by N. Bise – Commenting on the Energopetrol (EP) issue FBiH Minister of Finances **Dragan Vrankic** stated that he is aware that the EP Management filed a lawsuit against the FBiH Government. Vrankic believes that this issue can be resolved if there was good will. Vrankic also said that having in mind the fact that EP is a company of public interest he is afraid that the FBiH Government would do much worse if a new tender was announced.

OHR presented economic newsletter for May	**Dnevni List** pg 3 'There are still no enough foreign investments' by D. Kozina – Presenting the OHR's newsletter for May, 2005 OHR spokesperson **Sanela Tunovic** stated at the press conference held in Mostar on Wednesday that during the coming autumn the biggest priority for Ministers and representatives must be improving of the business environment in BiH.