

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 1/9/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 1 September

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
Bjelasnica: Police talks	Bjelasnica mtg. commences
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Petrac case update	Typhoons in America

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Blaskic update	Robbery in Bukova Glava	The biggest bank robbery in BiH
Zelenovic update	New NATO Commander appointed	Extradition of Dragan Zelenovic
BiH HoR in session	Cavic on defence reform	RS MoI on war crimes over Serbs

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
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RS MoI on crimes against BiH Serbs	US experts on BiH and terrorism	Sokolac robbery

Safet Halilovic's case, update	Bread price to increase in FBiH	Delic update
BiH HoR in session	Payment of pensions in FBiH	Bukejlovic on police reform

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Single BiH Army will be established until September 2006
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	New Saudi King receives Head of BiH Islamic Community Ceric
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Catholic Church under strike of Bosniak inspectors
<b>Vecernji List</b>	British spy at head of BiH
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Worker's salary – 1 KM?
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	They killed daughter in front of her mother
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Over hundreds of the dead in stampede (tragedy in Baghdad)
<b>Blic</b>	They have stolen 2 million KM from unescorted "Audi" car (Sokolac robbery)
<b>Vecernje Novosti</b>	Features Serbia related topics
<b>Srpski nacional</b>	Features Serbia related topics

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>
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<p>Bjelasnica mtg. On police reform commences</p>	<p><b>RS Radio</b> – Negotiations on police reform have commenced at Bjelasnica meeting under organisation of the BiH CoM. <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>, RS Premier, expressed optimism, noting that disputable issues in entities and cantons (such as maps) should be left for some other occasion, adding: <i>“Talks on these issues should be run at the time when talks on SAA commence, or after admission process completes when the times and climate will most surely be different.”</i></p> <p><b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b>, F BiH Premier, stated that we should first wait for the end of today’s meeting. <b>Dragan Vrankic</b>, F BiH Finance Minister, is of the view that today’s is another wasted day. <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, BiH CoM Chair, stated he has a plan for resolvment of the problem, without giving details.</p>
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<p>RS PM Bukejlovic: Public security should remain authority of entities</p>	<p><b>FENA</b> – Conveying the statement of RS Prime Minister <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>, Head of the RS Government's Press Office <b>Cvijeta Kovacevic</b> stated that during the talks on the police reform it turned out that 4 Cantons with the Croat majority have different views on transferring competence of the police functions to the BiH level from the official stand of the FBiH Ministry of Interior. Bukejlovic also believes it is necessary that the area of the public security remains under entity competence and he hopes that such solution would be reached when the talks continue.</p> <p>Also, on the eve of the talks on Bjelsanica Bukejlovic expects to see whether the other side has a proposal for improving the text that the RS negotiating team offered at the previous meeting in a form of an agreement and framework law on grounds of the security system in BiH.</p>
<p>SIPA Director Novic is a moderate pessimist re police talks</p>	<p><b>Banja Luka BIG Radio, 11:55 hrs: Sredoja Novic</b>, SIPA Director, has stated prior to today's meeting on police reform at Bjelasnica mountain that he is "<i>a moderate pessimist</i>" in regard to outcome of today's meeting, but also in regard to the entire process of police reform talks. He is of the view that talks are gradually losing the point, adding that it is necessary to discuss the issue of major importance, after which discussions on minor issues will follow.</p>

BiH Presidency in session	<b>RHB, RS Radio</b> – BiH Presidency is in session today (Thursday). The Presidency should be, among other issues, discuss the Proposal of decision on approving credentials to the Cyprus ambassador to BiH; financial report of the BiH Central Bank with the closing date of June 30, 2005; and Proposal of decision on placing moratorium on military service.
FBiH Government in session	<b>RHB</b> – FBiH Government is in session in Mostar today (Thursday). The Government should, among other issues, discuss Draft law on financial-informative agency; report on execution of FBiH budget for first 6 months of 2005 and report on work of FBiH Ministry of DPs and Refugees.

Political Developments/Reforms	
BiH Deputy Defence Minister Becirbasic: Single BiH Army will be established by end Sept 2006	<b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Single BiH Army will be established until September 2006' by <u>Az.Kalamujic</u> – BiH Deputy Defence Minister, <b>Enes Becirbasic</b> , told daily that the BiH Armed Forces should be established by the end of September next year, with the last obstacle being removed by RS National Assembly's support to transfer to jurisdiction to the state authorities. Becirbasic reminds that it is now up to FBiH Parliament to do the same on 6 September, and than by the end of year the BiH Council of Ministers and Parliament must adopt the Defence Law. Becirbasic says that all employees of RS and FBiH military structures could become paid soldiers as of beginning of next year, and the future Army should have no more than 9000 or 10000 active professional troop and about 5000 active reserves. One third of the forces will be stationed in RS and rest in the Federation. Structure and size of the troops will be decided by the Presidency. Inset 'Cavic gave up on RS Army's survival' carries that SDP welcomes the RSNA decision to endorse transfer of authorities to the state level, noting that <b>Dragan Cavic</b> 's speech was a welcoming surprise. Inset 'Important decision by RSNA' carries Presidency of GDS also welcoming this development.

<p>NATO, OHR welcome RSNA decision to accept defense reform solutions</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Step that will bring BiH closer to NATO' – NATO HQ to BiH welcomes decision of RS National Assembly to approve the adoption of legislation by which single army, single Ministry of Defence and professional army would be established in BiH. OHR also welcomes the fact that the RSNA on Tuesday endorsed one of the outstanding reforms needed to make BiH ready for membership of PfP and NATO alliances. OHR is confident that the FBiH Parliament will do the same on 6 September. NATO and EU membership are the two tracks that will secure long lasting peace, stability and prosperity for BiH; to accelerate down these tracks BiH must show full co-operation with the ICTY, and conclude the restructuring of the Police in line with the three EU principles. Without these, the doors to full NATO and EU integration will remain closed. Defence Reform does not replace the need for Police restructuring, according to OHR. <b>RHB</b> carried OHR statement, <b>Pink</b> carried NATO statement.</p>
<p>RS President Cavic on defense: Professional Army to be established in BiH</p>	<p><b>Pink</b> <u>Mirjana Pavlovic</u> – After RS National Assembly decided to transfer authorities in domain of defence to state level, there would be single professional army established in BiH. As RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> said on Wednesday in Banja Luka, final phase in terms of BiH's terms for admittance to NATO had been reached. <i>"This country is going to have 10,000 professional soldiers, out of what 1/3 are going to be Serbs while 2/3 are going to be FBiH soldiers"</i>, said Cavic. Cavic adds that this presents a term for having EUFOR leave BiH, and the aim is to make BiH Ministry of Defence NATO's partner. <i>"All are saying that there is no RS Army. There isn't, but there are no potential RS' enemies as well. There is no BiH Army, no Croat Council of Defence – HVO"</i>, said Cavic. The reform has been brought to an end and there are some technical issues to be solved. The issue of financing is the most difficult one and it is going to be solved in 2-3 years, following the positive reform results. Cavic also said that the defence reform was not directed against Serbs as some politicians were claiming. <b>Hayat, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Cavic: Defence reform in the interest of Serb people' by <u>R.S.</u>, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 4 'Police is next' by <u>M. Labus</u> also carried the statement.</p>
<p>NN op-ed commending defence reform</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'A historic act' by <u>Aleksandar Sekulic</u> – The author commends the adoption of the defence reform by RS NA, adding that defence reform is finally one of the most visible steps towards European integration.</p>

<p>Dukic/Cvjetinovic critical of defence reform</p>	<p><b>Srpski Nacional</b> pg 8 'The beginning of an end' <u>not signed</u> – reports on RS NA conclusions on defense reform. Inset 'POWs and veterans are demanding for referendum' – <b>Branislav Dukic</b> and <b>Savo Cvjetinovic</b>, the Chairmen of the Association of POWs and RS Veterans' Association respectively, have assessed the new concept of defense reform as unacceptable for RS because, as they say, this represent an anti-Dayton Unitarianism of BiH and violation of its constitutional-legal organization.</p>
<p>NN:F BiH parties to support defence reform at F BiH HoR's session</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Safe support at F BiH Parliament' by <u>M.C.</u> – Daily notes (referring to <b>Ivan Madunic</b> from HDZ, <b>Semsudin Mehmedovic</b> from SDA, and <b>Zaim Backovic</b> from Party for BiH) that the ruling and leading opposition parties in F BiH will support transfer of authorities over defence from entity onto BiH state level. F BiH HoR will on Tuesday hold session, which is expected to support proposed defence reform.</p>
<p>SA dailies announcing new round of talks on police: Terzic, Novic, Colak to propose police reform solution at Bjelasnica meeting</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'What will Terzic, Colak and Novic offer to negotiating parties today?' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – The fifth round of talks on police reform will be held at mountBjelasnica today. The chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, SIPA Director <b>Sredoje Novic</b> and BiH Security Minister <b>Barisa Colak</b> will offer parties a possible solutions, says Terzic's Advisor <b>Bojan Zec-Filipovic</b>. He adds: <i>"We took upon ourselves this obligation in Hutovo Blato and a proposal will be offered... which stipulates reform to be completed in line with three European principles. Now, everything is up to the entity governments and their stances."</i> RS delegation, lead by <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>, will present conclusions on police reform reached by RS National Assembly in April, while FBiH Government, headed by <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b>, supports the plan of five police regions. A compromise solution, advocated for by <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, Adnan Terzic and RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b>, stipulate the agreement on financing and transfer of authorities to the state level, while maps would be discussed next year. DA's source, one of participants of meetings, says that entities MoIs will not have prepared solutions on work of future forensics departments, training center and police management HQs as they were supposed to. The source says all this is impossible to do until the concept is agreed. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'From "Marshal" [hotel in Bjelasnica] to Europe' by <u>FENA</u> – Filipovic reminds that the goal is to forward the agreement on police to the parliaments by 15 September.</p>

RS President Dragan Cavic expects Bjelasnica meeting to be successful	<b>Pink</b> – RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> said in Banja Luka that he hoped that progress was also going to be reached in terms of police reform talks and that all parties would agree with it. He added that he was optimistic in terms of talks which are to take place on Bjelasnica on Thursday.
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<p>Cropress on prospects of police reform negotiations, relation between defence and police reforms</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pgs 4-5 'Extremists will not allow police reform', by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – Commenting on the decision of the RSNA to transfer the jurisdiction over defence issues onto the state level, the author says it in fact represents further dismantling of the RS in favour of BiH statehood. <u>Jukic</u> connects the defence with police reform saying that the police forces will most likely come under the state administration, which will represent the demise of the RS' statehood. However, the author also notes that some sources say that the 'price' the IC had to pay to the SDS for the defence reform is the survival of the RS police, which will remain under the Serb domination. Inset entitled 'Police in for same destiny as army' carries an anonymous international diplomat, who is allegedly well informed about the course of police reform, as saying: <i>"The police organization is already agreed upon, and the last strolls through BiH and alleged negotiations of the local parties are just a show for the public until the politicians from RS agree among each other who will place the signature on the police reform and put the last nail into the coffin of the RS' statehood"</i>.</p> <p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 18 'Without result on Bjelasnica too?', by <u>Zlatko Tulic</u> – Commenting on today's (Thursday) meeting on Mount Bjelasnica regarding the police reform, the author makes the connection between the police and defence reform saying that some people see the latest developments in the RS regarding the defence reform and the role of the SDS in it as some sort of trade with the RS under the motto <i>"we give you defence reform, you give us police reform"</i>. <u>Tulic</u> reckons that given the EU's deadline for the police reform (September 15), it is likely that the Bjelasnica meeting will not be the last destination of the negotiators. Inset entitled 'OHR: Agreement must be reached' carries an OHR spokesman, <b>Oleg Milisic</b>, as saying that the police reform is a crucial issue for the BiH authorities, which are organizing the event. <i>"(...) One thing is certain, an agreement pursuant to requests of the European Commission must be reached"</i>, said Milisic.</p> <p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 5 'Police maps in focus of negotiations on Bjelasnica' by <u>M. Ivesa</u> says that according to their unofficial information the HDZ Presidency believes that the structure of the Cantonal Ministries of Interior cannot be touched until a new constitutional organization was arranged.</p>
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RS Press on police reform: A sort of agreement to be reached, but disputable issues postponed for a year

**Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Disputable issues delayed' by M.C. – Daily reports referring to one of participants of police reform that the representatives of the BiH COM and the entities' Government today at Bjelasnica are expected to discuss the agreement, which accepts EU principles on police reform, adding that: *"The resistance of the RS representatives towards defining of police regions, which would cross IEBL and transfer of police authority, is evident. Talks may result in a sort of agreement which accepts EU principles, but these issues may be postponed for a year."*

**Dragan Cavic**, RS President, Wednesday expressed his conviction that progress will be achieved in police reform. **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'It takes three for the agreement' by N.G. – Daily reports referring to **Pero Bukejlovic**, RS Premier, that the RS delegation traveling to Bjelasnica is firmly convinced that RS can maintain authority over public security and that it will not be a problem for reaching agreement on police reform. Bukejlovic also said that it is necessary to identify solution which will satisfy all three sides, in order to make it pass parliament procedure. He also stated that Capljina meeting resulted in surfacing of the fact that four cantons in F BiH have a completely different view on transfer of authority onto the state level, which differs from the view of the F BiH MoI.

**Glas Srpske** pg 3 '"Marsal" is the last stop?' by Z.Ma. – reports on Bjelasnica meeting today.

**Fokus** cover pg splash 'High stick and carrot', pg 3 'Return of those dismissed' by N.Diklic – Daily claims referring to its source from the SDS that **Paddy Ashdown** has offered pardoning of the SDS officials who were previously dismissed (including **Slobodan Saraba, Goran Popovic, Momcilo Komljenovic, Vojislav Gligic, Momir Tesic, Dragomir Ljubojevic, Djuro Bulic, Novak Gojkovic and Nemanja Vasic**) under condition that SDS accepts police reform in the form Ashdown devised it (including IEBL crossings). Furthermore, in an exchange for adoption of police reform, Ashdown is ready to declare SDS a reform-oriented party and to have it become a member of the Congress of the European People's Parties, whose Chairperson is **Wilfred Martens**. SDS source also claims that *"however, the party has been divided more than ever, and it is still unknown whose stance will prevail: the stance of Pero Bukejlovic, who opposes to changes of Constitution, or the stance of Dragan Cavic."*

<p>US general Louis Weber assumes duty of NATO HQ Commander in Sarajevo</p>	<p><b>Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'Steven Schook handed duties to Louis Weber', mentioned on cover 'Schook: I am leaving service in a wonderful country', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 5, mentioned on cover 'General Weber is new NATO HQ Commander', <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 'NATO forces in BiH under new leadership', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'NATO: Acceptance of defence reform is crucial for BiH' by <u>A.Sisic, Glas Srpske</u> pg 3 'Webber takes over duties', <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS2 'Weber instead of Schook' <u>not signed</u>– On Wednesday in Sarajevo, NATO Commander to BiH <b>Steven Schook</b> has transferred his duty to <b>Louis Weber</b>. BiH Presidency members, BiH Parliament Ministers and representatives, diplomatic representatives and NATO members attended the ceremony. <i>"I am looking forward performing this challenging but important duty. Changes I have been introduced to, since I have been back, are incredible and I can hardly remember where we had been in April 2001, the day when I left BiH"</i>, said Weber. <i>"Who could ever think that NATO would propose joint training with RS special police unit aimed on arrestment of war crime indictees. The of the ICTY's chapter has to close...it is high time, and I am sure that it will be closed very soon"</i>, said Schook.</p>
<p>BiH Presidency members receive Admiral Ulrich: BiH to become exporter of security</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'Ulrich: BiH to become an exporter of security', <b>FENA</b> – BiH Presidency Chair <b>Ivo Miro Jovic</b>, and BiH Presidency members <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> and <b>Borislav Paravac</b> on Wednesday received the Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, Admiral <b>H. G. Ulrich III</b>. Welcoming Admiral Ulrich and General <b>Louis Bill Weber</b> in Sarajevo and BiH, BiH Presidency members once again underlined their strong commitment to the process of reforming the armed forces in BiH, as well as for implementation of requirements necessary for BiH's admission into the Partnership for Peace and NATO. The basic task is to create a small and professional army, equipped and trained in line with BiH's capabilities with assistance from NATO. The officials at the meeting agreed that that these areas have been through terrible experiences, and that NATO has helped BiH achieve peace and that the community of three constituent peoples and citizens has a clear future. Expressing gratitude for a warm welcome, Admiral Ulrich expressed the assurance of the NATO Command that the defense reform would be implemented and that BiH would soon become an exporter of security, which has been practically confirmed by deploying a unit to Iraq . The Admiral also raised interests about the Programme of marking the 10th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords, which will be marked in Washington DC , Paris and Sarajevo , was announced by BiH Presidency.</p>

<p>US Congress: BiH has made progress in fight against terrorism</p>	<p><b>BHT, FTV, Oslobođenje</b> pg 2 'BiH has made progress in fight against terrorism', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2 'Balkans must not become base of terrorists' by <u>M. Vaslij</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3, announced on cover 'Terrorists are being recruited in mosques, which Saudi Arabia built in BiH' by <u>N.N.</u> – The Report of the Congress Research Centre on Islamic terrorism in BiH (prepared for US Congress) reads that the Saudi Arabia has built mosques in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where foreign extremists, but also Bosnian Imams, continued with speeches of hatred towards the USA and other western states. Report notes that this might reinforce terrorist efforts to get as much supporters in this state as possible. However, Centre also writes that the Bosnian opposition to terrorist is vast, stressing that the USA still have strong support in BiH, especially amongst Bosniaks because USA helped in the establishment of peace and provided post-war assistance.</p>
<p>BiH HoR adopts Law on Traffic Safety</p>	<p><b>RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, Oslobođenje</b> back page, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'To drive with 0.3 per mille of alcohol' by <u>E. Medunjanin</u>– BiH Parliament HoR adopted the law on basics of traffic security on roadways in BiH, which should increase traffic security. But the law does not regulate certain fields in the traffic. That is one of the reasons why the law was under discussion for more than a year. The law predicts introduction of penalty points after which a driver might be ordered to have additional training or his driving licences could be taken for 3 or 6 months or permanently. Drivers beginners must not pass over certain speed limit and their cars must be marked so the other drivers can know they are beginners. 150 amendments were submitted on this law and the law was adopted in its 11<sup>th</sup> version. Certain representatives consider that the law is not harmonized with European standards and that the law does not regulate one of the most important fields, taking of the driver's test.</p>
<p>Cavic on the issue of BiH Ambassador to Croatia</p>	<p><b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS2 'Cavic: it is a shame' by <u>T. V.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'State blindness' by <u>G.D.</u> – RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> thinks it is a shame BiH has no Ambassador to Croatia. He thinks BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs should respond in the same manner when the mandate of the current Croatian Ambassador to BiH expires. According to Cavic, Bosniak politicians, primarily SDA officials, have politicized the entire issue. He thinks the other possible reason for such a situation is the fact " Zagreb was a seat through which mujahedeens for the war in BiH were recruited".</p>

<p>SDA rejects Cavic' accusations</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Invented stories' by <u>Srna</u> – SDA thinks RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> is again getting involved in BiH foreign policy, which is not under his jurisdiction. The party thinks he should work on police reform instead. <i>"He is inventing stories about terrorism instead to arrest his party colleagues – war criminals"</i>, a press release of SDA reads. They appealed to Cavic to unblock the process of the appointment of BiH Ambassador to Croatia and signing of bilateral agreement on property-legal issues and double citizenship between BiH and Croatia.</p>
<p>Danas magazine on possible establishment of new HDZ</p>	<p><b>Danas</b> cover pg splash and pgs 15-22 'Who are founders of new HDZ BiH' by <u>Z. Jukic</u> – According to the latest information coming from HDZ, regardless of the pressure that is being exerted by the European People's Party and HDZ Croatia, HDZ President <b>Dragan Covic</b> will not abandon his current position. 'Danas' also says that the HDZ fraction, which supports <b>Bozo Ljubic</b>, will not start with establishment of a new party as long as there is a single chance to remove Covic from the current position. In case that Covic remains at this position, they will establish a new party with a Croat prefix, which would be called HDZ 1990, BH HDZ or New Croat Democratic Union. According to the article, politicians who would be members of the new party are apart from Ljubic, <b>Martin Raguz, Josip Merdzo, Vlatko Medjugorac, Rudo Vidovic, Velimir Valjan, Nikola Lovrinovic etc.</b> 'Danas' also says that if established, new HDZ would have parliamentary majority at the level of the Federation of BiH and BiH Houses of Representatives. The article says that this HDZ fraction has already shown its strength when it prevented a removal of the FBiH Minister <b>Tomo Lucic</b>.</p>

## War Crimes

<p>Russia launches procedure to extradite ICTY indictee Zelenovic</p>	<p><b>RHB, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3  'Documentation prepared for extradition of  Zelenovic', <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5  'Preparations for extradition of Zelenovic' by  <u>S.Karic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Moscow gets  documents' by <u>Agencies</u>– Russian Prosecution  initiated process of extradition of <b>Dragan  Zelenovic</b>, indicted for the war crimes by the  ICTY. Zelenovic was arrested last Thursday in  Western Siberia. BiH ambassador in Moscow  <b>Enver Halilovic</b> said that documentation in the  case Zelenovic is forwarded to BiH Ministry of  Foreign Affairs in Sarajevo.</p>
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<p>New reports on war crimes against Serbs in Sarajevo , Capljina</p>	<p><b>BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 7 ‘New reports on crimes in Sarajevo, Capljina’ – RS Ministry of Interior (MoI) delivered new reports to BiH and RS Prosecutor’s Offices and to the ICTY about war crimes over Serbs during the past war in BiH. These are related to war crimes in Ilijas, Capljina and campDretelj. RS MoI will deliver to the RS Secretariat for relations with the ICTY evidences by which indictment against general <b>Rasim Delic</b> can be enlarged from command to individual responsibility. In the report of RS MoI sent to East Sarajevo District Prosecutor’s Office stands that on December 28<sup>th</sup> in 1992 the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Muslims’ brigade entered to Gornja Bioca in vicinity of Ilijas. In the structure of that brigade were also mujahedeens – members of the unit “El-Mujaheed”. In RS MoI report stands that 3 dnetified mudzahedines committed war crimes, meaning on murder of <b>Nikola Micic</b> and wounding <b>Milojka Draskic</b>. The centre for public safety in Trebinje submitted to the state Prosecutor’s Office the report about war crimes over Serbs in camp Dretelj .</p> <p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg splash ‘They killed daughter in front of her mother’, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 ‘31 persons suspected’ and <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 ‘New evidence against Delic’ by <u>Sn.K.</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS1, announced on cover ‘Mujahedeens were killing and raping in Gornja Bioca’ by <u>Mirna Soja</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 8 ‘Evidence on Delic’s individual responsibility?’ by <u>D. Pusic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 8 ‘Report against 1743 mujahiddin soon’ <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2 ‘New evidence against Rasim Delic’ by <u>bs</u> also covered the issue.</p>
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<p>Retrial of Blaskic likely to take place</p>	<p><b>RHB, BHT, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'New procedure in case of Tihomir Blaskic', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Blaskic's defence prepares reply to The Hague' by <u>I. Glibusic</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 4 'Nobilo confirmed that demand for renewal of procedure arrived', mentioned on cover 'Nevertheless, The Hague wants Tihomir Blaskic again' by <u>A. Malenica</u> – A lawyer of <b>Tihomir Blaskic</b>, <b>Anto Nobilo</b>, confirmed on Wednesday that the ICTY Prosecution sent a demand for renewal of the court procedure in the Blaskic case. Nobilo stressed that the defence in this situation has 40 days to reply to the ICTY demand and that they are preparing it. Also, Nobilo expects that the renewal of the trial will not take place. DL says that the ICTY used a possibility to renew the trial for the first time and this raised suspicions that politics interfered in the ICTY's work.</p>
<p>DL op-ed on HDZ and del Ponte's attitude towards Blaskic</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Carla's logic' by <u>M. Karacic</u> comments on the ICTY's demand to renew the trial against <b>Tihomir Blaskic</b> and the author says: <i>'While Croat politicians are dealing with the case of <b>Miroslav Prce</b>, whose sentence is being reduced because of the pain in his back, Blaskic is not so interesting to the ruling HDZ, but he is interesting to Chief ICTY Prosecutor <b>Carla del Ponte</b>. If she had been dealing with <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> as much as she deals with Blaskic probably Karadzic would have been with <b>Slobodan Milosevic</b> in The Hague. '</i></p>



<p>Head of ICG SCG: Karadzic in BiH, Montenegro / his surrender prevent by supports, especially Church</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4, mentioned on cover ‘Karadzic enjoys support of the Church and nationalists’ by <u>S. Skuletic</u> – The Head of the International Crisis Group in SCG, <b>James Lion</b>, says that <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> spends most of his time in BiH and Montenegro hided by a large community of his supporters, and that he visits Serbia rarely. Lion adds that while it is clear that ICTY will not close its doors before Karadzic is arrested, his possible surrender has been slowed down and made difficult, or even prevented, by nationalists supporting him. <i>“It is widely known that the big role in these circles is played by the Orthodox Church. We obtained a number of information from different sources according to which Church provides direct support to Karadzic and that is not a secret anymore,”</i> says Lion.</p>
<p>NN op-ed on Amfilohije call on Karadzic to surrender</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 ‘A grand thawing’ by <u>Pero Simic</u> – Commenting on the latest interview Metropolitan <b>Amfilohije</b> gave to BBC (who was accused on hiding <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> with no evidence provided for these claims), the author notes that in spite of attempted following denial, one of the most conservative clerics of the Serb Orthodox Church did say that the wisest thing for Radovan would be if he surrendered. Author notes that Amfilohije made this statement in a sort of milder, but not less worth, version that <b>Bishop Grigorije</b> called on Karadzic to surrender.</p>

## Economic/Social Issues

<p>Sume RS” Director announces sanctions against management of forest units</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pgs 4-5 ‘Penalties for Director of forest units’ by <u>D.Risojevic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 ‘Auditors ‘lumbered’ the truth’ by <u>B.Gajevic</u> – The management of “Sume of RS” Wednesday rejected claims of auditors (on failure to achieve profit of around BAM 16 million) and described it as unacceptable, announcing that all Director of Forest units, where machinations were uncovered will be penalized. While GS carries press statement released by the company, NN carries statement of <b>Vlastimir Topalic</b>, Director of “Sume of RS”, confirming this.</p>
<p>OHR and RS Govt. on Audit report on ERS</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4, announced on cover ‘Auditors detected abuses, Prosecutor’s Office to make a move’ by <u>P.Klinco</u> – The RS Chief Auditor, <b>Bosko Ceko</b>, has detected abuses in business dealings of ERS (RS Elektroprivreda) and no polemic can obscure this fact, <b>Ljiljana Radetic</b>, OHR Spokesperson, stated adding that reactions on audit reports must come from RS Government and RSNA, while RS Prosecutor’s Office should also play its role in this. <b>Miladin Gligoric</b>, RS Minister of Energy, economy and development, assessed that it is still too early to raise the issue of responsibility of some officials of ERS over irregularities uncovered in the work of this company, noting he wants to see reaction of the ERS on this issue.</p>

<p>CIA analysis on BiH: Unemployment is the biggest problem</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Unemployment is the biggest problem' by D.Ra. - In its latest Report for August 2005, the CIA published that BiH, along with Macedonia, is the poorest state of former Yugoslavia, noting agriculture is at low level since BiH is a major importer of food. Report notes that the privatization process proceeds extremely slowly, while the unemployment rate is high and still one of the biggest problems in BiH.</p>
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## Judiciary/Legal Proceedings

<p>PDHR Butler sends letter to FBiH President Lozancic: Pain in the back not sufficient reason for granting a pardon</p>	<p><b>RHB, Pink, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 7 'Pain in the back does not pardoning office abuse/stealing a million KM', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Prce pardoned because of back pain', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 16, mentioned on front 'Lozancic pardoned Prce because of back pain', by <u>Z. Zekic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'Butler wrote to Lozancic', <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 4 'Pardoning with faults', <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS2 'Unclear pardons' <u>not signed</u> – Principal Deputy High Representative <b>Larry Butler</b> sent a letter to FBiH President <b>Niko Lozancic</b>, stating that the OHR was worried by the submitted additional documentation on reasons for granting pardon to <b>Miroslav Prce</b>, who was suspected of abuse of position and authorities. The OHR states that Lozancic pardoned Prce due to medical reports with no signature or stamp.</p> <p>Butler asks whether the simple complaining on the pain in the back justifies decision to annul serious criminal accusations. The High Representative will be considering the issue, before deciding on the concrete measures.</p>
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<p>NN reports Lozancic pardoned 73 persons in first three months 2005</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 '73 pardons in three months', announced on cover 'Niko Lozancic pardoned 73 persons in first three months of this year' by <u>R.Cengic</u> – Daily reports that in line with decisions published in "F BiH Official Gazette" since beginning 2005 to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2005, <b>Niko Lozancic</b>, F BiH President, with the assent from F BiH Vice Presidents, <b>Sahbaz Dzihanovic and Desnica Radivojevic</b>, approved pardons to 73 persons, while 192 motions for pardon have been rejected. Daily lists those pardoned and acts they have been found guilty of.</p> <p>According to NN inset 1 'Decision on pardoning of Prce was not published', NN reports that decision of pardoning of <b>Miroslav Prce</b> has not been published in "F BiH Official Gazette" as yet. Report notes that F BiH Government staff in charge of publication of decisions in "Official Gazette" claim they have not seen decision in question as yet, while Cabinet of <b>Niko Lozancic</b> claims decision has been forwarded to Government services for publication.</p>
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<p>VL carries new details on Prce pardon</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pgs 4-5 'Prce sacrifices half a year more', by <u>not signed</u> – VL learns from sources close to <b>Miroslav Prce</b> that he will not be asking to be released from prison on parole, not until January 23, 2006 although he will be entitled to do so on September 23 this year. The reason why Prce will postpone his parole request is because of <i>"unseen campaign that is led against him by the BiH Prosecution and OHR"</i>, which means that a parole commission would not be able to take an independent decision. VL also carries Prce's lawyer, <b>Zarko Bulic</b>, who denies the OHR's claims that the documentation on Prce pardon is suspicious and ungrounded. Bulic insists that the medical documentation is authentic and credible, and on top of that, Bulic denies the OHR's claim about the alleged political background of the pardon since Prce, according to Bulic, was never a member of HDZ. Finally, VL says the FBIH President, <b>Niko Lozancic</b>, when he took the decision to pardon Prce, also pardoned a number of other convicts, including a <i>"controversial"</i> former Interior Minister of Republic of BiH, <b>Alija Delimustafic</b>, and VL notices that nobody paid any attention to that.</p>
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<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p>
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<p>US web-site includes Ashdown's name in list of 121 allegedly MI6 agents</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Paddy Ashdown was a MI6 spy in Geneva?!', mentioned on cover, <u>not signed</u> – The name of the HR, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, has been included in the list of alleged 121 MI6 spies published by the US web-site Cryptome.org. The site, 'dedicated' to publishing documents banned by the governments all around the world, has already caused a stir in the intelligence community publishing lists of MI6 agents in 1999. It was noted that Ashdown was a spies in 70s during in Geneva. The list also includes names of former OHR spokesperson <b>Julian Braithwaite</b> and former UK Ambassador to BiH, <b>Charles Crawford</b>. British Foreign Ministry reacted saying that publishing the names of people, among which a number of them have not served as the members of the intelligence agency, puts them in grave security situation. "That is utterly irresponsible. Only several people on the list are staff members of the Foreign Ministry, nothing more," stated the Ministry.</p> <p><b>FTV, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2, announced on cover 'Paddy Ashdown is British secret agent' by <u>M.Cubro</u>, <b>Srpski Nacional</b> pg 4 'Ashdown is a spy' <u>not signed</u> also covered the issue.</p> <p><b>Vecernji List</b> cover pg splash 'British spy at head of BiH' and pg 3 'Paddy Ashdown is British secret agent' by <u>Z. Kresic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> last pg ' Paddy Ashdown British secret agent' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 6 'Ashdown does not want to comment on claims that he is secret agent' by <u>F</u> also published the list of alleged MI6 agents. VL inset under headline 'Special relation towards RS' carries that it is not a secret that HR Ashdown had meetings with war crime indictee <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> during the war and that he visited prison camps Omaraska and Keraterm in 1992, when he wrote that human rights were not drastically violated there. VL goes on to say that Ashdown exactly was in the British diplomacy mission after which the UN and NATOs' action against BiH Serbs did not take place. VL also says that some analysts interpret the current Ashdown's attitude towards the RS as continuation of such policy.</p>
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OHR did not want to comment on published list of alleged British sector agents	<p><b>RHB, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'OHR did not want to comment on speculations on list of secret British agents', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'OHR with no comment, British Embassy keeping silent' – OHR refused to comment to FENA the published list, on American internet page "Krypton Org", of British Secret Agents that includes the name of High Representative to BiH <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>. OHR stated that the Great Britain Ministry of Foreign Affairs already gave the comment on the list.</p>
Shooting in Doboj	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg 'A bloody argument', <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Two women killed' by <u>S.C.</u> – dailies report on the shooting in Doboj Wednesday, when a man shot at four women, two of whom died.</p>