

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 19/3/2005

TV news broadcast on March 18, 2005

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Covic in Vatican	Gregorian addresses RS NA	4 persons murdered near Sokolac
BiH Bishop Conference session	Matijasevic on war crime indictees	Breza miners protested
BiH Parliament deleg. in Germany	Russia on allegations re: indictees	Covic on resignation
Radovanovic on ICTY cooperation	Dragoje Paunovic surrenders	Jelavic's trial continues

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
4 persons murdered near Sokolac	4 persons murdered near Sokolac	Paunovic & Samardzija surrendered
Breza miners protest	Gregorian on defence reform	Vojislav Planincic murders 4 people
Sarajevo City Council established	Jankovic postponed plea on guilt	Ratko Vukovic found dead
Cavic on defence reform	Paunovic's surrender	Hand bomb explosion in Nevesinje

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Sarajevo City Council without Serbs
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Monster was going through village killing people
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Vatican: Full and real equality is guarantee for BiH's stability

<b>Vecernji List</b>	Bishops demand abolishment of Dayton
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	He killed 4 neighbours

<b>War crimes</b>	
<b>Gojko Jankovic did not enter plea before ICTY</b>	<p><b>RHB, BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Gojko Jnakovic did not understand bill of indictment' <u>by Sense</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 5 'Gojko Jnakovic did not enter plea' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Jankovic postponed entering his plea for one month' <u>by Beta</u> – <b>Gojko Jankovic</b> did not enter his plea in ICTY saying that the bill of indictment is not quite clear to him.</p> <p>Jankovic is charged with war crimes committed over Bosniaks in Foca. He will enter his plea within 30 days</p>
<b>Dragoje Paunovic surrenders to Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecution</b>	<p><b>RHB, TV PINK, BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 10 'Dragoje Paunovic turned himself in' <u>by B.C.</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 'Dragoje Paunovic in detention' <u>by A.N.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 'Dragoje Paunovifc turned himself in, Marko Samardzija arrested' <u>bY MC. M.K</u> – <b>Dragoje Paunovic</b> surrendered to the Sarajevo Prosecution. Paunovic is suspected of committing war crimes in Rogatica during 1992.</p>

<p><b>Marko Samardzija, turned himself in</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 8</b> 'Marko Samardzija turned himself in to USC Prosecution'<u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> 'M. Samardzija turned himself in' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 'Dragoje Paunovic turned himself in, Marko Samardzija arrested' <u>by MC. M.K.</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 4 'War crime suspect extradited to Cantonal Court in Bihac' <u>by R. Karat</u> – Representatives of Banja Luka Public Security Centre, department Prijedor, handed over <b>Marko Samardzija</b> to the Bihac Cantonal Court on Friday. He surrendered voluntary, after he found out about existence of the wanted circular for him, which was issued on the basis of the Bihac Cantonal Court indictment. Samardzija is charged with war crime against civilians in the area of Municipality Kljuc in 1992. Cantonal Prosecutor's Office filed charge against Samardzija on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2001 . This case will be delivered to the BiH Prosecutor's Office.</p>
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<p><b>Matijasevic:</b>  <b>There are no war crime indictees in RS</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, NTV Hayat, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 5          'There are no The Hague fugitives in RS' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 6 'The Hague indictees are not in RS' <u>by De.L.</u>– RS Minister of Interior, <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> said that there was no the ICTY indictee in RS. He added that the Ministry had no information on such persons being hidden somewhere out of BiH. <i>"We are in contact with all relevant institutions, representatives of international organizations to BiH and to region states in order to receive any information on war crime indictees and to undertake certain measures"</i>, said Matijasevic.</p>
<p><b>Russia denies that ICTY indictees are hiding in this country</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, BHT 1, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Russian Security Agency does not hide The Hague fugitives' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'We do not hide single The Hague indictee' <u>by Srna</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 3 'Russia does not hide any of The Hague inductees' <u>by NINA</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2 'Russian Security Agency is looking for persosn from arrest warrants' <u>by D. Jazvic</u> – The Russian Security Agency denied that they are hiding some of ICTY indictees. The Agency's spokesperson, <b>Sergej Ignavcenko</b>, said that the ICTY did not deliver to the Russian authorities the list of addresses on which the indictees allegedly stay in Russia.</p>

<p><b>Ljajic: EU demands from SCiG to freeze all assets of Karadzic and Mladic'</b></p>	<p><b>NTV Hayat, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'EU demands from SCiG to freeze all assets of Karadzic and Mladic' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Freezing of Karadzic and Mladic's assets' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'To freeze Mladic's assets as well' <u>not signed</u> – Serbian President of the National Council for Cooperation with ICTY <b>Rasim Ljajic</b> stated for Belgrade's daily newspapers Blic that the EU demands from Serbian Authorities to block the property of ICTY indictees <b>Ratko Mladic</b> and <b>Radovan Karadzic</b>. Serbian Minister of Justice <b>Zoran Stojkovic</b> confirmed that it is possible that property of Karadzic and Mladic would be blocked.</p>
<p><b>Zivkovic: CIA took part in actions whose goal was arrest Mladic</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'CIA took part in actions whose goal was arrest of war criminal Mladic' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'CIA took part in search after Mladic' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'CIA was looking after Ratko Mladic' <u>by V. Rupcic</u> – Former Serbian Prime Minister <b>Zoran Zivkovic</b> stated that CIA was cooperating with the Serbian police during 2003 in many failed attempts to arrest war criminal <b>Ratko Mladic</b>. He added that this cooperation was agreed upon with then US Secretary General <b>Colin Powell</b> and CIA Head <b>George Tenet</b>.</p>

<p><b>NTV Hayat comments on rude attitude of WCC officials</b></p>	<p><b>NTV Hayat</b> by <u>Asim Beslija</u> – NTV Hayat commented the rude behaviour of the officials in BIH War Crimes Chamber. The pre – arranged interview was cancelled. No one in the court knew or wanted to explain the criteria of the election of the defence attorneys in cases of war indictees that will be dealt with before this court.</p>
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## Reforms

**Gregorian at  
RSNA session**

**RTRS** – Co-Chairman of the Defence Reform Commission in BiH **Raffi Gregorian** spoke at the session of RS National Assembly on Friday. Gregorian gave a clear message, which says that there is no room for entity Defence Ministries. *"We have no hidden agenda with respect to the RS and this is not about changing the RS or abolishing it in any way"*, stated Gregorian. Gregorian stated that this reform will not be imposed but warned that the path towards EU and NATO depends on their decision. **RHB, TV Pink, NTV Hayat, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'NATO will not be changing because of BiH, mentioned on cover 'Mladic has helpers in RS Army' by J. Stojanovic, **Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'Individuals from RS under control of Belgrade' not signed and pg 8 'BiH is not ready for PfP yet' by O. Vukovic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'There are still no conditions for admission to PfP' by V. Popvic and 'Gregorian: Mladic under control of Belgrade' not signed, **Dnevni List** pg 7 'MPs against abolishment of Ministry of Defence' by A. Beus carry similar reports. TV Pink also carries BiH Minister of Defence, **Nikola Radovanovic** as saying: *"I think that Gregorian had given his vision on defence reform, and I have nothing to add"*, said.

**RTRS: Live  
report from  
RSNA session**

**RTRS** carried report by Daliborka Predragovic from the RS National Assembly session, which says that the RS Government presented its conclusions regarding defence reform to RS NA deputies. RS Government feels that abolishment of the RS Defence Ministry is unacceptable and it stands for professional BiH Army. RS Government is also asking RS members of the DRC to actively participate in the work of the Commission. Members of SDS, SRS and Club Centre supported the conclusions of the Government whilst SNSD feels that the Government only copied SDS conclusions. DNS feels that citizens should voice their opinion on the defence reform through a referendum. RS PM **Pero Bukejlovic** concluded that the Government adopted these conclusions unanimously. RS NA should make a stance on these conclusions during the session.

<p><b>Cavic on defence reform</b></p>	<p><b>NTV Hayat</b> – On Friday, RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> said in the RS Parliament that he is against the defence reform since BiH is not in the Partnership for Peace yet and that abolishment of RS MoD makes no sense.</p> <p><i>“I am aware of the fact that I will be considered as a man who is obstructing Defence Reform in RS but this entity needs its own army. I cannot remove from the office <b>Mr Raffi Gregorian</b> or <b>HR Paddy Ashdown</b> but they can remove me from the office”</i> said Dragan Cavic. <i>“That’s not for me to comment; I focus just on the work of the Defence Reform Commission and for something alike. You’ll have to ask the HR about that”</i> said Raffi Gregorian, Co-Chair of the Defence Reform Commission. ATV Banja Luka presenter stated that Gregorian wasted time talking about unfulfilled conditions of RS in connection to the Partnership for Peace and the presenter added that the closing words were about high – ranking officers from RS Army that helped <b>Ratko Mladic</b> in hiding from the authorities. Gregorian had no time to clarify these assumptions (ATV presenter).</p> <p><b>RHB, TV PINK, BHTV 1, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘Cavic against abolishment of RS Ministry of Defence’ <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 8 ‘BiH is not ready for PfP yet’ by <u>O. Vukovic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 ‘There are still no conditions for admission to PfP’ by <u>V. Popvic</u> carry similar reports on Cavic’s statements.</p>
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<p><b>Dodik on defence reform</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, BHT 1, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'There are still no conditions for admission to PfP' <u>by V. Popvic</u> – Chairman of SNSD <b>Milorad Dodik</b> stated that professionalism in military forces should be implemented followed by a complete demilitarisation. Dodik also stated that it is counterproductive to invest in BIH Army since that army cannot become something that belongs to everyone.</p>
<p><b>Radovanovic on joining PfP</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, TV PINK, BHT 1, RTRS, Dnevni List</b> pg 6 'There are no conditions for joining PfP' <u>not signed</u> – BIH Defence Minister <b>Nikola Radovanovic</b> stated that full cooperation with ICTY is the basic condition for BIH's membership in Partnership for Peace. Radovanovic stated that the reason why BIH is still not in PfP is the lack of that cooperation.</p>

**Farewell  
reception to  
Hays, Cliff  
and Griscienko**

**RHB, NTV Hayat, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Cliff, Hays and Griscienko gave great contribution to stabilization of situation in BiH' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** 'There is no change in relation towards BiH' by R. Cengic, **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Next 6 months crucial for BiH' by E. Mackic, **Vecernji List** pg 2 'Reception for Griscienko, Cliff and Hays' by F- On Friday a special farewell reception was organised to Principal Deputy High Representative **Donald Hays**, British Ambassador to BiH and Russian Ambassador to BiH **Alexander Griscienko**. NTV Hayat also carries Hays as saying: *'If changes do not take place, there will be no job growth, there will be serious problems with financing state and entities, and as a result the whole effort to move toward the EU will be stalled.'* 'I really hope that BIH will soon start the negotiations for Stability and Association Agreement that will lead BiH towards the EU", said Cliff. DA inset under headline 'Hays: Program of reforms should be transferred on BiH institutions' and **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 'It is time that BiH authorities take over implementation of reforms' by S.R. carry Hays as saying: *'The things go too slowly and I believe that the time has come to transfer the program of reforms from the International Community on BiH institutions.'*

<p><b>BiH Security Ministry cannot decide whether police reform would improve security situation in BiH or not</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'No agreement on security situation' by <u>M. C.</u> carries that the BiH Security Ministry prepared the report on the security situation in BiH for the last year, however, the leading people of the Ministry have not decided yet whether the security situation is satisfactory or not. According to NN unofficial information, the report has not been sent to the BiH Council of Ministers yet since there is no agreement on the formulation, which says that the unification of the BiH police would improve the security situation.</p>
<p><b>OHR: Police Restructuring Webpage Launched</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 'OHR launched Police restructuring web page' by <u>NINA</u> – DL carries the OHR's press release which says: <i>'Office of the High Representative today launched a new webpage that provides comprehensive information on the police restructuring process. The webpage brings together all the core documents related to the work of the Police Restructuring Commission, including the Commission's conclusions and recommendations, and reviews the options open to BiH as it moves away from a fractured and fundamentally inefficient police system to one that meets European standards and begins to guarantee the personal security of every citizen.'</i></p>

<p><b>Solana:</b> <b>‘Progress in implementation of program of reforms is being achieved in BiH’</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 ‘Progress in implementation of program of reforms is being achieved in BiH’ <u>by Beta</u> carries that EU High Representative <b>Javier Solana</b> stated in Luxembourg on Friday that progress in implementation of program of reforms is being achieved in BiH.</p>
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<p><b>Political issues</b></p>	
<p><b>Covic: I will state my decision on Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> – With regard to a bill of indictment issued against him, Croat member of the BiH Presidency <b>Dragan Covic</b> said in a phone statement for BHT 1 the following: <i>“You will hear my standings, as everyone else, as I hope, at the press conference on Wednesday”</i>. Also covered by <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘Covic to state his decision on Wednesday’ <u>not signed</u>.</p>
<p><b>Tihic and Pravac do not want to comment on Covic’s case</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘Tihic and Pravac do not want to comment’ <u>by A.M.</u> carry that Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> and Serb member of the BiH Presidency <b>Borislav Paravac</b> did not want to comment on the situation with regard to issuing the bill of indictment against Dragan Covic, however, an advisor in the Paravac’s Cabinet <b>Dragomir Vukovic</b> stated that the BiH Presidency will discuss this issue as the first item on its agenda at the session on Tuesday and only then the official stand of the BiH Presidency members on the bill of indictment against Covic will be known.</p>

<p><b>HDZ Presidency on Covic on Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'On Covic on Monday' by <u>V.Z.</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 16 'HDZ Presidency session on Monday' <u>not signed</u> – HDZ spokesperson <b>Pero Pavlovic</b> stated that the HDZ Presidency session will take place in Mostar on Monday. Among the other things, they will discuss the bill of indictment against <b>Dragan Covic</b>.</p>
<p><b>DL on possible development of situation regarding Covic's case</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 'Part of HDZ officials do not want to leave authority institutions' <u>not signed</u> carries that their sources close to the <b>OHR</b> claim that the OHR will wait for the HDZ Presidency's conclusions on the Covic's resignation and that the decision on his removal will depend on the result of this session. The source added: <i>'If Covic does not submit resignation after that session, High Representative <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> will be forced to remove him.'</i> DL also says that some HDZ officials such as <b>Niko Lozancic</b> and HDZ President <b>Barisa Colak</b> believe that HDZ can rescue Covic if they blackmail the OHR that they would abandon authority institutions in case of the Covic's removal, while the others believe that they should help Covic in this situation, however, they do not agree with the aforementioned blackmail.</p>

<p><b>Cardinal Puljic on indictment against Covic</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, BHT 1, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3 'Political processes against Croats' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Cardinal believes that Covic should remain at his position' by <u>V. Coric</u> – At the press conference of the BiH Bishops' Conference Cardinal <b>Vinko Puljic</b> expressed concerns over the indictment against Dragan Covic saying that he wonders if the court had the evidence and than filled the charges or they will look for the evidence now. On the same issue <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Puljic: Politics in BiH should treat Covic as Europe treated Berlusconi' by <u>F.V.</u> carries Puljic as saying that politics in BiH should treat Covic as Europe treated Berlusconi.</p>
<p><b>On Covic's visit to Vatican</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, TV PINK, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Vatican understands difficult situation in BiH' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobođenje</b> pg 4 'Best wishes for Pope's recovery' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Covic in Vatican privately' by <u>A. Sisic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> cover pg splash and pg 2 'Full and real equality IS guarantee for BiH's stability' by <u>NINA</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pgs 2 and 3, mentioned on cover 'Vatican wants equality for all three peoples' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – Member of BIH Presidency <b>Dragan Covic</b> visited Vatican's state secretary Cardinal <b>Angelo Sodano</b> (SP) on Friday. They spoke on the current situation in BiH. On this occasion Sodano stressed that the Holy See understands and feels difficulties of the current situation in BiH and fort this reason he gave support and wished that all BiH citizens enjoy same rights.</p>

<p><b>Osl. edit. on Covic's visit to Vatican</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 9 'Does Covic have any shame?' by <u>M. Sagolj</u> carries an editorial on Covic's visit to Vatican and the author says that instead of submitting the resignation Covic went to Rome to complain to the Pope about difficult position of Croats in BiH although he is very well aware that the HDZ leadership, including him, is responsible for such position of the Croats.</p>
<p><b>DL: Conflict between 2 HDZ Mostar fractions continue</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pgs 4 and 5, mentioned on cover 'HDZ top is preparing strike in HDZ Mostar Board?!' by <u>Z. Jukic</u> – With regard to the session of the HDZ Mostar Board Assembly, that is to take place on Monday, DL carries that this session will be just continuation of the conflict between 2 Mostar HDZ fractions, one led by Croat member of the BiH presidency <b>Dragan Covic</b>, and the other one allegedly led by former Mostar Mayor <b>Ivica Prskalo</b>.</p>

**BiH Bishops' Conference harshly criticizes DPA**

**RHB, BHT, NTV Hayat, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Puljic: Politics in BiH should treat Croats as Europe treated Berlusconi' by F.V., **Oslobodjenje** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Croats are becoming national minority' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Dayton reduced Croats on national minority' not signed, **Dnevni List** pg 13, mentioned on cover 'Bishops expressed concern over processing of Croat politicians' by NINA, **Vecernji List** cover pg splash 'Bishops demand abolishment of Dayton' and pg 3 'Bishops harshly criticised Dayton' by M. Vasilj- A3 day session of the BiH Bishops' Conference ended in Mostar on Friday. BiH Archbishop, **Vinko Puljic**, is newly elected President of the BiH Bishops' Conference. Members of the conference gave a joint statement, which was read by Bishop **Ratko Peric** at the press conference in Mostar. The statement said that obvious injustices occurred with implementation of the Dayton Peace Accord and that human rights of the Croat people have been endangered on the ground of it. According to the statement, due to implementation of the DPA THE Catholic population in BIH has been reduced by half. It also said that international representatives in BiH are considered as representatives of foreign protectorate and seekers of own interest. The statement calls upon politicians to establish a just legal system and abolish the organisation of the country that was made on the ground of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

**Sarajevo  
City Council  
established**

**BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 11  
'Aida Habul from SBiH Chairman of SCC' by I. Sinanovic, **Oslobodjenje** cover pg splash  
and pg 6 'SSC without Serbs' by A. Terzic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3, mentioned on cover  
'Sarajevo City Council formed' by N. Krsman— The Sarajevo City Council was  
established on Friday, almost six months  
after the local elections in October. The  
City Council was established without  
presence of the representatives of Serb  
people. 5 positions in the Council stayed  
empty because of this. FTV also says **Aida  
Habul** is appointed for the Chair of  
Sarajevo City Council. She stated that her  
priority will be the happiness and  
wellbeing of all Sarajevo citizens. Out of  
23 councillors, 1 is Croat, 3 are from  
other peoples and while the rest are  
Bosniaks. Even though the Statute doesn't  
prescribe the participation of Serbs, the  
constitutional decree on constitutive  
peoples demands that. Fulfilling of that  
decree as well as the election of the Mayor  
and deputy Chair of the City Council is  
postponed until further notice.

<p><b>EU to discuss reducing its peacekeeping mission in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Brussels is discussing reduction of peacekeepers# number in BiH' <u>by Reuters</u> – EU will discuss reducing of its peacekeeping mission in BiH on condition that the situation on the ground stays calm. The decision on this issue would be brought on May. Luxembourg Foreign Affairs Minister, <b>Jean Asselborn</b>, stated that in the future there would be fewer soldiers but more policemen. EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, <b>Javier Solana</b>, stated that regardless to this decision, at least 5000 soldiers will stay in BiH.</p>
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## Crime/Judicial proceedings

**4 persons  
murdered in  
village near  
Sokolac**

**BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** cover pg splash 'Monster was going through village killing people' and pg 27 'Vojislav Planincic killed 4 persons by gun' by E.Ha., **Oslobodjenje** pg 43, mentioned on cover 'Old man killed 4 neighbours by gun' by D. Pavlovic, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'He killed 4 neighbours' and pg 3 'Old man killed 4 neighbours by gun' by D. Muminovic, **Dnevni List** pg 36, mentioned on cover 'Old man killed 4 neighbours' by M. Maric, **Vecernji List** pg 21, mentioned on cover 'Old man killed 3 women and one man' by R. Soldo – 4 persons were killed on Friday morning in village Bereg near Sokolac. Victims are three women and one man. Local police identified and arrested a suspect, 71-years-old **Vojislav Planincic**. According to unofficial information, Planincic was walking around the village and shot anyone he saw. The police investigation is ongoing.

<p><b>S. Alijagic on RS Supreme Court verdict</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4 and 5, mentioned on cover 'German lawyers open door of Human Rights Court in Strasbourg to Alijagici' by <u>A. Kalamujic</u> carries <b>Salih Alijagic</b> as saying that he will continue his struggle. He added: <i>'A group of German lawyers, that I engaged for this case, informed me that the Human Rights Court in Strasbourg will accept my appeal because of constant stalling of the BiH judiciary to resolve my claim for robbed property.'</i> He also estimates that the pressure coming from Serb authorities and the International Community would continue in order to definitely destroy a hope of all displaced and robbed Bosniaks and Croats that they would repossess their robbed property.</p>
<p><b>S. Dizdarevic on Alijagic case</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4 'Inappropriate influence of International Community' <u>not signed</u> carries President of the BiH Helsinki Committee <b>Srdjan Dizdarevic</b> who says that many political games have been aking place with regard to this case and all this has happened with inappropriate influence of the International Community.</p>

<p><b>D. Cuk on Alijagic case</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4 and 5 'Justice has won' by <u>S. Sijakovic</u> carries Head of the Trebinje Municipality <b>Dobroslav Cuk</b> as saying that the RS Supreme Court decision on the Alijagic case is a victory of justice and truth since, obviously, this was about court farce. He added that he is not sure as to what would have happened with the Trebinje Municipality if SDS had stayed in power. He believes that in that case innocent citizens would pay for someone's theft, negligence etc. Talking about the funds that have been already paid on the Alijagic's account, Cuk said that they would demand return of these funds since the legal decision on the ground of which money was paid to the Alijagic family had ceased to exist.</p>
<p><b>RS Public Attorney: New evidence on silver electrodes necessary'</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'New evidence on silver electrodes necessary' by <u>P. Klincov</u> carries RS public attorney <b>Stefan Todorovic</b> as saying that in the decision on the Alijagic case the RS Supreme Court ordered that the origin, amount and value of electrodes should be proven.</p>

<p><b>High Court in London passed verdict in favour of EFT</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'EFT does not have to give all documents to BiH Prosecution' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'EFT does not have to give all documents' <u>by D.R.</u> carry according to EFT, on Friday, the High Court in London passed a verdict in favour of EFT in the dispute of this company with the UK Serious Fraud Office (SFO). According to this decision, EFT does not have to hand over all documents that SFO and the office of the international prosecutor in BiH demnd from them.</p>
<p><b>36 Bosniaks from Kotorsko demand compensation from Doboj Municipality</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'Bosniaks from Kotorsko demand compensation amounting to 10 million KM' <u>not signed</u> – 36 Bosniaks from Kotorsko near Doboj prepared a claim to Doboj municipality. They are demanding compensation amounting to 10 million for the land that was destroyed due to gravel exploitation near river Bosna.</p>

## Economy

**Strike of  
'Breza'  
miners in  
front of FBiH  
Government  
building**

**BHT 1** – Around 500 miners from coal mine “Breza” protested on Friday in front of the FBiH Government building in Sarajevo due to poor working conditions and low salaries. After negotiations with representatives of the FBiH Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mining that lasted the whole day, the agreement was reached, but the miners are still dissatisfied, reports BHT. The FBiH Government planned to support “Breza” colliery with 1,4 million KM this year. First part of these funds will be transferred to the mine next week and the rest of it will be transferred during April, informed Assistant to the FBiH Minister of Energy, Industry and Mining, **Ismet Sokolovic**. Also covered by **TV PINK, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 3, mentioned on cover ‘Miners from Breza won better life’ by S. Skuletic, **Oslobodjenje** pg 6, mentioned on cover ‘Protest of miners of colliery Breza’ by S. Sehercehajic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 11, mentioned on cover ‘Miners demand bigger salary and money for war meals amounting to 8KM’ by M. Rener,, **Dnevni List** pg 7 ‘Protest of miners in front of Government’ by M. Zorlak.

**On difficult material situation of RS MoI employees/Mtg with Matijasevic**

**TV PINK** – RS Ministry of Interior workers are facing difficult situation. During the session they held on Friday in Banjaluka, which RS Minister of Interior, **Darko Matijasevic** attended as well, it was discussed on possible solutions of the issue. *“We have agreed that February salaries to the workers should be as the ones given in December 2004, which means that the salaries are not going to be reduced”*, said Matijasevic. Matijasevic added that a concrete analyse on how to solve the issue, should be made within a month.

On the same issue **RTRS** carries that the RS MoI employees called upon RS policemen to go on a general strike on 12<sup>th</sup> of April. Chairman of Union of RS MoI employees **Dusko Jandric** says that RS policemen have the lowest salaries in the region. RS Minister of Interior **Darko Matijasevic** stated that February salary will be increased to the level of December one. He also stated that the RS MoI asked RS Government for a 20% salary increase. RS MoI intends to find a solution for improving the social status of RS MoI employees and the Union on the other hand states that they will continue their fight.