

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 19/4/2004

RADIO HERCEG BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
RS Police's operation	RS MoI-s operation	Action in Visegrad	RS Police's action
Action in Visegrad	FGovt to hold session	ICTY indict. on Lukic's	SDS Presidency's session
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ICTY proceedings	SDS' report	PM/BH STEEL	Human trafficking in BiH

Oslobodjenje	Attempt failed to arrest Milan and Sredoje Lukic
Dnevni Avaz	Search for the Lukics in Visegrad
Dnevni List	Raguz, Merdzo and Vrankic as scapegoats; Novica Lukic died of wounds
Vecernji List	Verdict in The Hague, serving of prison term in one's own country; Serb police killed brother of ICTY indictee
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Glas Srpske	Visegrad: Tragic end of attempt to arrest war crimes indictees – Novica Lukic dies; Srbinje – Drina Bridge goes away

Nezavisne Novine	Search for Milan and Sredoje Lukic, ICTY indictes in Visegrad – RS Police killed Novica Lukic; SDS delivers financial report to OHR; Opposition protests in Visegrad – Fight against criminal can save RS; Sports
Blic	DSS and SPO against Dinkic; Pavkovic: I will not allow to be extradited; Epilogue of arrest attempt in Visegrad: They chased Milan Lukic and killed his brother Novica
Vecernje Novosti	Brother of the Hague fugitive was killed

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<p>RS police failed to arrest Milan and Sredoje Lukic in Visegrad</p>	<p>Herceg Bosna Radio, BHTV, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje front page, pgs. 4-5 'Failed attempt to arrest Milan and Sredoje Lukic', Dnevni Avaz front page 'Serach for the Lukics in Visegrad', pg. 2 'Milan and Sredoje Lukic avoided apprehension, Novica Lukic killed', pg. 2 'They committed crimes over Bosniaks in Visegrad, Strpci and Sjeverin', Slobodna Dalmacija last page 'Brother of ICTY indictee got killed' by H, Vecernji List front page 'Serb Police killed brother of ICTY indictee' and page 2 'Milan's brother Novica mortally wounded' by B. Stevandic, Dnevni List front and page 16 'Novica Lukic died of wounds' by De.L., ONASA/AFP – A Bosnian Serb civilian was killed Sunday during a shootout with police in eastern Bosnia in a failed raid aimed at arresting fugitives from international justice. The raid was described by international representatives as the first serious attempt by the local authorities to arrest war crimes suspects. <i>"A person known by initials N.L. died in Visegrad hospital of injuries received during the operation,"</i> RS police spokesman Radovan Pejic told AFP. Pejic said the operation was aimed at arresting suspects identified only by the initials M.L. and S.L. but believed to be cousins Milan and Sredoje Lukic, indicted by the UN war crimes tribunal for crimes committed in Visegrad during BiH's 1992-95 war. Police failed to find the suspects, Pejic said. Earlier witnesses told AFP that the police opened fire while trying to search a home in Visegrad. Local media identified killed N.L. as Milan Lukic's brother Novica. Milan and Sredoje Lukic have been charged by the UN war crimes tribunal of having <i>"committed, planned, instigated, ordered, and otherwise aided and abetted the planning, preparation, and execution of... persecution of Bosnian Muslim civilians on political, racial and religious grounds."</i> Milan Lukic commanded a paramilitary unit in Visegrad engaged in ethnic cleansing of all non-Serb inhabitants which included random killings, torture and rape. His cousin Sredoje was a member of the unit known as the "White Eagles." The UN war crimes tribunal sentenced in February to 15 years in prison Mitar Vasiljevic, a co-accused with Milan and Sredoje Lukic. Earlier this month the RS authorities came under harsh international criticism for not doing enough to apprehend war crimes suspects, specifically Radovan Karadzic, despite an operation in March.</p> <p>Glas Srpske cover page 'Novica Lukic dies' ; Nezavisne novine cover and page 3 'Novica Lukic killed, no one arrested'; Blic front page and p 10 'They chased Milan Lukic, killed his brother', Vecernje Novosti front page and p 16 'Brother of the Hague fugitive was killed' – Novica Lukic (42) from Visegrad, brother of ICTY indictee, Milan Lukic (37), was killed yesterday in RS police action. Srpsko Sarajevo District Court has ordered Police to detain ICTY indictees Milan and his cousin Sredoje Lukic (37). Srpsko Sarajevo Public Security Centre Spokesperson, Radovan Pejic, confirmed that action had finished at 15:45 hrs and that none of indictees were arrested. <i>"One person was wounded due to putting up resistance. That person was transported to Visegrad Hospital where he died soon",</i> said Pejic. He didn't want to tell the name of the person. Srpsko Sarajevo District Prosecutor, Dragan Ninkovic, didn't want to give more details either. Eyewitnesses claim that 100 policemen surrounded a house of Milan's father, Mile Lukic early in the morning. In the house live Milan Lukic's parents and brother Novica with a wife and a child. Eyewitnesses don't know what caused shooting. RS Police Special Unit and some other units were involved in the action. Police stated that they had had "certain information" on movement of PIFWCs in that area. Eyewitnesses claim that policemen were masked and armed with automatic riffles. They blocked Visegrad, setting up VCPs on crossroads and roads that lead to town. EUPM was monitoring. SFOR was not involved. State Border Service and Police in neighbouring country were informed about this action. Milan and Sredoje Lukic are indicted for crimes against humanity and breaking rules of war. Ruzica Lukic, wife of Novica Lukic, who died in Visegrad Hospital, said that he wasn't armed and he was not putting resistance. According to her, noise in the front of the house woke them up at 07:00 hrs. <i>"Novica, drowsy, in pyjama, went to the door but they broke in before he could open it. Then I heard a shoot",</i> said Ruzica for SRNA Agency. She added that policemen ordered her to lie down on the floor in the other room. Her husband was transported to the hospital, her too, soon after because she was in shock. In that time Ruzica and Novica's three-year-old son of was in Srbinje, and Novica's father and mother in the Rujiste village. Ruzica is a doctor. She works in Srbinje Clinical Centre. Visegrad Mayor, Aleksandar Savic, is appalled. He emphasised that there is more civilised way to detain person. <i>"Who will give explanation to the three year old son, wife and parents",</i> said Savic. He is even more appalled because it was 'mali Vaskrs' (small Easter) yesterday. (OHR: the first solemn action of RS authorities) – OHR Director of Communications, Julian Braithwaite, said yesterday to Nezavisne novine that OHR can not comment RS Police action in Visegrad because all facts are not known yet. He added that this was the first RS authorities' solemn action against PIFWCs. <i>"Milan and Sredoje Lukic are two dangerous persons wanted by ICTY. If someone was putting resistance police had to use force in self-defence",</i> said Braithwaite. He called up on all indictees to surrender in order to prevent consequences like this. <i>"If they don't surrender police will have to continue activities for their detention",</i> said Braithwaite.</p>
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OHR, EUPM comment on RS police operation in Visegrad	RTRS, BHTV, Dnevni List, ONASA – The operation carried out on Sunday in the area of Visegrad by the Republika Srpska Interior Ministry (MUP) is the first serious operation undertaken by the RS special police forces against dangerous individuals suspected of war crimes, Office of the High Representative spokesman Oleg Milisic said. <i>“Soon we will know whether this operation marks the real turning point in the RS’s relations with the Hague Tribunal,”</i> said Milisic, commenting on the operation conducted by the RS MUP in the area of Visegrad in order to apprehend war crimes suspects. Exchange of small arms fire erupted when the police raided a family house in Visegrad, in which N.L. was injured. Later on he died from wounds he sustained in the conflict with the police. According to unofficial information, the deceased person is Novica Lukic, a brother of indicted war criminal Milan Lukic. Spokesman for the Public Security Center in Srpsko Sarajevo Radovan Pejic said the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) monitored the action, as well as that more details would be released subsequently. EUPM spokesman Jon Oskar Solnes told ONASA, by phone, he could not comment on the action before Monday, because he had not received full reports from his monitors on the spot. According to information provided by the Public Security Center in Srpsko Sarajevo, the operation was concluded at 3:45 p.m.
SDS to submit financial report to OHR today	BHTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg. 8 ‘SDS operates through 64 accounts’ – Main Board of SDS will at the request of HR present a report on its financial operations on Monday in order to prove that a part of the financial means are not being sent to war criminals accounts. The Board concluded not to announce its position on the issue as long as OHR does not make its stand on the report. OHR banned SDS financing from the state Budget because of the doubts SDS financially supports war criminals. It is still uncertain what will happen if SDS’ report does not satisfy HR. OHR’s spokesman Oleg Milisic on Sunday did not want to give any comments. At the session on Saturday. The SDS Board accepted the financial report of 64 Party’s Municipality’s Boards. SDS Spokesperson Dusan Stojicic said that this report was established by legal standards, known in whole World. <i>“We expect that this report will be sufficient base for suspension, meaning for abolishing of further application of the OHR decision freezing the financing of SDS from the Budget,”</i> said Stojicic. Nezavisne novine cover and page 2 ‘SDS claims that it does not finance PIFWCs’ also covered the issue. SDS report, which will be delivered to HR, Paddy Ashdown, today states that budgetary finances were used legally, not for PIFWCs financing, said Momcilo Novakovic, member of SDS Main Board and BiH House of Representatives. <i>“It will be seen that party finances are used in accordance with party constitution, program and law. There was no misuse of budgetary finances and no financing of PIFCs support network”,</i> Novakovic stated.
‘Statement of Day’: Amor Masovic	Dnevni List page 2 carries in its ‘Statement of Day’ Chairman of the Federation of BiH Commission for Missing Persons Amor Masovic as saying: ‘Each investigation of the events in Srebrenica is undermining of grounds of the RS foundations.’ Note that the statement was given in an interview for Sunday’s Dnevni Avaz.
Mikerevic on Srebrenica Commission	Glas Srpske page 3 ‘June closes the book’; Nezavisne novine page 6 ‘RS Prime Minister is responsible for work of Srebrenica Commission too’; “RS Prime Minister is responsible for everything that is happening in RS. Therefore he is responsible for work of Srebrenica Commission as well, because it’s Commission of RS Government”, said RS Prime Minister, Dragan Mikerevic in Dobo. He was a bit surprised with HR’s decision. Field investigation was not possible due to long lasting winter, thinks Mikerevic. He announced that new, more detailed, preliminary report will be finished by the end of April. New president of the Commission, who will be appointed tomorrow, will be a young person, said Mikerevic. <i>“It’s not so important who will be removed from the office or will resign. More important is that we aim for truth. If Dutch Government collapsed, fall of any Government here would not be surprise”,</i> said Mikerevic.
RS Defense Ministry on Srebrenica Commission	Blic p 12 ‘They provided the Commission with maximum of help’ – The RS Defense Ministry has issued a statement saying the Defense Ministry and RS Army have undertook maximum efforts and have taken all necessary measures to provide the Srebrenica Commission with a quality work. The statement reads that the two institutions made all documents available for the Commission as well as that they have enabled the Commission to contact all persons it believed could have helped the Commission in making the report. The statement reads that certain positions explained in the report of the Commission, in relation to cooperation of RS institutions were based on incorrect facts.
VL says it is possible that ICTY convicts serve prison term in their own countries	Vecernji List front page splash ‘Verdict in The Hague, serving of prison term in one’s own country’ and page 3 ‘It is possible that ICTY convicts serve prison term in their own countries’ by Z. Jurilj carries that in case that mother countries from the area of former Yugoslavia, that the ICTY indictees are coming from, create the efficient legal framework and safe prison conditions close to EU standards, there is realistic possibility that the ICTY convicts serve prison terms in the countries from which they come from. VL says that such possibility was mentioned by ICTY legal experts in the document in which criteria according to which Department for processing of war crimes committed on the BiH territory, that should function within the BiH Court, were defined.

Political developments

<p>Humphreys to present EC report on BiH today</p>	<p>Herceg Bosna Radio – Head of EC Delegation in BiH Michael Humphreys on Monday will present the EC report on BiH progress in process of Stabilization and Association. This report will be presented to both Houses of BiH Parliament, members of Commission for European Integrations, to House of Representatives' Commission for Foreign Affairs, House of People's Commission for foreign Trade and to BiH Parliament's Delegation in Europe Council's Parliament and Parliament of OSCE.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg. 4, mentioned on the front page 'The BiH's progress towards Europe is modest' – The progress is unfortunately modest in the process of fulfilling 16 conditions from the Feasibility Study and not a single out of these 16 conditions has been fulfilled completely, says among other things the EC report.</p>
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**DL on Ashdown's
implementation
of PIC
recommendations
from January**

Referring to its article published at the beginning of 2004, which read that the PIC SB harshly criticised the work of the High Representative Paddy Ashdown, Dnevni List (p 11, "OHR intensified cooperation with opposition", by Zvonimir Jukic) comments that, judging by his recent moves, the HR fully corrected his policy in line with the conclusions of the PIC session held in Brussels at the beginning of 2004. Reminding that the OHR at the time tepidly denied DL allegations, the daily reads that the HR's practice over the first quarter of 2004 confirms the accuracy of DL original allegations and reveals that the HR took the PIC remarks very seriously: immediately after the PIC session he passed the decision on unification of Mostar; he broke the pact with the SDA opposing the party's interference in judiciary and police and banned the removal of FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic; he fined HDZ over obstructing education reform process; SDS was similarly fined over financing and supporting war crime suspects. DL goes on to add that OHR's cooperation with the opposition has greatly improved and that in making decisions the HR almost regularly consults the highest opposition parties' representatives who have so far fiercely criticised the HR's policy. DL sources reveal that this cooperation will become even more intensified as the local elections and the arrival of the new US Ambassador to BiH approach. The daily also notes HR's intensified activities in the fields of economy, state-building, defense and PBS system.

<p>Ashdown to visit Croatia today</p>	<p>Herceg Bosna Radio, Oslobođenje pg. 3 'Ashdown in Zagreb', Vecernji List page 11 'Sanader meets Ashdown and McShane today' by <u>D.Dj.</u>, Dnevni List page 7 'HR pays visit to Croatia' – High Representative Paddy Ashdown on Monday travels to Zagreb for an official visit to Croatia. During the visit HR will meet with Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader and President Stjepan Mesic.</p>
<p>SNS: Paddy Ashdown is Dictator</p>	<p>Blic pg. 12 'SNS: Paddy Ashdown is Dictator' by <u>N.B.</u> – High Representative in BiH Paddy Ashdown behaves more and more as dictator of the occupying force, which aims to achieve wartime goals of Alija Izetbegovic. It is obvious that so far skillfully masked and covered-up occupation of RS has been transformed into a public and direct one, announces the member of the Serb People's Alliance (SNS), Sinisa Markovic. Commenting on the Srebrenica-related moves recently made by the High Representative, Markovic emphasizes that the only option left to the Serbs in BiH is to launch the issue of obtaining independence of RS from BiH, its separation and annexation to Serbia. Dnevni List page 16 'Ashdown is behaving as occupying dictator' also carried the statement. It quotes Markovic as saying: <i>'It is obvious that the occupation of the RS, that was skillfully camouflaged and covered up by now, has turned into public and direct occupation. Vandal behaviour of SFOR on Pale, as well as, Ashdown's moves, that have nothing to do with principles of democracy, freedom of speech and human rights in the world, refer to it.'</i></p>

**Crisis within
HDZ BiH**

With regard to the initiative launched by about 90 members of the HDZ Central Board who demand convening of the 4th emergency session of this body by April 30 because of their dissatisfaction over the way in which the HDZ bodies function and act (see yesterday's Cropress summary), Dnevni List front page splash and pages 6 and 7 'Raguz, Merdzo and Vrankic as scapegoats!' carries President of the Association of Croat Refugees and Displaced Persons Stefo Masatovic denying the claims that Chairman of the House of Representatives of the BiH Parliament Martin Raguz, Federation of BiH Minister of Finances Dragan Vrankic and Vice President of the House of Representatives of the FBiH Parliament Josip Merdzo signed the aforementioned initiative. DL page 7 'I am not coup-maker by conviction' not signed carries Vrankic as saying that he is not a coup-maker and that he did not sign any initiative. DL page 6 'Discrediting of people according to methods of UDBA (former Yugoslav Intelligence Service)' not signed carries Merdzo as saying that such articles were ordered and people were discredited according to UDBA's method. Merdzo believes that the one who can benefit from this situation stands behind the whole case.

Dnevni Avaz pg. 4 'There are problems in the party one should have tried to cover up' – The daily quotes Merdzo as saying that it was clear HDZ could work better and that he was also standing for better organisation of the party. Niko Lozancic, the HDZ Vice-president and Federation of BiH President did not want to comment on the issue saying he had agreed with Barisa Colak and Dragan Covic not to make public statements until the entire situation is properly analysed.

**Editorial on
HDZ factions**

Dnevni List page 9 'Succession of political generations have started' by Z. Jukic carries an editorial which says that during the last 10 years a few strong lobbies connected by similar political stands but also by business and friendly relations were created within HDZ BiH. The author says that these lobbies were practically ruling the party and in this way they were ruling the political life of BiH Croats and some people from these lobbies did not lose anything from the influence they had in the economic and political developments even after they left this party. The author carries a chronology of the events within HDZ BiH and the way in which some lobbies were excluded from the political life of the party. According to the author, the only stronger fraction that still has big influence in the political decision-making is the one led by a Croat member of the BiH Presidency Dragan Covic. The author also says that having in mind numerous criminal charges issued against Covic and his poor estimation of the strength of the position that he has within the party many people believe that this is a final countdown of his fraction as well. The author concludes that space for coming of new generation of politicians has been opened at the political spectrum of BiH Croats.

<p>DL on inter-party arrangements on distribution of posts in FBiH</p>	<p>Dnevni List (p 3, "Nadir Kovacevic new FBiH Pension Fund director!?", by <u>M. R.</u>) learns that, in line with the agreement which the SDA and HDZ leaderships reached on disputable distribution of posts in FBiH three weeks ago, Nadir Kovacevic, who has performed the position of director of the Sarajevo-based Branch Office of the FBiH Pension Fund, could be appointed to the position of the FBiH Pension Fund director. The daily adds that Ljubo Pravdic from Kiseljak is mentioned as a possible director of FBiH Roads Agency. It has allegedly been confirmed to DL that Huso Musemic could remain on the position of director of FBiH Employment Bureau.</p>
<p>NN on SDA – HDZ – Party for BiH relations</p>	<p>Nezavisne novine page 5 <i>'Halilovic: SDA and HDZ work behind our back'</i>; President of the Party for BiH Presidency, Safet Halilovic, claims that SDA and HDZ work behind the back on redistribution of director's positions in institutions where they are appointed. <i>"We have discussed ethnic redistribution, not party redistribution"</i>, said SDA Vice President, Elmir Jahic. Halilovic announced that Party for BiH would not allow its people to be removed from the offices if they were successful. Representatives of three political parties should meet next week to discuss appointments in the FBiH institutions, said Halilovic.</p>

**Opposition
protest in
Vlasenica**

Nezavisne novine cover and page 4 *'Fight against criminal the only way out for RS'*; Couple of thousands people gathered at square in Vlasenica on Saturday. They supported opposition parties request for early elections. *"We want early elections. We can't go on like this anymore"*, SNSD President, Milorad Dodik, stated. He promised that he would pass the law on revision of privatisation process when he wins elections. *"We must check how much money one has got in 1992 and how much one has now and how it has been earned"*, said Dodik. He emphasised they don't want report on Srebrenica only but report on whole of BiH. Srebrenica is hard moment in history but is not isolated from everything that happened here, thinks Dodik. According to SPRS President, Petar Djokic, political testament of Alija Izetbegovic is being implemented in RS at the moment. DNS President, Marko Pavic, accused RS authorities for selling RS Army, Police and factories.

<p>DL on election of Mayor in Mostar</p>	<p>Dnevni list (front page & p 2, “It is only Mostarians who will not directly elect their local leaders”, by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u>) carries Majda Behram-Stojanov, a representative of Mostar-based office of Centre of Civic Initiatives (CCI) as confirming that the adopted amendments to the BiH Election Law that foresee direct election of local leaders will not be applied in Mostar. <i>“In our campaign aimed at success of these amendments to the Election Law, one could notice that there were no activities in Mostar since we let the OHR handle this matter”</i>, she says. DL adds it is clear that the future Mayor of Mostar would be elected according to the provisions of the city Statute imposed by the High Representative, i.e. by 2/3 majority of votes of the elected councillors in the new composition of the City Council. The daily notes that, bearing in mind that not even the latest constitutional changes legally affect Mostar, this town has remained to be a special case in the BiH legal and state system. The paper’s sources reveal that, following local elections, the OHR will pass yet another provision on the matter and it will refer to the OHR’s role in the election of the future city leader: namely, before the City Council declares itself on the offered candidate, the candidate will be vetted by the OHR.</p>
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**Agreement on
payment of
salaries in
BH Steel
reached**

Herceg Bosna Radio, BHTV, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg. 3, mentioned on the front page 'Higher salaries until arrival of new buyer', Dnevni Avaz pg. 8 'There will be no strike in BH Steel', ONASA – BiH Federation Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic and President of the Trade Union of BH Steel Islam Imamovic signed on Sunday the agreement on the model of payroll accounts and payment of salaries in this company. The agreement was also accepted by most of delegates of today's extraordinary session of the Assembly of the Trade Union. In that way, they gave up on the general strike announced for Tuesday, April 20.

"The agreement is a compromise and it foresees the payment of salaries at the level that was valid until September last year, and the smallest salary in BH Steel will be at the level of 55 percent of the average salary in the BiH Federation," Imamovic said. He added that the balance will be retroactively paid after the strategic partner enters the company. According to Imamovic, the agreement also encompasses workers "on hold", to whom the compensation of 40 KM will be paid, but each compensation will be accounted to the amount of 80 KM. *"The Assembly showed that delegates respect the importance of the project of entering of the strategic partner into BH Steel, which is the future of the company,"* Hadzipasic said, adding that the agreement must be respected. Hadzipasic announced that the presentation of the two strategic partners "Ispat Group" and "LNM Holding" will take place on Wednesday, April 21.

<p>DL: FBiH Prime Minister on Law on Bankruptcy</p>	<p>Dnevni List (p 3, "FBiH Government cannot abolish nor impose a law", by <u>Miso Relota</u>) carries FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic as commenting on the appeals and initiative by the BiH Trade Unions to remove the FBiH Government: <i>"FBiH Government cannot annul the Law on Bankruptcy. Laws are adopted by FBiH Parliament. Any member of the Parliament can act the way the Government can, i.e. he can submit amendments"</i>, Hadzipasic says.</p>
<p>NN on PDHR Hays' visit to Bihac</p>	<p>Nezavisne novine page 13 'Transparency needed in privatisation process'; PDHR Donald Hays visited Una-Sana Canton. He praised transparency of privatisation process in couple of wood-processing companies. Hays called on USC Government to more aggressive approach toward illegally privatised companies, which do not fulfil obligation to workers and state. PDHR spoke with USC Prime Minister, Ismet Kumalic and associates behind closed doors. Donald Hays met young people in Bihac downtown. They spoke about business initiative.</p>

<p>On education reform</p>	<p>Dnevni List last page 'Croats will have one Education Bureau' <u>not signed</u> carries that the meeting of Prime Ministers of the Canton 10, Herzegovina-Neretva, West Herzegovina and Posavina Cantons will take place in Orasje on Wednesday. During this meeting it will be defined as to how the Education Bureau, that will be seated in Mostar and that will be offering services in the areas where pupils attend schools that work according to the Croat curriculum, will look like. DL explains that since the problems with regard to the Education Bureau in Mostar have been lasting for years, 4 Cantonal Prime Minister informed the public that they will involve in this problem intensively in order to resolve this issue finally. The Prime Minister believes that there should be one Education Bureau seated in Mostar.</p> <p>Vecernji List page 2 'Postponement of nine year primary education' <u>by M.B.</u> carries that due to the lack money and lateness in preparation of proper documents the Coordination of Croat Cantonal Education Ministers decided at their meeting in Siroki Brijeg that it is still early with nine year primary education and that the nine year education should start in school year 2005/2006.</p>
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<p>Sanel Sjekirica case</p>	<p>Nezavisne novine page 2 <i>‘Spanish Police questions Sanel Sjekirica today’</i>; Sanel Sjekirica, BiH citizen suspect of terrorist attack in Madrid, will be questioned by Spanish Police today, his family announced. “Spanish Ministry of Interior informed us that Sanel will not be questioned as suspect of terrorist attack in Madrid. Sanel’s lawyer told us that police expects him to give information that can speed up investigation”, said one of Sjekirica family members. BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs acting Spokesperson, Sanja Vidovic, said that BiH authorities have no information on detention of Sanel Sjekirica. <i>“Spanish authorities didn’t give us official information. What we have is press clipping sent from our Embassy. According to it, he was arrested on Friday at Madrid airport”</i>, Vidovic stated. Sjekirica claims that in time of terrorist attack in Madrid he was in Sweden visiting girlfriend.</p> <p>Dnevni List page 7 <i>‘Sjekirica is not suspected of attacks’!</i> <u>not signed</u> carries that the Spanish Ministry of Interior informed the family of Sanel Sjekirica that he will not be questioned in the capacity of a person suspected of a terrorist attack in Madrid but as a person who might offer useful information in the investigation of this crime due to the fact that Sjekirica knew the suspect. DL says that media published this information referring to the members of the Sanel’s family.</p>
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