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Regional news	Issue of Zenica inmates transfer	Regional news

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Nezavisne Novine Unique method of insemination was performed in BiH for the first time

Political developments/reforms

Conference of
Parliament
Commissions for
European
integrations
ended in
Sarajevo , joint
statement was
adopted

RHB, TV Pink, BHT1, FTV, RTRS — Conference of Parliament Commissions for European integrations of SE European countries ended in Sarajevo on Saturday. The countries agreed that membership in EU is the most efficient incentive for reform processes in those countries. Participants of the conference urged EU officials to maintain its policy of enlargement. It was agreed that BIH would be the Chair of Parliament Commissions for the next 6 months followed by Croatia , Macedonia , Albania and SCG.

BHT1, TV Pink, FTV, RTRS — "We reacted with a joint statement and we expressed our belief that this region should go on in synchronized manner," said Chair of BiH Commission, Fatima Leho, and added that all countries, candidates and possible candidates should have access to EU pre-admission funds.

BHT1, FTV —Doris Pack, the Chair of European Parliament delegation for relations with Southeastern Europe countries, reiterated on this occasion the position of EU that none of the countries will be accepted to EU unless they fulfil the requested demands.

FTV - "We do not have better friends on the path toward European integrations than our neighbouring countries", said Oliver Dulic, Chairman of SCG Parliament's Commission for European Integrations and added that the best way for all countries is to learn from each other's experiences.

Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Who will enter Europe sooner' by A. Becirovic, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'The process of enlargement of EU must not be stalled' by N. Krsman, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'EU funds should be available to all states' by Fena, Dnevni List pg 3 'BiH must be persistent in its decisions on enlargement' by Mensud Zorlak — also reported on the conference.

New members were appointed to SDA Main Board Saturday

BHT1 <u>Marina Boskovic</u> — SDA is no longer a monoethnic political party claim leadership of this party after session of SDA Main Board held on Saturday. For the first time, members of the Serb and Croat and other peoples became members of the SDA Main Board and Presidency. Namely, two Croats, two Serbs and two persons from the line of other peoples were elected into party's Main Board. This way, says SDA President, Sulejman Tihic, SDA turns to future and creates European political party. "As of today, we are not a mono-ethnic party, not only formally, but in practice," said Tihic. His proposal on entrance of two members of each constitutive people and from the line of others provoked huge discussion among present SDA members. "Members on one political party must have equal status and must be equally ranked at the same list," said SDA member, Hasan Cengic. One of the candidates, Sreto Tomasevic, is elected into Main Board regardless the fact that 5 other candidates had more votes that himself. He is not bothered with the fact that he is elected on the basis of the national key, stating that otherwise he wouldn't be noticed. "I am relatively new face here," said Tomasevic, adding that he can't compete with founders of the party and old members. Tihic announce that he will sent instructions to cantonal and municipal boards of the party to accept new members from the other peoples as soon as possible, in order to have significantly changed structure of the party before general

RHB, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje cover pg splash and pg 7 'Serbs and Croats replaced Young Muslims' by A. Omeragic and A. Becirovic, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Irfan Ajanovic was elected president' by Agencies, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Tihic: SDA is no longer one-national party' announced on cover 'Both Serbs and Croats are members of the party leadership' by Aj. Delic, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Ajanovic is the president, Radivojevic is deputy president' by Aj. D. — Also reported on the election of new SDA Main Board.

elections.

NTV Hayat: SDA inappropriately bolded only names of people who are not Bosniaks

NTV Hayat By Senad Hadzifejzovic — SDA has sent a fax to CD in which they have inappropriately selected the names of new members of SDA Main Board and Presidency, being that only names of people who aren't Bosniaks were marked in bold, which the reporter saw as very inappropriate way to emphasise the alleged multi-ethnicity of the Party. The bolded names of people elected to the Main Board are:

Desnica Radivojevic, Stjepan Lapenda, Ivica Saric, Milenko Karovic, Miroslav Mirojevic and Sreto Tomasevic, while in the Presidency those were the names of Josip Jurisic and Ljiljana Sakic.

EUFOR
investigates
Capljina oathtaking, OHR
refuses to
comment, RS and
Bosniak
politicians
condemn the
incident

Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover 'EUFOR is investigating "Capljina" case' by N. K., M. Kr. and A. Su. — EUFOR Public Information Service Saturday confirmed EUFOR was looking into details with regard to oath taking in Capljina on Friday, on which occasion Croatian hymn was played. OHR has stated they were waiting for EUFOR to complete the investigation before they gave their comment. 'We understand that EUFOR is investigating the incident. Until the details are determined we cannot comment', OHR Spokesperson Suzana Bursachas stated. SDS Deputy President Bosko Siljegovic believes playing of Croatian hymn at the oath taking in Capljina was in violation of BiH laws. SNSD's Milorad Dodik thinks the event in Capljina violated BiH laws in a greater extent than Manjaca and Bileca incidents, because of which 'the same standards in sanctioning of responsible persons must be applied'. DNS's Marko Pavic condemned moves of the authorities that are manipulating with young people in hope it would not be noticed. Party for BiH's **Safet Halilovic** also demands for an identical reaction, as it was the case with Manjaca and Bileca incidents. HDZ's Niko Lozancic, on the other hand sees nothing disputable with Capljina event.

HSS: Dayton
Agreement was
imposed, BiH
Constitution,
BiH Election Law
need to be
changed

RHB, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'To revive Republic of BiH' not signed, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Dayton Agreement in unfair' not signed — HSS Presidency held a session in Siroki Brijeg. It adopted the document on HSS positions towards constitutional reform in BIH. The document states that Dayton Agreement has been imposed on BIH and that it is not functional and is therefore the main obstacle for BIH progress. HSS feels that Dayton constitution is detrimental for Croats in BIH and that HSS can no longer support it. HSS announced that after verifying it with other Croat parties it would start a procedure for change of BIH constitution as well as BIH election law.

"BiH 2005"
Association to
present platform
for new
Constitution

Marko Pavic was re-elected DNS President

RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Pavic is party president again' by Srna — DNS members appointed Marko Pavic as party Chair again. DNS is in favour of complete de-militarization of BIH and added that small professional army could be acceptable in the short period. Pavic stated that talks on police reform need to be continued and added that DNS will not obstruct the solutions suggested by ruling parties. With regard to crisis on CoM DNS feels that CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic is to blame for it.

Chairman of HNC
Association of
Blind People
Peric: Croats
discouraged to
speak in their
mother tongue

Peric was a guest of HB Radio news. Peric is commenting the situation in Croat media in BIH and says that Croats are trying to be discouraged to speak in their mother tongue. Peric says that by not allowing the Croat media in BIH Croats are being incorporated into Bosniak nation. Peric also stated that certain Croat politicians are pretending to be blind when it comes to situation in the media in order to save their positions. He also expressed his hope that the situation with salaries to HNC public media employees will be improved since that is in the interest of not only the blind people abut all Croat people living in BIH.

Oslobodjenje oped: non-party candidate Oslobodjenje op-ed pg 9 'Non-party candidate' by
Senka Kurtovic — The author refers to the most
recent proposal on appointment of non-party
candidates to Ministerial positions at CoM and she
says: 'it seems as we too can start applying. The
only pre-requisite is that you are a non-party
person, which is a new feature in ruling of the
current authority. Ever since they exist, they cared
more about the fact that you are suitable, not
capable. However, it seems as if Terzic got carried
away by a European spirit, so he had decided, with
blessing of SDS, to search for non-party candidate'.

Srebrenica commemoration

Malkic:
preparations
for Srebrenica
commemoration
in final phase,
everyone should
be allowed to
pay respect to
victims

BHT1 — Chair of the Organisational Board to the commemoration ceremony for the 10th anniversary of genocide in Srebrenica on July 11, Abdurahman Malkic, stated that preparations are in the final phase. Information on expenses was sent to the BiH Council of Ministers, BiH Presidency, entity Governments, Cantonal Governments and to several municipal administrations.

NTV Hayat - Upon harsh discussions on
necessity of presence of certain officials
 and state officials in Potocari,
 Abdurahman Malkic stated that everyone
 should be allowed to pay respect on July

11th in Potocari.

Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Anyone who wants to come should come' by Fena, Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Tadic's arrival means admitting the genocide', and pg 3 'Tadic's arrival would mean admitting the genocide' by E. Huremovic, insets 'I understand reactions of families' and 'Preparations are being brought to an end' — carry Malkic's statement.

Malkic: Serbian
President
Tadic's arrival
to the
commemoration
would represent
admitting of
the genocide

Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Tadic's arrival means admitting the genocide', and pg 3 'Tadic's arrival would mean admitting the genocide' by E. Huremovic — Srebrenica Mayor and Chairman of Organisational Board for Preparation of 10th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Abdurahman Malkic, thinks if Serbian President Boris Tadic attended the commemoration in Potocari on July 11, it would represent a kind of admitting that the genocide was carried out in Srebrenica, as well as admitting that the state he represents had not done enough to arrest war criminals.

Srebrenica
women oppose to
Tadic's
attendance of
the
commemoration

Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Let them take him to
their cabinets in Sarajevo' by E. H. — The
 Chairwoman of "Srebrenica mothers"
Association, Hatidza Mehmedovic, believes
 Malkic's statement is of a political
 character. 'We know very well what is
Malkic's personal opinion and we believe
 he gave this statement under someone's
influence. Thos who have invited Tadic and
 his crew to come to Potocari should take
 them to their cabinets in Sarajevo, Tuzla
 or wherever they want', Mehmedovic said.

IC
representatives
criticize HR
over statement
that only main
IC
representatives
should attend
the
commemoration

Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5, announced on cover 'Only the "main ones" should go to Potocari' by Director of IWPR/BIRN Project for BiH Nerma Jelacic - HR Paddy Ashdown is facing new accusations on his alleged arrogance, but this time he is criticised by international representatives. They have been insulted by HR's suggestion that some of them shouldn't attend the commemoration in Potocari. Several representatives of international organisations that have attended a meeting of Directors' Board at June 9 have stated for IWPR HR had suggested 'only international heavyweights should attend the ceremony'. 'Ashdown has stated that representatives of EUFOR, OSCE, EC and other international organisations that have been active in BiH for several years should not go to the commemoration', an international official has stated. Inset 'Private meetings?!' - OHR Spokesperson Irena Guzelovaclaims nobody had tried to talk anyone out from the idea to go to Potocari. 'Many high officials will be there and the High Representatives had simply said Governments and its Embassies should decide who should attend', Guzelova said. She refused to confirm or deny whether HR said the need to reduce the number of foreign officials at the ceremony had derived from security reasons. 'I do not want to discuss aspects of what are basically private meetings', Guzelova said.

Cavic: BiH
needs a mutual
apology among
all three
peoples

NTV Hayat — RS President Dragan Cavic estimated that BiH needs mutual apology of selected representatives of all three peoples at the same moment. "Three Willy Brandts should appear in BiH in the same time and only then would the apology have sense since outside that context these would have a political character"- said Cavic.

RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Cavic demands for a mutual apology' by Onasa, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Cavic: Three Brandts should appear in BiH at the same time' not signed — Also carry Cavic's statement.

DA op-ed
criticising
Cavic's
statement re
apology for war
crimes

Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Cavic's new denial of crimes' by Mirela Kukan — The author criticises RS President Dragan Cavic who said BiH needs a mutual apology of all peoples, and she says 'persistent denying of crimes and equalizing of victims and aggressors, permanent avoiding to call things their real names, only show that Cavic had at no moment considered that he should kneel down before the Memorial Centre in Potocari...'.

Pesic: July 11 should be proclaimed Day of Mourning in Serbia Oslobodjenje pg 2 'To proclaim July 11 as
Day of Mourning in Serbia' not signed,
Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'July 11 should be
proclaimed Day of Mourning in Serbia' by
Onasa — The Chairwoman of a fraction of
"December 11" Citizens' Union of Serbia,
Vesna Pesic, has supported the initiative
of Independent Journalists' Association of
Vojvodina to proclaim July 11 —
anniversary of Srebrenica massacre — as
Mourning Day in Serbia. She believes this
initiative should be forwarded to Serbian
Government.

Serbian DS to adopt declaration condemning Srebrenica crime Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Condemnation of Srebrenica crime' by Tanjug — The Spokesperson of Serbian DS party, Djordje Todorovic has stated Saturday that the party Presidency, should the delegates of Serbian Parliament fail to do so, adopt a declaration by which they would condemn crimes committed in the area of former Yugoslavia, especially condemning Srebrenica crime.

Marovic: I am ready to bare critics over Srebrenica

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Marovic ready to bare critics over Srebrenica' by Srna — SiCG President Svetozar Marovic has stated he is ready to bare all critics with regard to his statement that he 'as a Montenegrin is ashamed of what had happened in Srebrenica'. 'I think that what we are doing is good for Serbia, although some people do not see it in this way', Marovic said.

War crimes

Scorpions members released, charges will follow **RTRS, TV Pink, BHT 1, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 4

'Scorpions at the Croatian police as well' by

**Darjan Zadravec, Vecernji List pg 5 'Charges

over illegal possession of weapons' by M. F.,

**Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Charges against

suspects for being members of the Scorpions'

by Agencies, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Criminal

charges will be filed against two Scorpions'

not signed — All 10 persons, arrested by

Croatian police due to suspicion that they

belonged to unit Scorpions, were released

after questioning.

TV Pink, BHT1 — Vukovar-Srijem Police will file criminal charges against 7 persons, out of 10 that were brought into custody on Friday under suspicion for being "Scorpions" members. Criminal charges are to be filed due to illegal possession of weapons.

FTV — reports criminal charges will be filed against two persons. It is still unknown whether those two men have participated in executions of civilians.

Samardzija's detention extended

'Samardzija's detention extended for three months' not signed, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Samardzija's detention extended' by M. K.,

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Samardzija's detention was extended for three months' by Srna, Dnevni

List pg 5 'Samardzija's detention was extended' by Nina — The War Crimes Chamber within the Court of BiH decided to extend for three months detention to Marko Samardzija.

This is explained with large number of non-questioned witnesses, missing documentation and the nature of the crime he is suspected of, it is said in the Court of BiH press release.

Andan:
police
intensified
search for
ICTY
indictees,
footage of
crimes
against
Serbs sent
to ICTY

RTRS, BHT1, Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Intensified search for Karadzic' by Beta, Vecernji List pg 3 'Intensified search for Karadzic' by bs, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Andan: We have intensified search after Radovan Karadzic' <u>by Srna</u> — RS Police Director Dragomir Andan stated that RS police intensified search for Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. He also confirmed that the police are gathering information on 6 war crime indictees that RS needs to extradite to ICTY. Andan stated that cooperation with Serbian police will have to intensify so war crime indictees could be arrested by the end of the year. Serbian MoI is ready to complete all obligations towards ICTY. Miroslav Milosevic Chief of Serbian MoI public safety department stated that whoever refuses to cooperate will be replaced from duty immediately. When it comes to police reform Andan stated that entity borders are not influencing efficiency of criminal arrests. RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Footage of crimes against Serbs on the way to the Hague' by Agencies, Dnevni List pg 2 'Hague demands for footage of crimes' by De. L. - ICTY asked RS MoI to sent footage of crimes committed over Serbs. RS Police Director Dragomir Andan stated that the documentation is already on its way towards ICTY. Dnevni List pg 4 'Entity borders are not obstacle' by De. L. - RS Police Director Dragomir Andan rejected claims that the

Dnevni List pg 4 'Entity borders are not obstacle' by De. L. — RS Police Director Dragomir Andan rejected claims that the existence of inter-entity boundary lines affects the efficiency of arresting criminals. 'Cooperation between RS police and F BiH police is good and it is not true that a criminal who crosses from one entity to another cannot be followed', Andan said.

OSCE Head
Davidson:
BiH has the
right to ask
for
processing
of war
crimes in
BiH

Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'BiH has right to demand for processing of war crimes committed here', announced on cover 'BiH's demands are justified' by S. Skuletic - The Head of OSCE Mission, Douglas Davidson, has stated he shares disappointment with BiH leadership over failure to adopt a declaration on regional cooperation in field of processing war crimes. 'Nevertheless, one should admit the declaration was too ambitious', Davidson stated. Davidson said there is a provision at European laws that reads crimes should be processed where these were committed. 'Therefore I think BiH authorities have the right to insist on processing war crimes, which were committed in BiH, here', Davidson said.

CNN
journalist
Sadler: none
of witnesses
 of
Srebrenica
 crime is
certain and
believable
as the tape

NTV Hayat By Kenan Cerimagic - Reporter talked to CNN journalist, Brent Sadler, who was reporting from BiH during the war and was in Sarajevo in time of Srebrenica tragedy. Sadler talked about his experiences from 1995 and in time when journalists were informed about tragedy in Srebrenica, stressing that they have had some witnesses, but none of them was certain and believable as this tape. Sadler said that there are some movements in Serbian politics, but he stressed that Serbia is still under the control of Parties, which were part of Slobodan Milosevic's politics and which now represent the majority in the Parliament, stressing that it shouldn't be expected that public opinion and politics of Serbia would change over night. Talking about arrest of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, Sadler said that he is convinced that IC does have a will to apprehend them, stressing that recent information about their movement along with the fact that 10 years have passed since Srebrenica, will just increase the pressure on Serbia.

Serbian
Deputy PM
Labus: ICTY
indictees
will not
surrender

RTRS — Serbian Deputy PM Miroljub Labus stated that it is obvious that the remaining ICTY indictees will not surrender voluntarily and added that the state has to undertake legal measures.

Assistant to
RS Justice
Minister
Mandic:
entities
should
regulate
matter of
serving
prison
sentences
and allow
transfer of
inmates

TV Pink Danijel Vujanovic — Inmates are often being attacked in prisons due to their nationality. Zenica prison is another BiH institution, which is unable to solve this issue permanently due to uncoordinated entities' law regulations. BiH Ministry of Justice has no competence for such institutions, entities do. According to Assistant to RS Justice Minister Mladjen Mandic, that is the reason why entities have to sign a protocol or to regulate the issue of serving sentence by laws, by which it would be possible to transfer inmates from one prison to another, no matter where the prisons is. "I think that BiH is a single state, and I see no reason why an inmate from Zenica could not be transferred to Banja Luka and vice versa", said Mandic. Mandic says that such attacks would continue happening and adds that the only way out is to establish a special department within one or more prisons in which war crime indictees would be far more protected. "I do not support the idea of having mono-ethnic prisons created, but for practical purposes, transfer from one entity to another should be allowed", said Mandic.

Transfer of
Zenica
inmates
might
provoke
unrest of
other
inmates

Minister
Kovac: this
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Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'This would not have happened if we had a state prison' by M. K. — BiH Justice Minister Slobodan Kovac denies his decision on transfer of inmates from Zenica prison would lead to creation of mon0ethnic prisons and says this situation would not have happened if BiH had a state prison.

F BiH
Justice
Ministry:
Kovac does
not have the
authority to
decide on
transfer

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Transfer of inmates as in accordance with ethnic principle is detrimental' by M. Kukan — F BiH Justice Ministry believes Minister Slobodan Kovac would have had the authority to decide on transfer of inmates if they were convicted as in accordance with provisions of a state law. 'These are convicts that are under authority of entity legislation and the state Minister has no right to place relations in order in the entity system', collocutors from F BiH Justice Ministry have stated.

Economy

BiH Deposit
Agency:
deposit
limit
increased to
7,500 KM

TV Pink — After BiH Parliament accepted change in Law on bank deposits, by which deposit limit has been increased from 5.000 to 7.500 KM, BiH Deposit Agency claims that another increase will take place. According to this, deposit, in amount of 7.500 KM, would be returned to a person, no matter what happens to the bank, within 150 days. It seems as if BiH has managed to return BiH citizens' trust in BiH banks.

Banja Luka
brewery
still not
privatised,
Director
suspects
illegal
financing of
political
parties is
present

BHT1 Zoran Sarenac - After RS Privatisation Agency announced huge interest for the international tender for purchasing of State capital in Banjaluka's brewery, offer is delivered only by Sarajevo brewery and by Fund Altima Partner from London. RS Agency says that the winner of the tender will be announced after they check regularity of the offers. On another side, representative of the NGO National Front, **Dragomir Babic**, claims that there are plans on failure of this third tender for Banjaluka's brewery and that company will be privatised for 1 KM. "No one besides RS Government and RS Agency can't decide on company's privatisation, to whom and for which price it will be sold," said director of the company, Predrag Radic. Babic announce that he will deliver relevant documentation on this case to BiH institutions. "I will deliver documents to SIPA as well, because I suspect that here in question is illegal financing of political parties and someone has to come and conduct an audit in Banjaluka's brewery," said Babic. Banjaluka's brewery had income of 4,6 millions KM in 2003, while in 2004 company had 2,3 millions KM losses, under administration of Radic.

Legal proceedings

Three
employees of
Bosanski
Brod Oil
Refinery
accused of
abuse of
office

BHT1 — Public Security Centre Doboj filed a report to the Regional Prosecution against three employees of oil refinery in Bosanski Brod, suspected of abuse of authorities. They are suspected of falsifying and destroying of business books and abuse of position.

Miscellaneous

Citizens
dissatisfied
with the
police work

Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'The most of complaints were filed on the work of traffic policemen' by D. Bojanic and S. Karic — Citizens of BiH, in the first several months of this year, have filed more than 200 complaints to MoIs of the entities. Citizens complained on the work of the police. 199 complaints were filed to RS MoI, while 37 complaints were filed to F BiH MoI.