

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 19/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 19 July

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Mihajlica on defence reform proposal	EU officials on Srebrenica victims	Support for police in BiH
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NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
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RS NA not to support defense reform	Ashdown to address BiH HoR	EC o defence reform proposal

Regional News	Lagumdžija on VAT consequences	Re: defence reform proposal
Sentence to Babić confirmed	Feat. on passports and license plates	Incident in Zvornik

Oslobodjenje	Entities' defence ministries abolished
Dnevni Avaz	Conscription to be abolished
Dnevni List	Unified Army by end of year
Vecernji List	Capljina remains without Army
Slobodna Dalmacija	SDA does not want to give Energopetrol to Croatians
Nezavisne Novine	BiH gets professional army
Glas Srpske	They grabbed the cross and broke it
EuroBlic	One command for three brigades
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related topics
Srpski Nacional	He lost 10 kg of weight, does not eat, does not sleep, keeps silence under stress

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

<p>BiH HoR commences session</p>	<p>RHB, RTRS, BH Radio 1 <u>Mirsad Bajtarevic</u> – At its session in Sarajevo today, the BiH House of Representatives among other things is to discuss the relation of the BiH institutions towards the High Representative and his powers/mandate. The deputies will be addressed by HR Paddy Ashdown, who will speak about some elements of his powers that might be transferred to the local institution. Currently the HoR members are discussing the draft law on traffic safety.</p>
<p>Dom Association protests in front of Parliament</p>	<p>RHB – The FBiH HoR takes place today. Before the session started about 200 persons (from association 'Dom'), who have tenancy right over nationalized flats, protested in front of the Parliament. They requested that in the next 2 days the FBiH HoR adopts legal changes, which would make possible for them purchase of the nationalized flats. RHB says that protesters announced that they would continue with the protest on Wednesday, in case that their request is not discussed today due to numerous items on the agenda. BH Radio also reports on the session.</p>
<p>SNSD will support defence reform proposal by DRC</p>	<p>FENA – Member of the SNSD Main Board Dubravko Suvara stated in Banja Luka today that SNSD representatives would support draft laws on defence and service in armed forces made by the DRC and he expressed hope that the draft laws would be adopted by the entity and BiH Parliaments.</p>

Defence reform

DRC signs final proposal on defence reform: no entities armies, MoDs and conscription

RHB, Hayat, BHT 1 by Sanita Lisica – The members of the BiH Defence Reform Commission (DRC) on Monday signed the coordinated draft BiH Defence Law and the draft Law on Service in Armed Forces. If these laws are adopted in parliament, the entities ministries of defence and the military service will be abolished until the end of the year, said BiH Minister of Defence **Nikola Radovanovic**, who added that the draft laws are in accordance with the BiH Constitution and do not present violation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. *“Those individuals currently employed by the entities structures of defence [sector] will become a part of BiH defence structures as of January 1, 2006. Also, the single defence budget will be on force from the beginning of the next year”*, said Radovanovic. Persons who completed their military service will have no further obligations towards the BiH Army, and DRC also proposed the amnesty for those who have not met the obligation of serving with the armed forces since 1992. BiH Armed forces will be made up of three multiethnic brigades, with command centres in Banja Luka, Mostar and Tuzla with total of about 9.000 – 10.000 troops. Each brigade will be comprised of three battalions, and each battalion will have three regiments which will nurture heritage of two components of FBiH and RS army. **PINK** – Radovanovic said that BiH Defense Ministry will carry out all necessary technical preparations in order for draft laws to be submitted to the BiH Council of Ministers. **RTRS, FTV** – *“It is clear that unification of three Defence Ministries, three military commands and two entity armies into one army with single chain of command will be a difficult task”*, said Radovanovic. He also added that that about 2400 people could possibly lose their jobs in the course of defence reform. He announced all those will be compensated with the severance. Defence reform process should be completed by 2007. **Dnevni List** cover pg splash and pg 3 ‘Unified Army by end of year’ by E. Mackic, **Vecernji List** cover pg splash ‘Capljina remains without Army’ and pg 2 ‘Western Herzegovina remained without Army’ by D. Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg ‘Document on BiH armed forces signed’ by H. Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 ‘Entities’ defence ministries abolished’ by A. Prlenda, **Dnevni Avaz** cover splash ‘Conscription to be abolished’, pg 3 ‘Without entities defence ministries as of 1 January 2006’ by L. Sinanovic, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash, pg 3 ‘BiH gets professional army’, **EuroBlic** cover pg splash, RSpg 2 ‘One command for three brigades’ by Dusanka Stanisic, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 ‘AT the door of Partnership’ by V. Bugarin – also report.

<p>IC welcomes the agreement on two draft defence related reforms</p>	<p>BHT 1 – International Community is of the view that BiH has made a great step towards the Partnership for Peace and NATO by the signed DRC's defence reform proposal. <i>"The solution offered by the DRC is an ideal solution which satisfies both standards of NATO and special demands of BiH"</i>, said the Commander of NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo, General Steven Schook. FTV – <i>"This package of measures, in a form of those two draft laws we signed, should in fact provide permanent solution for BiH armed forces. Everyone had to give up something, but finally they got what they really needed"</i>, said Raffi Gregorian, DRC Co-Chair. RTRS – John Colestone, representative of NATO General Secretary stated that the proposed concept of defence reform is something that NATO supports. Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Entities' defence ministries abolished' by <u>A. Prlenda</u> – Gregorian said that it would be good for parliaments to adopt the laws in August, latest in September. RTRS – The delegation of the European Commission in BiH welcomed the signing of agreement on new draft law on defence and draft law on service in BiH armed forces.</p>
<p>HR Ashdown urges parliaments to adopt the laws as soon as possible</p>	<p>BHT 1, Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Entities' defence ministries abolished' by <u>A. Prlenda</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Ashdown: I am known as man of little patience' by <u>L.S.</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'Step ahead from bloody past' <u>not signed</u>– The High Representative in BiH Paddy Ashdown believes that Monday's decision is in the most important step forward made after Dayton. <i>"It would be a tragedy and a crime if somebody would obstruct the future of BiH for a short-term political objectives. Therefore, I appeal on all political parties to adopt proposed laws with no further delay"</i>, said Ashdown. FTV, PINK – <i>"As soon as the laws get adopted and implemented, which is going to be extremely difficult job since there are a lot of things which need to be done, BiH is going to have a single Army with a single headquarter, and I hope that it will soon be able to join NATO"</i>, said Ashdown. He also underlined that the proposal would also lead to significant savings in the defence budget. Hayat – <i>"As NATO technical terms for Partnership for Peace have been met, only full cooperation with the ICTY is on BiH's way for making its first step towards full NATO membership"</i>, said Ashdown.</p>

<p>DRC proposal: reactions from RS</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 "Cheating RS citizens" by <u>O. Vukovic</u> – The Chair of the SNSD Executive Board, Nebojsa Radmanovic, says that the defence reform in BiH is this party's project, noting SNSD did not expect those who were opposing it till recently to support it now. <i>"We will stick to the direction of the defence reform, but we cannot guarantee we will accept all solutions as we have not yet seen the report,"</i> said Radovanovic. The leader of the Serb Radical Part, Milanko Mihajlica, stated that this party will not support the DRC's proposal on defence reform before the RS National Assembly. DNS also doesn't support the proposed defence reform, and its vice chair Drago Kalabic stresses that all the reforms agreed/implemented in this way will collapse. RS Socialist Party is of the view that that the ruling parties deceived RS citizens. Inset 'SDA "swallowed" compromise' – carries comment by SDA delegate in the RSNA, Tarik Sadovic who praised the development noting that party had to make some compromises in the process. Hayat, RHB, FTV – The leader of the Serb Radical Part, Milanko Mihajlica, stated that this party will not support the DRC's proposal on defence reform before the RS National Assembly, adding he expects the RSNA to reject the concept. BHT 1, RTRS – carries Radmanovic, Mihajlica and Kalabic. Glas Srpske pg 5 'Reform' at ease!' by <u>Z.Ma.</u> carries Socialits.</p>
<p>Stojicic: RSNA to have a final word</p>	<p>RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Transfer of authority' – Dusan Stojicic, RS NA Speaker, is of the view that conditional signature of RS Defence Minister, Milovan Stankovic, on draft Laws on defence does not mean those were accepted. He added that these laws must go through parliament procedure, since it is clear those would demand the change of RS Constitution, as well as changes and addenda to the Laws and putting out of legal force some Laws. BHT 1 by <u>Zoran Popovic</u> – Stojicic said that the major reforms are not just a matter for leading parties but also opposition, adding he expects that agreement to be reached. <i>"These are very important issues for RS, for the citizens of RS, and we should treat them like that",</i> said Stojicic in his telephone statement for BHT. Nevertheless, he was not able to say when the special RS National Assembly session will take place; at least two-thirds of the representatives in the RSNA should vote for those laws in order to adopt them.</p>

<p>RS military analyst says DRC proposal leave open questions on constitution</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Biljana Knezevic</u> – Reporter comments that neither SDS nor PDP were “in the mood” to comment to the DRC proposal. Ostoja Barasanin military analyst stated that there are many open questions regarding the proposal especially when it comes to the constitutions, as the current Constitution does not provide for such concept of defence. NGO’s in RS have already prepared their answer, basically announcing new protests and asking for dismissal of the Government. Reporter concludes that everyone awaits for a comment from RS Government and RS President Dragan Cavic who is on holiday as of Monday</p>
<p>Nikolic on defence reform</p>	<p>RHBby <u>Ruzica Veber</u> – In a statement to RHB, FBiH Defence Minister Miroslav Nikolic commented the proposal of defence reform stating that the proposal will be accepted by both entities’ Parliaments. He adds the proposal is a step forward and added that there is a space to improve it especially when it comes to legislation. Nikolic concluded that all employees of entity Armies and MoD’s will apply for the positions in BiH Defence Ministry.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed on defence reform: Before the doors of NATO</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 ‘Before the doors of NATO’ op-ed by <u>Zija Dizdarevic</u> – Commenting on the defence reform solutions in BiH, the author claims that BiH might soon be in front of the NATO doors, which would also mean an important step towards EU. <i>“Those in RS who would be against proposed defence reform solutions believe that the war in BiH has still not been over...as those who are going to support the solutions will finally accept BiH as their own state and opportunity,”</i> wrote Dizdarevic.</p>
<p>DL op-ed on DRC’s adoption of draft law on defence</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 ‘State as of Monday’ by <u>E. Mackic</u> welcomes the fact that the DRC adopted the draft law on defence and the author concludes that this shows that BiH is taking a positive direction. The author also says that it is, perhaps, absurd that leaders of 3 warring Armies are among the first ones who seriously understood that the future of this country is in integration.</p>
<p>NN op-ed on defence reform: infantry remains dominantly nationalized</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 ‘National infantry’ by <u>Mirza Cubro</u> – Writing about defence reform, the author notes that the BiH armed forces – following proposed reform – will remain almost dominantly nationalized. He notes that by introducing the new system of regiments, DRC has tried to bring together strict NATO criteria and national aspirations of local officials. The author also stresses that the local authorities follow the recipe of accepting only minimum of compromise, followed with harsh pressures of the international community. He notes the offered solution does not be final, since Parliaments still have to vote on this.</p>

Political issues	
HR Ashdown addresses BiH HoR today	<p>BHT 1, Hayat, RHB – The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, will address the BiH House of Representatives (HoR) on Tuesday. Ashdown will inform representatives in the BiH HoR about his goals during the last months of his mandate, and will stress that BiH still has a lot to do before the abolishment of the position of the High Representative. The first step is to launch negotiations on the Stabilization and Association Agreement.</p>
Foreign Policy Comm. concludes OHR overstepped its authorities; BIH HoR to discuss HR position	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘EUSR instead of HR’ by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni List pg 5 ‘First step towards abolishment of High Representative’s institution’ by <u>N. Bise</u> – At the session of the BiH House of Representatives, that is to take place on Tuesday (today), the conclusions of the Commission for Foreign Affairs would be discussed. DL inset ‘Biggest omissions of HR’ carries that among the other things, the Commission concluded that the OHR overstepped its authorities and violated basic human rights and freedoms in this way and that the OHR should take over responsibility for this. Within this context it was stressed that the HR’s decisions on removal of legitimately elected members of the BiH Presidency have special gravity. They also concluded that the OHR must be partly responsible for the difficult economic and social situation in BiH and the fact that BiH is late when the process of Euro-Atlantic integration is in question.</p>

<p>Raguz: Time has arrived for BiH institutions and OHR to define OHR's exit strategy</p>	<p>FTV by <u>Rasim Borcak</u> – Author says that ten years after the position of the High Representative in BiH was introduced, BiH is to finally discuss the role of the HR and its position. FTV further comments that while a number of promises were made, Paddy Ashdown has not kept most of his promises. <i>"I believe that it is the time for BiH institutions, of course in cooperation with the OHR, to define an exit strategy, the strategy which will define the rhythm of transferring the responsibility to the domestic institutions"</i>, said Martin Raguz, President of the BiH HoR's Commission for Foreign Policy, in his telephone statement for FTV. <i>"I believe that both OHR and domestic institutions have both good and bad sides, but what is important is that, for the first time, BiH institutions will have an impact on the name and on the mandate of the future High Representative"</i>, said Raguz.</p>
<p>Czech diplomats 'putting a lot of effort' for Czech to take over HR position?</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Prague desires its diplomat to take over position of the HR' by <u>Onasa</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Vondra is a candidate for High Representative' by <u>R.Segrt</u>, EuroBlic RSpj 3 'The Czechs want to see their man succeed Paddy Ashdown' by <u>BETA</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'The Czechs watching at seat' — Dailies report referring to the Czech media (which refer to diplomatic sources in Czech Republic) that the most serious candidate for the new High Representative to BiH is Aleksandar Sasa Vondra. The Czech media report that the Czech diplomats are putting great efforts into having Vondra succeed Paddy Ashdown. Dailies bring information related to Vondra's biography.</p>

**SD on role of
HR in BiH**

Slobodna Dalmacija pg 13, mentioned on cover 'Ashdown's successor only with consent of BiH' by Z. Tulic carries an editorial on the **High Representative's** powers and the author says that it is well known that without the HR and especially without big military presence there would not have been peace in BiH in the post-Dayton period. The author goes on to say that this is a positive side of the HR's engagement in BiH, however this is not enough. According to the editorial, the chief role of the future HR should be assistance in drafting a new democratic Constitution. The author also concludes that during the mandate of HR **Paddy Ashdown** BiH and its citizens did not profit.

FBiH HoR to discuss amendments to the Law on Privatization of Apartments, initiative for no confidence vote to the Government

Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'They will not allow new robbery', **Dnevni List** pg 5 'Protest of citizens who live in nationalized flats' not signed, **FENA** – At a session scheduled for Tuesday, the FBiH House of Representatives is expected to discuss amendments to the Law on Privatisation of Apartments that include provisions to allow purchase of nationalized apartments by the current occupancy right holders. Following the announcements of the session, the citizens who live in nationalized apartments will hold a peaceful protest in front of the Parliament building. The protest was organized by "Dom" Association due to permanent delay in adoption of these amendments. The protests will, as announced, begin one hour before the official beginning of the session. HDZ Caucus Head **Ivan Madunic** however says that his party will vote against the amendments because that would mean legalization of robbery. *"The nationalized apartments must be returned to their initial owners,"* said Madunic. The apartments were nationalized after the second world war by then communist government. Party for BiH believes that the issue of nationalized apartments must be resolved as SDA still does not have official position on the amendments.

Oslobodjenje pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Ruling parties consider opposition arguments insufficient' – The agenda of the session also includes the proposal made by 23 representatives of the opposition, who have requested a vote of no confidence to the current FBiH Government. Majority of signatories of this request come from the BiH Social Democratic Party. Representatives of the ruling parties consider the opposition arguments insufficient.

<p>VL: FBiH Government's crisis possible?</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg 3 'When voting for Ministers would take place?' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – VL wonders whether the Federation of BiH House of Representatives will vote at its session that is to take place on Tuesday (today) on absolving of duty 2 Ministers (FBiH Minister of Health Tomo Lucic and FBiH Minister for Defenders' Issues Ibrahim Nadarevic) who submitted their resignations. VL says that the current authority is afraid that their resignations might be adopted, but that there would not be enough votes for candidates to these positions (Vjekoslav Mandic and Zahid Crnkic). VL says that in case that the situation develops in this way the crisis in functioning of the FBiH Government would be created.</p>
<p>Update to BiH CoM crisis: Covic says Bosniak side should organize talks</p>	<p>EuroBlic RSpg 2 'They stall because of vacation' by <u>N.B.</u> – Daily ntoes that no official from any of five leading political parties in BiH Monday could not state when the talks on escape from BiH CoM' crisis would resume. Dragan Covic, HDZ President, admits to daily that <i>"a misunderstanding between parties has occurred"</i>, adding that he intends to speak with the SDA leadership and Adnan Terzic in the next three days in order to see what solution they offer for escape from crisis, adding: <i>"Since I organised meeting in Neum, while representatives of Serb parties organized meetings in Doboje and Sarajevo, the it is not turn on Bosniak side to schedule new talks."</i> He also adds: <i>"Representatives of the Serb people made it clear both PDP and SDS should function at BiH COM, which means this principles should be respected. However, it depends on them what their personnel solutions would be. The only thing certain now is that there will be no early elections."</i></p>

**NN: Branko
Dokic runs
ministerial
post after his
resignation
was accepted**

Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Dokic employs staff, although his mandate was terminated' by M.Cubro – Daily claims that it holds documents proving that **Branko Dokic**, former BiH Minister of Trade and Communication, has been signing decisions and employing new staff after his mandate was terminated. Daily also refers to its source at BiH COM proving Dokic comes to work on a daily basis. **Dragan Kulina**, BiH Acting Deputy Chief Auditor, commented that *"I have not seen decision on acceptance of resignation of Minister of trade and communication. However, if it had been effective as of the day it was accepted, he should not be signing any sorts of decisions.* According to NN inset 'OHR: Probation does not disqualify Dokic', **Sanela Tunovic**, OHR Spokesperson, stated that *"Branko Dokic tendered his resignation in order to defend himself before the courts and uphold the principle of high standards in public life. He continued to work in technical mandate, until he officially delegated his authorities to his deputy by declaring himself to be 'absent'. The court did not subsequently find him guilty of abuse of office, but found him guilty for a lesser offense. Such a sentence does not legally disqualify him from holding elected office. However, it is now up to the CoM to decide how to proceed."*

**Update to
incident near
Zvornik**

Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'They grabbed the cross and broke it' by S.Savic – Daily reports on incident in Zvornik, when a group of Serbs placed the cross on the cliff above Zvornik Lake (near Vidikovac Motel) where the former a Serb Radio-TV [notorious] journalist and editor, **Risto Djogo**, died. A group of Bosniaks later on erected the cross. According to Inset 'Investigation', Bijeljina Public Security Centre (PSC) spokesperson **Dragomir Peric** confirmed police is engaged in interviewing those involved in this case and report will be forwarded to Prosecutor's Office in charge. He stressed that Bosniaks and Serbs have not come into physical contact. According to Inset 'They frighten returnees', SDA Zvornik Monday released a press statement, saying cross was placed by "Serb extremists" in an attempt to upset Bosniak returnees. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'Bosniaks in Divic again targeted by provokers' by A.Hadzic – **Smajo Kapidzic**, Vice President of the Association of Returnees, says that *"placement of cross represents nothing else but signal we should move out from here."* The Association demanded from BiH institutions in charge to protect the inhabitants of Divic. **Dnevni List** pg 6 'Investigation on incident between Bosniaks and Serbs' by NINA, **Vecernji List** pg 4 'Cross provoked Bosniak returnees' by B.S. – also reports of the incident.

<p>Z. Hadziomerovic: We demand removal of Head of Stolac Municipality Stjepan Boskovic</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'We demand removal of Head of Stolac Municipality Stjepan Boskovic' <u>by Az. B.</u></p> <p>– After Stolac municipal council adopted the decision on conditions for the socially vulnerable categories to purchase the state owned construction land, President of the SDA Stolac Executive Board Zlatko Hadziomerovic demanded that the OHR removes Head of the Stolac Municipality Stjepan Boskovic.</p> <p>Hadziomerovic added: <i>'It is not clear as to how they could hold the session when 6 Bosniak Councillors did not attend the session. Also, a representative of the OHR Mostar Mark Bowen demanded to postpone voting on the decision, however, this request was not met. We expect a resolute action of the OHR since the time has come to stop with discrimination of Bosniaks in Stolac.'</i> DA inset 'HDZ is doing now what Communists were doing in 1945' carries Hadziomerovic who wonders how it is possible to sell the land which is under restitution and he sent a message: <i>'We shall fight with all institutional means and in other ways.'</i></p>
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<p>VL: 'Stolac always serves as smoke screen'</p>	<p>Vecernji List pgs 4 and 5 'Stolac always serves as smoke screen', mentioned on cover 'Who makes of Stolac case city' by <u>M. Vasilj</u> – VL says that the Bosniak political top and Sarajevo intellectuals supported by Sarajevo based media, have been trying for a decade to create of Stolac an image of a case city. The author argues that Stolac is faced with the same problems as any other town in BiH and that through presenting of Stolac as the case city discrimination and anomalies in the areas with the Bosniak majority are trying to be covered up. The author also argues that Stolac is being used to divert attention from the real problem and that is non-return of Croats to northern Herzegovina , Posavina and Central Bosnia, and to cover cover up constitutional inequality of Croats at the state and entity levels etc</p>
<p>UNDP Head: BiH can help UN reform</p>	<p>BHT1, Oslobođenje pg 2 'BiH can help United Nations', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BiH can inspire UN to carry out reforms' by <u>Onasa</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 'BiH can help in reform of UN' by <u>NINA</u>, Vecernji List pg 2 'BiH voice of morality in reform of UN' by <u>ra</u> – BiH can be a voice of moral that will stimulate the UN to carry out reforms in order for tragedies like that one in Srebrenica from ten years ago to be prevented, Head of the UN Secretary General's Cabinet and Head of the UNDP, Mark Malloch Brown said in an interview to BHT 1. <i>"We must show that something like that will never repeat again and for this the UN need to have better peacekeeping forces and military assets"</i>, Malloch Brown said and added that member states needs to show greater unity in the political will to support the UN.</p>

<p>BiH taking over full responsibility for its own budgets</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'BiH taking over full responsibility for its own budgets', Dnevni List pg 2 'State on way of independence from monetary fund' by <u>N. Bise</u> – A delegation of International Monetary Fund headed by Peter Doyle, Head of the IMF Mission to BiH, which has been in a several-day official visit to BiH, on Monday agreed on a series of important measures with the representatives of BiH executive authorities. If implemented, these measures including the full BiH fiscal and budget sovereignty would mean a big step forward on BiH's road to EU. The measures agreed between IMF representatives and members of BiH Fiscal Council comprising CoM Chairman, Entity's Prime Ministers and Finance Minister must be supported by BiH Parliament through adoption of necessary legislation.</p>
<p>L. Korac: Arnautovic's proposal to have multi-ethnic lists at elections cannot be implemented in practice</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 14 'All parties to run at elections with multi-ethnic lists?' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – Lidija Korac from the BiH Election Commission says that the proposal by the member of the BiH Election Commission, Suad Arnautovic, according to which introduction of obligatory multi-ethnic lists for all political parties would resolve the issue of mono-ethnic parties, could not come to life in practice. She elaborates: <i>'For example, it is impossible to make such list of candidates for Western Herzegovina since according to valid laws a candidate on the list must have a place of residence in the same Canton. For this reason multi-ethnic lists will not be conditioned by the BiH Election Commission for the next elections.'</i></p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Multiethnic lists' op-ed by <u>Mirko Sagolj</u> – Editorial praises Arnautovic's proposal, calling it an <i>"BiH's exit from the captivity it is held in by the nationalistic parties."</i></p>

War crimes

**Scheffer
urges SCG to
arrest
Mladic**

PINK Snezana Spasojevic – NATO Secretary General **Jaap De Hoop Scheffer** said on Monday in Belgrade that “he cannot explain that it is possible that even ten years after the massacre in Srebrenica the final conclusion is: ‘We cannot find **Ratko Mladic**.” He said that Mladic was a main obstacle on way to European interrogation, Partnership for Peace membership and stabilization of the region. *“My message to Serbian authorities is: make that happen, as soon as possible. Mladic has to be extradited to Den Hague, and it would be the only sign that these authorities are doing something about it”*, said Scheffer. Serbia-Montenegro President **Svetozar Marovic** agreed that Mladic was the only obstacle Serbia had in terms of admittance to Partnership for Peace. *“I propose that this issue has to be solved, and I think that it should not be done with any pressures, and that it could be solved peacefully”*, said Marovic.

BHT 1, RTRS, RHB, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 ‘Mladic is on obstacle for admission of SiCG to PfP’, **Oslobodjenje** pg 4 ‘It is possible to catch Mladic’ by Onasa – also cover.

<p>EU: Srebrenica victims cannot rest in peace w/out Mladic, Karadzic in ICTY</p>	<p>PINK, FTV by <u>Manuela Hodzic</u> – The victims of Srebrenica cannot rest in peace until all of those who ordered and committed crimes are not brought to justice, reads the EU statement on Monday. On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, European ministers condemned again that crime. Arrest and transfer of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic to the ICTY would be a major step towards permanent peace, stability and reconciliation, EU stressed.</p>
<p>Nacional claims on Aleksandar Karadzic's detention</p>	<p>Srpski Nacional cover pg splash, pg 3 'He lost 10 kg of weight, does not eat, does not sleep, keeps silence under stress' by <u>U.Mrdic</u> – Daily reports referring to sources close to Karadzic family that Aleksandar Karadzic is lying his family he feels well, since he does not want to see them concerned. The source also claims that Sasa has gone through all sorts of tortures, including lie detector, threats to his family.</p>

Economic and judicial issues

Tender for co-capitalization of Energopetrol to be annulled?

Oslobodjenje pg 6, mentioned on cover 'Annulment of tender and removal of Busatlic?' by A. Avdic – At the press conference held in Tuzla on Monday Federation of BiH Prime Minister **Ahmet Hadzipasic** stated that the tender for co-capitalization of Energopetrol (EP) will be annulled if FBiH Minister of Finances **Dragan Vrankic** and FBiH Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining **Resad Zutic** do not resolve the issue of additional 20 KM of the EP's debt. He also announced that the responsibility of the EP's Management, which did not submit correct information about the debts of this company, would be discussed at one of the next FBiH Government's sessions. Another FBiH Minister **Gavrilo Grahovac** stated that the tender must be annulled and EP Director **Namik Bustalic** removed since he was hiding information about the debts. Similar reports by **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Annulment of tender is most acceptable option', mentioned on cover 'Annulment of tender is also an option' by E.H. – DA inset 'Zigic: Additional talks are waste of time' carries FBiH Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining **Izet Zigic** as saying that in case that the solution for the EP's debt was not found in the next 3 days, the annulment of the tender is the only solution. He added that to have additional talks with the consortium, which does not hint in any way that it might accept meeting of the debt, is waste of time. **Slobodna Dalmacija** cover pg splash 'SDA does not want to give EP to Croatians!' and pg 4 'EP's tender will be annulled' by M. Herceg, **Vecernji List** pg 2 'Prime Minister Hadzipasic was in Tuzla' by mpe – also report.

<p>Energopterol's Director denies that debt of 10 million Euros exist</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 6, mentioned on cover 'Annulment of tender and removal of Busatlic?' by <u>A. Avdic</u>, Dnevni List pg 6 'Debt of 10 million Euros does not exist' by <u>M. Karacic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija pg 12, mentioned on cover 'Debt of 21 million KM invented!' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – Director of Energopetrol Namik Bustalic stated that the additional debt amounting to 10 million Euros does not exist. According to Busatlic this is about hindering of the EP's privatization process and an attempt to shift responsibility on the EP's management.</p>
<p>Indictment against Zilic confirmed</p>	<p>FTV, BHT 1, Oslobodjenje pg 39, mentioned on cover 'Mehmed Zilic damaged FMoI for a half million KM', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Charges against Zilic upheld' by <u>A.D.</u> – The Municipal Court in Sarajevo confirmed the indictment against Mehmed Zilic, Internal Affairs Advisor to the BiH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic. Zilic has been indicted on the charges of the misuse of power and authority at the time he performed the duty of the FBiH Minister of Interior. According to indictment, Zilic illegally issued permissions for purchase and granting apartments, which damaged budget of FBiH Ministry of Interior for almost 550 thousands KM.</p>

<p>New Law on Minor Offences</p>	<p>RTRS, PINK, Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Minor Offences Courts to be abolished' by O. Vukovic, Glas Srpske pg 3 'No more cash', Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'No more prison and fines on the spot', EuroBlic RSpG 1 'No more prison', announced on cover 'Magistrates' court be abolished' – The new RS draft Law on Minor Offences anticipates the abolition of the magistrates (minor offence) courts and the establishment of separate Minor Offence Departments within Basic and District Courts instead, Assistant Justice Minister Dusko Radosevic said. He stated that the aim of this draft Law was to make the minor offence procedure shorter and more efficient. The Law also abolishes custody and fines paid on the spot as sanctions for minor offences. Instead, the perpetrator will be given a minor offence order with a deadline within which he is to pay the fine.</p>
<p>Lagumdzija urges BiH authorities to create social measures related to VAT</p>	<p>FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 4 ''Program to prevent VAT consequences necessary', Dnevni List pg 5 'Prevent destruction of domestic production' by A.V. -SDP President Zlatko Lagumdzija sent a letter to Chairmen of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly Sefik Dzaferovic, Nikola Spiric, Martin Raguz and Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers Adnan Terzic in which he proposed that a draft of welfare programs for reducing consequences of the VAT introduction should be placed on the agenda of the BiH HoR's session, that is to take place today. Lagumdzija also reminded that agony of domestic farmers have been lasting for weeks and the BiH CoM and Parliament did not take over their part of responsibility for this situation.</p>

<p>Farmers announce general protests</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Blockade of all state institutions', mentioned on cover, by <u>M.K.S.</u> – The President of the BiH Farmers Associations, Ranko Bakic, announces general protests of the farmers around the country. He adds he will mobilise about 50.000 farmers who will block all state institutions, border crossings and highways due to the ignorance of their problems on part of BiH authorities.</p>
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<p>Police reform</p>

**SDA rejects
proposal by RS
Govt on police
reform; RS Govt
claims
Terzic/Hadzipasic
also accepted it**

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Awarding those responsible for a halt in the police reform' by **A.M.** – SDA doesn't accept the proposal of RS Government to resume the talks on police reform at the levels of entities governments and the Council of Ministers. *"We have discussed this initiative... and we believe that this should not be accepted. Under the proposal, the talks about come down to three parliamentary parties that is SDA, SDS< HDZ. We think that this is a significant issue that needs to be discuss by both position and opposition,"* comments SDA President, **Sulejman Tihic**. He believes that the police reform must be continued in the same composition of parties as it was at the negotiations in Konak and Vlasic, that is under patronage of the OHR and CoM Chair and with participation of **Wilfred Martens**, Chair of the Police Reform Commission. Tihic underlines that previous negotiations solved a number of issues, leaving only discussion on a number police regions. *"Bringing negotiations down to entities government again, without presence of the international community, would be to award those responsible for a halt in reform,"* says Tihic. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'SDA does not want without OHR' by **V.P.** – RS Government on the other hand, claims that **Adnan Terzic** and **Ahmet Hadzipasic** have already accepted this proposal. **Zlatko Juric** from RS Government Press Bureau, said: *"We are convinced that the Task Force of RS Government, BiH COM and F BiH Government will propose new model of police structure, that will be in line with three EU principles."*

<p>EU Council tasks its bodies to prepare follow-on on EUPM mission</p>	<p>BHT 1, RTRS, Dnenvi Avaz pg 2 'Support to BiH Police even after the EUPM's end of mandate' by <u>Fena</u> – The EU General Affairs and External Relations Council agreed in principle on Monday that continued engagement in support of policing in BiH would be needed as a follow-on from the completion of the current mandate of the EU Police Mission in December. The Council tasked its competent bodies to prepare for the follow-on mission to EUPM, which would be complementary with all other EU engagements in BiH. The Council has also condemned the crimes committed in Srebrenica.</p>
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