OHR BiH Media Round-up, 20/8/2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
HR meets SDS representatives	HR's mtg. with SDS on police reform	Protests in Cajnice continue
Interview with HR on PBS	Bukejlovic on murder of SBS officer	Matijasevic on situation in Cajnice
Kristo on Lozancic pardoning Prce	Police spoke to Lukic's brother	Ashdown and SDS on police reform
Paravac on Izetbegovic's guarda	Update on Mandic case	Momcilo Mandic's case
NTV Hayat	FTV	RTRS
NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
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(19,00 hrs) Murder case	(19,30 hrs) Another murder in	(19,30 hrs) Police spoke to
(19,00 hrs) Murder case inSarajevo New RS Poste Manager	(19,30 hrs) Another murder in Sarajevo	(19,30 hrs) Police spoke to Lukic's brother Poste Srpske Director

Oslobodjenje	Terzic announces settling scores with Dokic
Dnevni Avaz	Metkic: We will open file of every SBS member!
Dnevni List	Illegal guard at Izetbegovic's tomb
Vecernji List	Croatia related headline

Nezavisne	Government has appointed the [Poste Srpske]
Novine	Director with help of police
Glas Srpske	Police brought Director

Follow up to SBS officer's
murder case

Cajnice dwellers
continue
protests over
Prodanovic's
murder, claim
incident was
ethnicity based

BHT 1 by <u>Gvozden Sarac</u> — About hundred Serb residents of Cajnice on Friday were still protesting at the nearby Metaljka border crossing between BiH and SCG after the member of BiH State Border Service,

Anis Bandic, shot and murdered his colleague Bojan Prodanovic [from Cajnice] two days ago. Citizens stress they will not cease the protests, which started on Thursday, until the reasons for the murder were established. They also urged the RS officials to visit the town as soon as possible, believing that the murder was committed on ethnic grounds. Local authorities claim the protesters pose no threat to Bosniak returnees to Cajnice. "We've taken certain measures just in case,", said the Head of the CajniceMunicipality Vukasin Tadic. BHT unofficially learns that all members of SBS currently working on Metaljka border crossing are of Serb nationality. RTRS carries almost identical report as BHT1.

Investigation so
far proves
Bandic
'psychologically
disturbed'

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 inset 'One-month
 detention', Nezavisne novine pg 4
'Suspect exercise his right to silence'
by D. Muminovic — NN carries that Bandic
was put in one-month custody by Trebinje
 District Court. According to
 investigative bodies, he did not
 cooperate but exercised his right to
 silence.

Mektic: We will open file of every SBS member

Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'We will open file of every SBS member!', pg 8 'We will launch wide investigation inside SBS' by Aj. Delic — DA carries that the BiH Security Ministry will soon launch a wide reaching investigation and open file of every single State Border Service member, but also of all police officials under jurisdiction of this Ministry. Deputy Minister, Dragan Mektic, announced this to DA adding that there will be a time period agreed after which all SBS officers will be examined on their skills and capabilities assessed.

Vecernji list 'Even those treated at mental hospital work with weapons in SBS';, mentioned on cover, by Dejan Jazvic — VL says that no health criteria are applied when employing the SBS staff members, which allowed several seriously disturbed persons to work in an environment where they have an access to the weapons.

Matijasevic:
situation in
Cajnice
'complicated',
murder occurs in
a time of police
reforms

BHT1, Hayat, Nezavisne novine pg 4

'Security in Cajnice', Dnevni Avaz pg 8

inset 'Matijasevic: We will prevent

conflicts and raising tensions' — RS

Interior Minister Darko Matijasevic

stated that the security situation is

Cajnice is complicated, adding that the

major task of MoI is to prevent tensions

and possible conflicts. "The murder of

Prodanovic happened in a specific moment

of in which the negotiations on police

reform are in progress," said

Matijasevic.

Bukejlovic: SBS
disorganized,
unlike before
when it was
under entities'
control/
possible
influence on
police reforms

PINK, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'These things did not happen when SBS was part of entities', Nezavisne novine pg 4 'SBS disorganized' - RS Prime Minister Pero Bujeklovic stated for SRNA that the murder of **Bojan Prodanovic** on Metiljka border crossing shows that BiH State Border Service is disorganized. Bukelovic emphasized that such things were not happening while the Border Service was under authority of the entities. According to Bukejlovic, this murder might influence the negotiations on police reform. He stated that the murder shows that inter-ethnic tensions still exist in BiH, accusing Adnan Terzic and BiH Council of Ministers of being responsible for the fact that SBS didn't have its Chief in past year.

Media comments on SBS officer's murder

RHB by <u>Ivica Simunovic</u> — RHB comments to the Metaljka border crossing murder of the SBS officer concluding it was ethnicity related. Reporter says that all efforts to offer ideal solutions for BIH were always directed at "mixing" three peoples together stressing these solutions were all wrong. Simunovic continues that it is yet to be seen how will that "mixture" work in the police and armed forces the international community is thriving to unite. RHB journalist concludes the analysis stating it takes one police or, "even worse", army member to come to the work one day under stress to set off dramatic events which could crash down the entire system again.

Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Shots at the border'
 op-ed by Gojko Beric — Editorial notes
 that everyone is too keen to say that
 this was ethnicity related incident, as
 politicians use emotions to reach their
 own goals. "This is the reason why
 nationalists still strongly rule our
 country," concludes the op-ed.

Dnevni list pg 7 'Ministers peacefully
look at the collapse of SBS" by Mensud
Zorlak — DL writes that this is the most
 critical point for the SBS since its
 establishment, especially since this
 murder took place at the time when SBS
still has no Director appointed. He adds
 that despite all this, Adnan Terzic and
 his counterparts are still on vacation
while their conflict of the ethnicity of
 the director of the SBS will lead
 citizens to collapse.

Political issues

New Poste
Srpske
Director
enters office
with police
help

RTRS by <u>Sinisa Mihailovic</u> - <u>Milanka Rendic</u>, newly appointed Acting Director of the Poste Srpske company, took over her office on Friday with the help of the local police as her appointment, supported by the representatives of the state-owned capital and stockholders, was disputed by the former management. Rendic, who performed these duties in 2000, was appointed after the RS Government, upon recommendation of the temporary Supervisory Board, dismissed the General Director Milutin Pejic. PINK— Similar situation happened in 2001, when Rendic was appointed as RS Poste General Manager for the first time. Milenko Vuceta, acting Deputy General Manager claimed that Rendic and the new Supervision Board have come without any official order, and their acting is therefore illegal. A representative of state capital in the company, RS Minister of Labour and Veterans Miodrag Deretic stated that there was no other way to resolve the situation since Pejic didn't respect the law and presented false results of the company's work, also ignoring all Government's guidelines. BHT 1 — Former management also say that the police did not have any documents or some kind of warrant — to show while they were forcing their way through "Poste", which makes this action even more controversial. However, Rendic comments: "I'm sorry that every time when Milutin Pejic has to leave, one has to break the lock in order to enter, and when Pejic wants to enter, it is desirable that everybody else leaves few days earlier." Hayat, FTV, Glas Srpske cover splash 'Police brought director', Nezavisne Novine cover splash, pg 3 'Government has appointed the Government with a help of police' by R. Seart, Oslobodjenjepg 6 'RS police helpd director to enter the company'- also report.

SNSD expels
Rendic from
party for
accepting
Poste Srpske
Director
position

Hayat, Nezavisne novine pg 3 'Excluded from SNSD' — Commenting the claims that entire affair was caused by the Serb Radical Party in order to take over control of the company, Milanka Rendic, said she is "non-party's person". However, SNSD Milorad Dodik brought decision dismissing her from the party because of disobedience expressed through acceptance of the appointment. "Milanka Radnic accepted the position... without agreement of the SNSD which expressed disloyal behaviour and a damage to the SNSD's reputation," SNSD stated.

Paravac questions FBiH troops guarding Izetbegovic's tomb

RHB, PINK, Hayat, Nezavisne novine pg 5 'Paravac asked for information on guards next to Izetbegovic's tomb', Glas Srpske pg 3 'Paravac demands check', Vecernji list pg 2 'Was chain of command violated?'- BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac on Friday asked BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic to explain how and why the FBIH Army, as part of the BiH armed forces, was providing a guard of honour for the tomb of former BiH Presidency member Alija Izetbegovic. Paravac especially insisted that the defence minister explain the legal provisions covering the engagement of the BiH Armed Forces and possible abuse in the operational chain of command, the statement from Paravac's office said. Paravac sent this request after the RS Association of Camp Inmates had demanded of him to call for the removal of the guard at the next Presidency session.

Tihic says guard was already abandoned FTV, BHT 1 - BiH Presidency member Sulejman
Tihic responded immediately, saying that this
request came far too late, because honorary
 guard in front of Izetbegovic's grave was
removed some fifteen days ago. Dnevni Avaz pg
4 'Paravac wants information on something that
 is not there anymore' by H. Orahovac - In
 addition to Tihic, DA also carries that the
Director of the Kovaci cemetery, Emir Zlatar,
 also confirms that the guard doesn't keep
Izetbegovic's tomb anymore since 10 August.

Lozancic says
pardoning
Prce was just
'act of
mercy'

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Pardoning did not question Milorlsav Prce's verdict', Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Provisions of Constitution and Pardoning Law were respected' by Fena - The FBiH President, Niko Lozancic, answered to the demand of the OHR to explain his decision for pardoning Miroslav Prce within the set deadline. In a letter to Paddy Ashdown, Lozancic said that the decision to pardon former FBiH Defence Minister was not illegal nor it questioned the work of the Court/Prosecution. He further says that Prce wrote to the FBiH President, "like any other citizen could do", asking him for pardon, and was further processed with participation of all authorized institutions. "This is entirely act of mercy," concludes Lozancic.

RHB, Hayat, Nezavisne novine pg 2 'Lozancic did not respect OHR's demand by the end of business' by M. Cubro, Dnevni list pg 5 'Decision on Prce's pardon on Monday' — Please note these reports are outdated, as they were made just after the close of business when Lozancic had still not sent the letter. Letter was sent to OHR later in the evening.

HR Ashdown:
Ethnic
channels in
BiH are
illegal

RHB report by Milan Vego — In an interview to RHB radio, HR Paddy Ashdown, commenting demands for Croat channels, stated that the establishment of the ethnic channels in BiH is illegal, especially since just broadcasters were the one of the war's main mechanisms. Ashdown claims that the PBS production center in Mostar will protect Croats' rights, as the European Commission went a long way to provide every safeguard within the law to ensure the Croat language is represented and added that one Mostar center is one of them. HR concluded that if Croats want to challenge the law on public broadcasting they are free to do so in the European Court of Human Rights. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Ethnic PBS channels are illegal', Dnevni list pg 5 'Ashdown: nationalistic TV channels lead to war' - also carries.

Terzic to settle scores with Dokic?

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 6 'Adnan Terzic announces settling scores with Dokic' by Azhar <u>Kalamujic</u> — Oslobodjenje carries that the BiH Transport Minister Branko Dokic on Friday removed Izet Bajrambasic from the position of the coordinator of the Vc corridor project without any previous announcements. He replaced him with Namik Kupusovic, one of associates in the project. Daily carries that this opened a new conflicts in the BiH Council of Ministers, which was also proved by Adnan Terzic's announcement that he will settle score with Dokic. Terzic told daily that Bajrambasic worked extremely well and that there was no reason for his removal, adding Dokic's had only person reasons for this. Oslobodjenje also carries that the background of this removal the joint political attack of the Serb parties and HDZ against Bajrambasic, who strongly defended adopted highways's route.

Police reform

OHR confirms
meeting on
police
reform with
SDS
officials
held in
Jahorina

RTRS, Hayat, PINK, RHB, BHT 1, Nezavisne novine pg 2 'OHR confirmed the meeting', Oslobodineje pg 3 'Seeking compromise on police reform', Glas Srpske pg 5 'Dinner in Jahorina', Vecernji list 'SDS under pressure' — OHR confirmed on Friday that the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, on Thursday evening met with the SDS representatives at mount Jahorina. Noting that the HR is holding a series of meetings with the political parties, the OHR announced that the next of the meetings would take place on Monday, August 22, during Ashdown's visit to Banja Luka

NN claims
Ashdown said
if RS
refuses
police
reform, they
could be in
position of
isolated
part of
Cyprus with
rest of BiH
in EU

Nezavisne novine pg 2 'If they don't accept police reform, EU is to welcome FBIH', mentioned on cover, by V. Popovic - NN claims that the HR Paddy Ashdown told SDS representatives at the Jahorina meeting that if there is no progress made at the police reform talks in Mostar on Tuesday, EU seriously considers possibility of accepting BiH without RS. Allegedly, he also warned them that the banning the SDS or removals of the party's officials was also possible. Ashdown met on Thursday with SDS and RS president Dragan Cavic, RSNA Speaker Dusan Stojicic, BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac and SDS Vice President Mladen Bosic. According to one of the SDS officials who attended the meeting, told NN that Ashdown underlined that if the reform fails, RS will suffer consequences and could be in position alike the isolated part of Cyprus. The source also claims that the SDS leadership promised Ashdown they will do everything possible to implement proposed police reform. He added that Ashdown came to the meeting upon invitation of Dragan Covic. "Now, SDS Presidency should apply pressure on the Assembly in order for police reform agreed on Vlasic to be adopted," said the same official. However, Bosic told NN that party was not under pressure at the meeting claiming some progress in harmonizing stances was made. He added the meeting was more an informal dinner.

VL: RS MOI to survive?

Vecernji list pg 2 'Compromise to be
seen - RS MoI to stay?' by Mirjan Ivesa
- VL unofficially learns that the
 compromise solution which would
 stipulates survival of RS Interior
Ministry and Cantonal MoIs is more and
 more possible. Under the same
 agreement, the FBiH MoI would be
 abolished, while a Bosniak would head
 the body in charge of coordinating the
 work of BiH Security Ministry, RS and
 Cantonal MoIs.

Bosic, Paravac: There was no pressure at the meeting

BHT1, RTRS by <u>Dragana Knezevic</u> —
Reporter comments that the meeting caused great media attention. SDS Vice President Mladen Bosic stated that the conversation was reasonable. BIH Presidency and SDS member Borislav Paravac stated that SDS members asked HR to help so solution for police reform in BIH could be found. He also stated that HR didn't make pressure against SDS members.

Ashdown believes police reform to be agreed in Mostar

BHT 1 — In his interview for BH Radio

1, HR Paddy Ashdown expressed his
belief that the next negotiations,
scheduled for Tuesday in Mostar, will
result in harmonized proposal for the
police reform. Ashdown stressed he was
more realistic than just optimistic in
this case. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Agreement
on police reform will be reached in
Mostar' — also carries.

FBIH Govt
appoints
delegation
for
negotiations

Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Hadzipasic, Vrankic and Halilovic to negotiate on police reform', Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Hadzipasic, Vrankic and Halilovic to negotiate on police reform'- The FBiH Government on Thursday authorized FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic, FBiH Finance Minister Dragan Vrankic and FBiH Interior Minister Mevludin Halilovic to represent the FBiH at the talks on police reform to be held on Tuesday in Mostar. Government stated that they will follow the basis of the Final Report of the Police Restructuring Commission chaired by Wilfred Martens and the agreement reached at the Vlasic talks. All definite decisions and their acceptability must be confirmed by the FBiH Government and FBiH Parliament, was concluded by the Government on Thursday.

SNSD to support RS proposal

RTRS, Nezavisne novine pg 3 'SNSD will support every single RS authorities' proposal' — SNSD stated they will support any proposal by the RS authorities on the police reform. Party explained that the reform was a condition for the euroepan integration, adding that the process must satisfy set three EU principles.

Editorial on police reform

Nezavisne novine pg 7 'Police reform and ethno-politics' op-ed by Ugo Vlaisavljevic - Editorial refers to the police reform and talks about the police regions, noting that there is no more important political issue than the one who controls which territory. Stressing that politicians linked the control of territories to survival of entire ethnic groups, author - critical of especially RS authorities — says that politicians are following principles of "ethno-politics, which is actually politics of collective survival, and for which the role of modern state and its institutions serve primarily to ensure such territory as the guarantee for survival of people. It is not than strange that this politics leads to most widely spread interpretation of the authorities as being the power of police or military command."

OHR believes BIRN report just gossip

RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'Collection of gossip and tendentious statements' -OHR BiH believes that a report of the International Crisis Group (ICG) on the work of the EUPM, which was published on Thursday by the Balkans Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN), appears to be largely a collection of gossip and tendentious statements. The report reads that the EUPM is not able to oversee the implementation of police reforms in BiH before the very structure of the EUPM is reformed. "This report, if covered accurately in the media appears to be largely a collection of gossip and tendentious statements. It seems to lack the credibility and balance usually associated with the Crisis Group; presumably this is why this impressionistic, leaked first draft was not published by the ICG itself," the OHR said in a press release.

War crimes issues

Montenegrin
newspaper
claim Mandic
arrest
agreed by
secret
polices in
July

Hayat, PINK, BHT1, RTRS, FTV, Nezavisne novine pg 5 'Mandic transferred to Kula prison'by M. Cubro, R. Segrt, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Role of secret polices?' Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Mandic's lawyer announces lawsuit because of 'illegal extradition'', mentioned on cover, by A. Omeragic, Vecernji list pg 3'Secret polices agreed on extradition', Dnevni list pg 5 - Podgorica based newspaper "Vijesti" published on Friday that the decision on arrest of the former RS Justice Minister, Momcilo Mandic, was issued at the meeting of chiefs of Montenegrin, Serbian and RS secret polices and CIA Chief for the Balkans held in Kolasin in July. The newspaper states that the Montenegrin police extradited Mandic to BiH authorities on basis of the protocol on cooperation between BiH and Montenegrin judicial authorities. Mandic was arrested on Wednesday at his apartment in Budva at request of the BiH Prosecutor's Office, and was immediately extradited to BiH. Mandic's attorney Milovan Orovic said that his client could not have been extradited to the authorities in BiH because he has Montenegrin citizenship, as its Constitution forbids extraditing of Montenegrin citizens to other countries.

DA: Mandic still BiH citizen

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Momcilo Mandic is on
the list of BiH citizens' by E. Sarac
 DA learns from the BiH Civil Affairs
Ministry that Momcilo Mandic was not
 erased form the list of the BiH
 citizens. A number of media reports
 caused a confusions, which lead to
 nobody being certain whether Mandic
was SCG citizens or only possesses BiH
citizenship, comments the newspaper.

BiH Court puts Mandic under one month detention in Kula prison

PINK, Nezavisne novine pg 5 'Mandic transferred to Kula prison'by M.

Cubro, R. Segrt — The Court of BiH ordered a one-month detention for Momcilo Mandic, former RS Minister of Justice who is indicted for several crime acts, the BiH Prosecutor Johnatan Rattel confirmed. He added that Mandic has already been transferred to Kula prison on Friday.

HR Ashdown welcomes Mandic's arrest

FTV, BHT1, Nezavisne novine pg 5 'Ashdown: Mandic is not untouchable', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Ashdown: I am glad he is arrested', **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Suspect of serious crimes' -The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, on Friday told the RS Radio that he was glad that the former RS minister of justice, Momcilo Mandic, has been Ashdown stressed that arrested. Mandic is "indicted for serious crimes" and added that, if these accusations should be proved, it will be indicated that he had robbed many citizens.

Ljajic denies his Ministry demanded Mandic's arrest RHB — SCiG Minister for Human Rights
Rasim Ljajic stated that this Ministry
did not sign the demand for the arrest
and extradition of Momcilo Mandic.
Ljajic stressed that according to the
SCiG laws this Ministry only can sign
the consent for extradition. Ljajic
also said that this Ministry did not
even know that the arrest warrant
after Mandic was issued.

Istocno
Sarajevo PSC
intensifies
activities
to improve
cooperation
with ICTY

BHT 1, Hayat, PINK, RTRS, Nezavine novine pg 3 'Sredoje Lukic's brother interrogated' by R.S. - Press released issued by the Istocno Sarajevo Public Security Centre reads that its staff members have intensified the activities in VisegradMunicipality in the last two days in order to improve cooperation with the ICTY. Within these efforts, the police contacted several persons who possibly possess information on whereabouts of the war crimes suspects still at large. They have also talked with Radenko Lukic, a brother of the PIFWC Sredoje Lukic. Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'Sredoje Lukic hides in Russia?' by E.S. - DA carries that it learned from sources close to RS Interior Ministry that Sredoje Lukic hides most probably in Russia [his cousin is Milan Lukic].

Ljaljic: SCG
will demand
Lukic's
extradition,
even knowing
this will
not happen

RTRS, BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'Argentinean court awaits documents from ICTY', Oslobodjenje pg 7 'SCG demand for Lukic's extradition', Nezavisne novine pg 3 'They will demand Lukic's extradition' by Agencies— SCG Minister of Human and Minority Rights Rasim Ljajic said that SCG would forward a request to the authorities of Argentina for extraditing Milan Lukic, however added that authorities are aware that the extradition will most probably not take place. Ljajic added that SCG has a legal commitment to request Lukic's extradition for completing the trial procedure for murdering 16 Bosniaks from Sjeverin near Priboj. Lukic, apprehended on August 8 in Buenos Aires , is also wanted by ICTY for war crimes committed in Visegrad area.

BH War
Crimes
Chamber
extends
detention to
4 persons
indicted for
Kravice
murders in
July 95

FTV, BHT1, RTRS, Nezavisne novine pg 6 'Detention to Kravice crimes suspects extended', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Suspects for Kravicemassacre stay in detention', Oslobodineje pg 2 'Four suspects stay in detention', Vecernji **list** pg 2 'Suspects for Kravicemassacre stay in detention' -The Council of the BiH War Crimes Chamber brought decision to extend the detention of the four persons indicted for war crimes committed in Srebrenica region until the 20 September. Arrested persons are suspected of taking part in the massacre of Bosniaks in the warehouse in Kravice in July 1995. The Council explained the decisions stating they believes that if the indictees were released they could influence other persons linked with this crime or the witnesses. Hayat - BIH Court also finds that there is enough evidence to indict four men for being members of Sekovici police unit during the time when the massacre was committed.