

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 22/11/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 22 November

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
Jovic's speech at conf. on DPA anniv.	Agreement signed in Washington	Declaration signed in Washington
Book ' The Hague formula' presented	FBiH HoR on Energopetrol	UN SC extends EUFOR mandate
Burns on BiH adm. to EU and NATO	World news	Kostajnica update

TV news broadcast on 21 November

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
EU approves beginning of SAA talks	BiH to start SAA talks	EU launching SAA talks on Friday
Rehn to open SAA talks on Friday	Washington talks on Constitution	EUFOR staying in BiH
OHR welcomed EU decision	OHR on BiH constitutional changes	Rycroft on SAA talks
Conference on BiH in Washington	Public poll on 10 years after DPA	Live report from Washington

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
BiH to start SAA talks	EU launching SAA talks on Friday	EU approves beginning of SAA talks
Rycroft on SAA talks	Rycroft on SAA talks	Washington talks on BiH constitution

Washington talks	Topcagic on start of SAA talks	Feature on Dayton meeting in 1995
HR on constitutional changes in BiH	Washington talks on constitution	Confinement for suspected terrorists

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Sulejman Tihic left talks on BiH Constitution reform
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Terzic: We entered stabile phase
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Tihic leaves negotiations
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Tihic shuts door to Americans because of support to RS: ENOUGH!
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Wedding and midnight race 'cut down' three lives (traffic accident in Posusje)
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	End before beginning
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<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>
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Political  
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**BH Radio 1** – Leaders of eight political parties and members of the BiH Presidency on Monday evening signed the agreement confirming their readiness to carry out constitutional changes. Washington talks also concluded that the concrete changes to the BiH Constitution are to be agreed in upcoming period. In an interview to the Voice of America, the US Undersecretary for political affairs, **Nicholas Burns** commented that Washington believes that the adequate changes would include the stronger central authorities, broader powers of the Prime Minister, more efficient Parliament and one President. However, he added that the change must be defined in the next several months. In addition, he said that the political leaders are expected to sign the statement today expressing their commitment to both constitutional changes and arrests of **Radovan Karadzic** and **Ratko Mladic**.

**RTRS** – In a statement to RTRS, **Mladen Ivanic**, PDP President, confirmed that the leaders of political parties from BiH had signed Declaration in Washington, which stipulates maintenance of tri-partite BiH Presidency and Parliament. Ivanic said that after SDA president **Sulejman Tihic** left the meeting there was no discussion on constitutional changes. Ivanic said that BiH political party leaders will today sign a statement on the presence of US forces in BiH and the agreement on air traffic between the two countries with the US Secretary of State, **Condoleezza Rice**.

**Sulejman Tihic**, SDA President, supported the statement saying it formalises a wish of parties to change Dayton Constitution of BiH.

**Mate Bandur**, President of Croat People's Community, has confirmed that the representatives of Croat parties attending Washington meeting signed Declaration only after they were persuaded those were not just cosmetic changes, and that the new Constitution will be in line with justice, sovereignty and constitutionality of all peoples in BiH.

Political analyst **Daniel Server** assessed it is very important Declarations sets deadline by March 2006, by which constitutional changes in four fields (BiH Presidency, BiH COM, Parliamentary Assembly and human rights) should be embodied.

Jovic's speech at conf. on DPA anniversary	<b>RHB</b> – The BiH Presidency Chairman <b>Ivo Miro Jovic</b> addressed participants of the conference '10 years after Dayton'. Among the other things, Jovic stated that Croats demand equal presentation in joint institutions, education in Croatian language for Croat children, media in Croatian language <i>'or to put it simply – Croats want to be equal'</i> .
FBIH HoR discusses Enegropetrol issue	<b>BH Radio 1</b> <u>Ljiljana Radl</u> – FBIH House of Representatives has continued extraordinary session on the issue of co-capitalization of Enegropetrol company. The FBiH parliament has to make decision on whether or not to support the Government's plan under which INA-MOL consortium has been chosen to purchase 67% of company's shares. So far, BOSS delegate Mirnes Ajanovic has strongly objected the decision claiming that the real value of the gas pumps in ownership of Enegropetrol is much higher that established by the Government. <b>Hasan Becirevic</b> , a delegate of SDP which is also against the decision, accused the Government of neglecting the company situation for long time. SDA delegate <b>Ismet Osmanovic</b> said that the party will support the Government's decision. Regular session of the HoR is to continue later afternoon.

**Dayton Anniversary/Talks on Constitutional Reform/BiH Road to EU**

<p>EU Foreign Ministers authorized EC to start SAA talks with BiH</p>	<p><b>RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> cover page, pgs 4-5 'EU Council of Ministers approved opening of talks', pg 4 'Talks with EU on Friday', <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5 'Negotiations start on Friday', by <u>Arijana Beus</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 3 'Start of talks with EC on Friday', by <u>Stojan de Prato</u>, pg 3 'Ollie Rehn in Sarajevo on Friday', by <u>ra</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 15 'BiH: SAA talks begin on November 25', by <u>H</u>, – The EU Council of Ministers authorized European Commission to start the negotiations with BiH on Stabilisation and Association Agreement as soon as possible. The SAA negotiations will officially start on Friday, when EU Enlargement Commissioner <b>Olli Rehn</b> is expected to visit Sarajevo . EU Council of Ministers stated that the beginning of SAA negotiations marks a historic moment for BiH, and the first significant step towards creating partner relations with the European Union. Members of EU Council of Ministers on Monday also confirmed the EUFOR mandate for next six months, and decided to strengthen the coordination role of the EU Special Representative in BiH.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2, announced on cover 'Rehn to launch negotiations with BiH on Friday' by <u>M. Cubro</u> inset 'Rehn: BiH must continue with reforms', BHT – Commenting the decision to launch SAA talks with BiH, <b>Rehn</b> stated that BiH citizens deserve to have a functioning state, adding that significant changes are necessary in order to have a cheaper and better functioning state, and a better partner for the negotiations with the EU.</p>
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<p>British Ambassador Rycroft said speed of SAA talks with BiH will depend on implementation of necessary reform</p>	<p><b>RHB, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pgs 4-5 'EU Council of Ministers approved opening of talks', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Rehn to ceremonially open talks between BiH and EU on Friday', <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5 'Speed of negotiations will depend on reforms', by <u>E. Mackic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2, announced on cover 'Rehn to launch negotiations with BiH on Friday' by <u>M. Cubro</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg 3 'Green light of EU' by <u>R. Radosavljevic</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS2, announced on cover 'Start of negotiations with BiH was approved' by <u>Srna</u>, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 15 'Negotiations with BiH on admission to EU' by <u>BBC</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Negotiations as a reward' by <u>Tanjug</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'First step was made' by <u>Srna</u> – After announcing that EU Enlargement Commissioner <b>Olli Rehn</b> is coming on Friday to BiH capital, British ambassador to BiH <b>Matthew Rycroft</b> emphasized at a press conference in Sarajevo on Monday, on behalf of British EU Presidency, that the speed of negotiations would depend on how quickly BiH authorities would adopt and implement all the reforms necessary for BiH to become functional and sustainable country. Those reforms, according to Rycroft, include progress in developing the legal framework and administration in BiH, implementation of police reform, adoption and implementation of all necessary laws on Public Broadcasting Service and full cooperation with the ICTY. <i>"EU Ministers have emphasized that they expect that all suspected war criminals, especially <b>Ratko Mladic</b> and <b>Radovan Karadzic</b>, are brought to justice"</i>, concluded Rycroft. Although SAA negotiations would be officially opened on Friday, British Ambassador to BiH added that the first working meeting could take place in first part of January 2006.</p>
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<p>OHR welcomes EU Foreign Ministers decision to start SAA talks with BiH</p>	<p><b>RHB, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Symbolism of November 21 is clear', <b>FENA</b> – OHR welcomes Monday's Decision by EU Foreign Ministers to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina. <i>"This is a historic moment for BiH and its people, and marks a key moment in the region's transition from stabilisation towards the EU. The symbolism of 21 November for Bosnia and Herzegovina is clear. Today's decision underlines how far BiH has come in the ten years since the Dayton Peace Agreement,"</i> OHR said. <i>"But the speed with which BiH moves closer to the EU will depend on who quickly the country adopts and implements the reforms laid out in the SAA process, in particular the country's progress in developing its legislative and administrative capacity, the implementation of police reform and public broadcasting legislation, as well as continued full cooperation with the ICTY,"</i> OHR said.</p>
<p>Terzic: On 21 Nov 2005 country entered stabile phase</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover splash, pg 4 'Terzic: We entered stabile phase' by <u>S.N.</u> – Commenting the EU Foreign Ministers decision, the BiH CoM Chairman <b>Adnan Terzic</b> says: <i>"Time will show that 21 November 2005 is historic date for BiH. On that day, the country entered stabile phase... It is time we have full consensus on project of reforms for Europe. I call on opposition not to politicize European legislation and for all to immediately get involved, transfer their resources in order to finalize the SAA as soon as possible and become candidates for EU membership. That is when the economic funds will open for us, and atmosphere to talk about drafting the real BIH constitution... If we switch on all our capacities, we can complete the negotiations before the upcoming municipal elections."</i></p>

<p>Austria 's Plasnik commends launchment of SAA talks with BiH</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'This is the beginning of concrete course to Union', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'EU decision is beginning of European road for BiH' by <u>ONASA</u> – <b>Ursula Plasnik</b>, Austrian Foreign Minister, Monday stated that decision of EU to launch talks with BiH on SAA represents a beginning of a concrete course of the BiH towards Union, adding: <i>"I regard commencement of talks as a major chance and also a task to continue on the course of reforms at new pace/dynamics."</i></p>
<p>Douglas Davidson: BiH to commence talks with EU in surprisingly good situation</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'BiH to commence talks with EU in surprisingly good situation' by <u>Sanja Skuletic</u> – In an interview to daily, <b>Douglas Davidson</b>, Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH, says that the situation in which the BiH will launch talks with the EU is surprisingly good, referring to adoption of police reform, harmonisation of the Law on PBS. Regarding this he notes: <i>"I heard that BiH authorities plan to end SAA talks by elections next year, i.e. October 2006. it sounds like a good idea. However, since I am no expert in this field, I cannot say whether it is realistic or not."</i> As priorities on the BiH course to EU, he lists improvement of cooperation with the ICTY, improvement of economic climate in BiH, completion of ongoing reforms. He also speaks of issues related to education in BiH and OSCE priorities in the future. According to inset 'Future is in the hands of BiH politicians', Davidson comments on DA, saying that <i>"the time has come to go further – now the future is in the hands of BiH peoples, who must agree on how to proceed further."</i></p>



<p>Tihic left talks on constitutional changes in Washington</p>	<p><b>Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje</b> cover page, pg 3 'Sulejman Tihic left talks on BiH Constitution reform', <b>Dnevni List</b>, front pg splash and pgs 2-3 'Tihic leaves negotiations', by <u>Ivana Rozic</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 14 'Because of argument regarding president, Tihic left negotiations', by <u>H. Nezavisne Novine</u> pg 3 'Uncertain continuation of negotiations' by <u>V. Popovic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg splash 'End before beginning' by <u>Z. M.</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg 3, announced on cover 'Negotiations in a dead-end street' by <u>R. Radosavljevic</u> –</p> <p>The 10<sup>th</sup> Dayton Peace Agreement signing anniversary is being marked in Washington by talks on constitutional changes in BiH. SDA Chair <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> has walked out of the talks. <i>"The thing I have been worried about has repeated; it is about cosmetic changes which do not foresee more functional, efficient and cheaper authority, but legalize some bad Dayton solutions with minor corrections"</i>, said Tihic. Tihic added that he was not going to return to the talks under such conditions, pointing out that his terms were creation of more efficient BiH institutions, president instead of presidency, government instead of the Council of Ministers, etc. Tihic also said that prior to the meeting, it was agreed that internal structure should not be discussed and that the issue of functional state authority should be the topic, but that in any case nothing but cosmetic changes were being mentioned. Asked whether he left the talks after others rejected to discuss abolishment of entities, Tihic said that it was not true.</p>
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<p>SDA's Jahic confirmed Tihic walked out from the talks; PDP's Ivanic: Tihic's move was inappropriate</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'Uncertain continuation of negotiations' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – <b>Elmir Jahic</b>, a member of SDA Main Board, has confirmed <b>Tihic</b> had walked out from negotiations on constitutional changes and he stated it was uncertain whether he would attend the continuation of the talks. SDA stated the solutions on constitutional changes, proposed during the Washington talks, had not met even the minimum of needs for BiH to be organized as a modern and functional state. PDP President <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> confirmed that the talks were interrupted after Tihic had walked out from it and he says it is uncertain whether the talks would continue. He says Tihic's move was inappropriate and he believes Tihic had wanted to exert pressure on RS representatives to put SDA interests before RS interests in order for BiH to get a single president and a single government.</p> <p><b>RTRS</b> – PDP leader <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> stated that it seems that Tihic is deliberately trying to obstruct the negotiations, so one could get the impression that International Community must impose its own solutions.</p> <p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg splash 'End before beginning' by <u>Z. M.</u> – carries statements of SDA on Constitutional changes, as well as Ivanic's comment on Tihic. SNSD's <b>Milorad Dodik</b> thinks Tihic had brought the talks several steps back because he had again raised issues that had already been agreed upon.</p>
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<p>DA: Tihic, dissatisfied with expensive and non-functional solutions, leaves negotiations after a fight with Hays</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'Big fight between Hays and Tihic', mentioned on cover, by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – DA reports that SDA leader <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> has left the negotiations of the politicians leaders on the constitutional changes mediated by the former PDHR <b>Donald Hays</b> and US Institute for Peace. DA learns that Tihic left the talks after Hays raised a voice at him. Tihic commented saying that Hays also raised a voice at SBiH leader <b>Safet Halilovic</b>, however added that in his case his main problem was disagreement with non-functional and expensive solutions: <i>"If I don't agree with that, If I disagree with Hays' concessions to Serb side, he deems it to be an obstruction."</i> Tihic underlined that the talks did not even touch the essence of the problems, and explains that the <i>"expensive solution in which the Parliament is to elect tripartite Presidency with smaller corrections and bigger expenses is being advocated."</i> Tihic also notes that there has been no progress on Parliament, as there is still entities' vote, vital national interest and HoP's role in confirming the laws. He adds he is not certain whether he would attend the continuation of talks Inset "Hays: Everyone is coming to negotiations' carries Hays saying that the negotiations will be continued, and attended by everyone including Tihic.</p>
<p>VL: Tihic walks out of negotiations after being told off by Hays; Serb side best prepared for talks</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, front pg splash 'Tihic shuts door to Americans because of support to RS: ENOUGH!', and pgs 2-3 'Tihic shuts door, Americans safeguard RS!', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – According to an anonymous participant of the Washington talks, the Serb side is best prepared for the talks. Apparently, the Serb side is dominating the negotiations because every time the international negotiators led by <b>Donald Hays</b> come up with a proposal, the RS and SDS President, <b>Dragan Cavic</b>, comes up with a counter-proposal that is already translated into English. The report also notes that <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> left the talks because he was at odds with Hays.</p>

<p>BHT: Tihic did not leave the talks but he might do so</p>	<p><b>BHT</b> <u>Laura Bosnjak</u> – 10 years after signing of Dayton Peace Agreement, BiH political leaders have gathered in Washington to discuss the changes of BiH Constitution. As reporter commented, the atmosphere in Washington is “on fire”. Despite of previous speculations, SDA President and member of BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> didn’t leave the talks, but he confirmed that he might do so, if some of his demands are not fulfilled. According to proposal of American Institute for Peace, new Constitution would bring several important changes. In the future, BiH would have three Presidents and two Co-Presidents who would rotate every 16 months. Future BiH Government would pass decisions based on consensus. Tihic didn’t accept these proposals and kept insisting on one President and Government passing decisions based on majority votes. Some US and FBiH officials clamed that the proposal of Institute for Peace is not bringing any improvements, but legalising present situation and strengthening of entity authorities instead of strengthening the state of BiH. SDS leader and RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> denied these accusations, stating that the entities are legal institutions in BiH. According to Cavic, functionality of state institutions must be improved, but that doesn’t necessarily mean the transfer of authorities from entity to state level. Results of talks on changes of BiH Constitution will be published on Tuesday, when BiH officials are going to meet with US Secretary of State <b>Condoleezza Rice</b>.</p>
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<p>Tihic, Jovic, Hays on status of Washington talks on constitution</p>	<p><b>BHT Voice of America, Hayat</b> – Member of BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> stated that the proposed changes of BiH Constitution are only “cosmetic”. <i>“They (proposed changes) don’t mean more functional, efficient and cost-effective government, but legalisation of bad solutions of Dayton Peace Agreement with some minor improvements”</i>, said Tihic. Chair of BiH Presidency <b>Ivo Miro Jovic</b> stated that the major topics of the talks are changes of organisation of BiH Presidency, Council of Ministers and Parliament. Jovic is confident that a compromise is going to be achieved. US diplomat from American Institute for Peace <b>Donald Hays</b> stated that the participants of talks are going to continue seeking a consensus, adding that he is optimistic regarding the results of talks.</p>
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DA: 6 parties  
signed document on  
const. changes by  
March 2006

**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Leaders of six BiH parties signed the document' by Sead Numanovic – DA reports that six out of eight political parties attending the talks in Washington have initialed the document which obligates them on the implementation of the constitutional changes before March 2006. The changes, as agreed at the lunch with US Undersecretary for political affairs **Nicholas Burns**, have an aim to strengthen the authorities of the state authorities, regulate the work of the Parliament and Presidency. DA learns that document, offered for initial at the lunch to BiH parties, has not been signed by **Barisa Colak** from HDZ and **Mate Bandur** of HNZ because they were not authorized by their parties. However, they are expected to put down their signatures today at the lunch with the US Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** when all 8 parties should officially sign the agreement which underlines that the changes mentioned were only the first step. SNSD leader, **Milorad Dodik**, stated for DA that the political leaders do not agree on majority of issues: *"It has been agreed for the budget to be in the jurisdiction of Presidency and not the Council of Ministers. There is no agreement about composition of Presidency."* DA reports that when it comes to decision-making process in the Parliament, the Serb representatives demand entities to approve all key decisions, while Bosniaks and Croats oppose to this. On House of Peoples, Dodik says that it has been agreed for all the laws passed by the HoR to be sent to HoP for verification, but in one reading. *"The name CoM will stay but the Chairman will become the President of the CoM. This is not final yet... the President would propose Council's members and he would have a right to dismiss a third of the Ministers... if the CoM President dismisses a Minister, the decision would be automatic,"* explains Dodik. He concludes that the CoM will be expanded, certainly with the Agriculture Ministry and some other: *"I am afraid that the increase in number of politicians is unavoidable."*

<p>US ' Burns: Apprehension of Karadzic, Mladic remains main condition for BiH's accession to EU, NATO</p>	<p><b>FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3 'Agreement on changes to the Constitution necessary for BiH' – The United States will oppose BiH's admission to EU and NATO if BiH authorities do not apprehend <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b>, US Under Secretary for Political Affairs <b>Nicholas Burns</b> stated at the meeting titled "The Road from Dayton to Brussels: Ten Years After", which was organized by the US Institute for Peace in Washington. Talks on changes to the BiH constitution continued on Monday in US capital: although news agencies broadcasted that no progress has yet been made, Nicholas Burns believes that the participants will reach an agreement before the central ceremony of marking the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Peace Agreement, scheduled for Tuesday.</p>
<p>"Road from Dayton to Brussels – 10 years after" conference was held; HR Ashdown: BiH will have to work on reforms on a daily basis</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> cover pg splash 'Through changes to a better life' and pg 3 'Through changes to a better life of BiH citizens' by <u>S. Gojkovic</u> – The conference "Road from Dayton to Brussels – 10 years after" was held in Washington on the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing of the Dayton Agreement. HR <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> stated during the conference that BiH, on its path to Europe, will have to work on reforms with regard to constitutional matters on a daily basis and he added the last ten years of gradual adjustment of the Dayton Constitution was a reality in political life in BiH and '<i>one of the greatest achievements of the Dayton Agreement was that it had made this evolution within itself possible</i>'. Presidency member <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> stated during the conference that changes to BiH Constitution must offer solutions to mistakes that have been made and must enable development and journey of BiH to Europe without obstacles. '<i>We must find solutions that would foresee more functional and cheaper administration with fewer levels of authority</i>', Tihic added. <b>RHB</b> also reported on Tihic address.</p>

<p>HR Ashdown: BiH will have to deal with constitutional reforms on daily basis</p>	<p><b>Pink, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'Transform constitutional debate into a concrete benefit for the citizens', <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 15 'Benefits for citizens' by <u>Srna</u> – On its path to Europe, BiH will have to deal with reforms that touch on constitutional questions on a daily basis, High Representative <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> stated while addressing the participants at a conference in Washington. <i>"There is a reason why pensions and salaries in education and health departments are so low: a lot has been spent on bureaucracy and politics. BiH authorities, and not the International Community, should solve this problem. We are here not to alter Dayton, but to start the process that could last until the constitutional construction in BiH is modernized"</i>, said Ashdown.</p>
<p>Silajdzic: We don't any cosmetic changes</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Nothing spectacular will happen in Washington', mentioned on cover 'We don't need any cosmetic changes', by <u>H. Orahovac</u> – Founder of SBiH, <b>Haris Silajdzic</b>, stresses that <i>"our country doesn't need any cosmetic changes"</i>. He adds that nothing spectacular will happen in Washington, and explains that the SBiH has been advocating for the past year for BiH to be divided into regions on grounds of historic and economic conditions. <i>"Nobody or almost nobody mentions the issue of entities in a sense of their survival or abolishment, thus the whole thing looks bit unserious,"</i> concludes Silajdzic. <b>Hayat</b> also carried the statement.</p>



<p>Schwartz-Schilling supports super-structuring of Dayton</p>	<p><b>BHT, FTV, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Authority of state and municipalities should be strengthened' by <b>ONASA, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 7 'BiH is world recorder in number of ministers and cabinets' by <b>ONASA – Christian Schwartz Shilling</b>, German politician, who is the leading candidate for the position of the new HR to BiH, stated in a statement to daily <i>"Frankfurter Rundschau"</i> that the Dayton Peace Accords should be developed further in order to ensure wider authority for central state and municipalities, noting: <i>"On the other hand, administration should be clearer, lucid and more rationally organised in financial regard. There can hardly be another state in the world with so many ministers and cabinets as BiH. On long-term basis, neither tax payers nor international community can bear those costs."</i> According to inset 'International community is also culpable', Schilling said that the failure to apprehend <b>Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic</b> does not solely rest with <i>"those in BiH and Serbia preventing arrests, but also with the international community as well."</i></p>
<p>Boris Tadic opposes to one-sided changes of DA</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'We will oppose to one-sided changes' – <b>Boris Tadic</b>, Serbian President, Monday stated that as president of the state, who is signatory of the DA, he will oppose to one-sided decisions aimed at changing the BiH structure, including RS within it. He reiterated once more he supports maintenance of all the existing states within current borders.</p>

<p>Croatian President Mesic: Dayton must be changed</p>	<p><b>RHB</b> <u>Zeljko Matic</u> – Radio Herceg Bosna brings short interview with Croatian President <b>Stjepan Mesic</b>. <i>“Dayton Peace Agreement stopped the war in BiH, and that is the fact. But DPA did not prepare BiH to function as an organized country; therefore Dayton must now be build onto. How is it going to happen, how will three people reach an agreement – it is now up to them, but it is also up to the International Community to help solve this current situation, in which BiH totally relies on High Representative... But the HR will not be in BiH forever, he is there only for certain amount of time, and that is why the mechanisms must be created to enable that BiH function normally, and that in the same time entities do not act like states themselves...because they are not states”,</i> said Croatian President Stjepan Mesic.</p>
<p>VL’s source: Croats will not sign anything in Washington</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 3 ‘Tihic only conveyed position of his side clearer’, <u>not signed</u> – VL learns from an anonymous participant of the Washington talks that the position of the Croat negotiators is that nothing will be signed. The source adds that the Croats’ position is in principle close to the Bosniaks’ position regarding the need for thorough constitutional changes.</p>
<p>DL op-ed: Washington talks were destined to fail</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 ‘Sun is far away’, by <u>Sanja Bjelica</u> – Commenting on the Washington talks, <u>Bjelica</u> says it would have been nice to hear that BiH politicians reached an agreement on constitutional changes at the moment when the EU decided to give the green light to the start of the SAA talks with BiH, however <u>Bjelica</u> argues that the talks were destined to failure even before they started because the BiH politicians have completely different positions. To make matters worse, stresses the author, the saddest thing is that 70% of the population in BiH would like to fortify the national divisions in BiH on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DPA.</p>

VL op-ed: New BiH Constitution should enable forming of just society in BiH	<b>Vecernji List</b> , pg 2 'New Constitution', by <u>Friar Iko Skoko</u> – The author notes that whatever the outcome of the Washington talks, one has to believe that the new BiH Constitution should set BiH in motion that will lead us to building of a just society based on true dialogue and which will observe historical, cultural, lingual and other differences among the peoples in BiH.
Alessandro D'Enrico new Nuncio in BiH	<b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 'D'Enrico is new Nuncio in BiH' by <u>KTA</u> – The Holy See announced that <b>Pope Benedict XVI</b> has appointed <b>Alessandro D'Enrico</b> to the position of the new Nuncio in BiH.

<b>Crime/Terrorism/Security/Legal Proceedings</b>	
DL's source: Foreign governments do not want Mladic to end up in The Hague	<b>Dnevni List</b> , pg 7 'Mladic unavailable to Serb authorities', by <u>T. Pervan</u> – Learns from a senior, anonymous member of <b>Vuk Draskovic's</b> party (SP0) that <b>Ratko Mladic</b> is using a network of apartments and houses to hide himself, that his health is in bad condition and that he (source) does not believe Mladic would give himself up. The source goes on to say that Mladic is not in position to decide whether to turn himself in or not, because it is the other countries' governments and secret services that are deciding about it since they do not want to see Mladic in The Hague because he is a dangerous witness for many in the world, more dangerous than <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> . The source clarifies he was told these information during a recent stay in Moscow, where he also learned that Serbian authorities are not in contact with Mladic, however they (Serbian authorities) are in talks with other fugitives.

<p>DL feature on situation in BiH SBS: More staff needed</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 8 'Members of SBS do not pass checks', by <u>Dario Pusic</u> – The BiH Ministry of Security and State Border Service (SBS) have sent the Joint Commission of BiH Parliament in charge of security and defence policy and surveillance over defence and security structures a report on the state of affairs in the SBS. The main complaint of the report is that SBS needs more staff given the length of the BiH borders. Regarding the issue of checking of SBS staff, the Commission Chairman <b>Bosko Siljegovic</b> reminds of a recent case when an SBS official was killed by his fellow colleague, adding that the Commission will ask for a special report about how it is possible that someone is hired without completing medical and others tests.</p>
<p>VL interview: Prosecutor McNair happy with his achievements</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 7 'I believe Jelavic will serve sentence in BiH', mentioned on front 'I hope Jelavic will do time in BiH', by <u>Zdenko Jurilj</u> – Carries an interview with Prosecutor <b>John McNair</b> of the BiH Prosecution's Special Department for Organized Crime and Corruption in which he notes that he is satisfied with the work his Department has accomplished in last two and half years. Among other claims, McNair argues that foreign judges and prosecutors should be dealing with organized crime related cases in the next two years, whilst when it comes to war crimes cases, McNair believes that foreign judges and prosecutors should be involved in the next four years.</p>

<p>One-month detention given to two persons arrested Friday on suspicion of being connected with terrorism</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Detention set to Bajric and Ikanovic' by <u>M.Cubro</u> – Daily learns at BiH Court that this Court has assigned one-month detention to <b>Almir Bajric</b> from Sarajevo and <b>Bajro Ikanovic</b> from Bratunac, who were arrested Friday under suspicion of being connected with the two previously arrested persons <b>Mirsad Bektasevic</b> and <b>Cesur Abdulkadir</b> (detained on suspicion of having prepared terrorist attack). Source close to investigation says that Bajric and Ikanovic are suspected of having prepared attack against persons under international protection. According to inset 'Swedish prosecutor questioning Bektasevic', announced on cover the Swedish Prosecutor, <b>Tomas Lindstrand</b>, has arrived to Sarajevo Monday in order to question Mirsad Bektasevic, the Swedish citizen.</p> <p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 6, mentioned on front 'Swedish prosecutor comes to question suspects', by <u>Erna Mackic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 45 'Custody for suspects', by <u>Valentina Rupcic</u> also covered the issue.</p>
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<p>Bogdan Vasic, sentenced for illicit trading in narcotics, arrested at Croatia border during “rehabilitation treatment”</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 ‘Arrested during attempted flight from BiH, announced on cover ‘Bogdan Vasic arrested during his attempted flight from BiH’ by <u>A.Sisic</u> – Daily learns from several sources that <b>Bogdan Vasic</b>, sentenced to 4.5 years prison term for illicit trading in narcotics, was arrested at the border with Croatia on 26 October during the attempted flight from BiH. Croatian police arrested Vasic, who was on “two-month rehabilitation treatment after spine operation”, decision signed by Banja Luka Prison Warden <b>Pero Dunjic</b>. The investigative judge of Zupanija Court in Vukovar questioned Vasic, after which he was placed in 40-day extradition detention. <b>Nenad Seleda</b>, judge for pre-trial proceedings, Monday stated that BiH Court has already filed a motion with Croatian authorities for extradition of Vasic, adding: <i>“It is interesting that Vasic was arrested on the basis of wanted warrant issued by Brcko District Court for separate case. However, BiH Court has taken over that file.”</i> _</p>
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## Economic/Social Affairs

<p>Unions want three different VAT rates</p>	<p><b>Pink, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni List</b>, pg 6  ‘Three VAT rates requested’, <u>not signed</u> –  The Confederation of BiH Trade Unions asked BiH Council of Ministers Chairman, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, RS Prime Minister, <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>, and FBiH Prime Minister, <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b>, to adopt a social programme as soon as possible. Confederation of BiH Trade Unions believes that three different rates of Value Added Tax should be introduced at the beginning of 2006. According to <b>Cedo Volas</b>, the leader of Trade Union’s Confederation, the VAT on basic life groceries should not be more than five percent, 17 percent on other goods, and 25 percent on luxury items.</p>
<p>Peljesac bridge endangers signing of dual citizenship agreement between BiH and Croatia</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 4, mentioned on front  ‘Peljesac bridge undermines Agreement on dual citizenship’, by <u>Zdenko Jurilj</u> –  According to VL, the issue of building of the Peljesac bridge could endanger the signing of the Agreement on dual citizenship between Croatia and BiH that is supposed to be signed by end of 2005. VL notes that by judging information coming from officials of various institutions of BiH, the signing will not take place because the construction of the Peljesac bridge has opened new conflicts between the two countries.</p>

<p>Activities on establishing of BiH Public Procurement Agency were launched</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Director officially took over the duty' by <u>A. S.</u> – Activities on establishing of the Agency for Public Procurement officially started on Monday after the decision of BiH CoM on the appointment of Director and members of the Steering Board of the Agency was published in the "Official Gazette". The Agency Director, <b>Djinita Foco</b>, stated she would assume her duties in the next several days.</p>
<p>TI: new Law on audit services must be adopted, Public Procurement Law must be implemented</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Auditors setting off the alarm' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u> – Transparency International on Monday warned it was necessary to adopt a new Law on audit services and also warned the BiH Public Procurement Law must be consistently implemented.</p>



<p>Provisional Administration of PB ES wins a suit against SDS before Sokolac Basic Court</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5, announced on cover 'SDS must pay BAM 1.7 million to PB ES' by <u>A.Sisic</u> – Daily learns that Sokolac Basic Court has reached a ruling in favour of Provisional Administration of Privredna Banka East Sarajevo (PB ES) according to which SDS must pay the amount of BAM 1.7 million to PB ES and accompanying judicial costs. Ruling has been passed on the basis of suit Temporary Administrator <b>Toby Robinson</b> filed upon debt of "Spekta" company towards PB ES. The ruling explains that it was provide SDS is a founder of "state company Spekta" seated in Pale. <b>Mladen Bosic</b>, SDS Vice President, was not aware of Sokolac Basic Court verdict, adding: <i>"If it were true, we will file a complain since ruling is not grounded on existing legislation."</i></p>
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