OHR BiH Media Round-up, 22/4/2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
BIH HoR session	BiH HoR in session	Bank robbery in Mostar
HR in RSNA	RS National Assembly in session	BiH HoR in session
Matijasevic on police reform	Ivanic on Manjaca/Bileca events	BiH HoR rejects draft law on PBS
FBIH Government session	NATO to discuss Manjaca events	HR on events in Manjaca and Bileca

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
OHR on report on Manjaca events	BiH HoR in session	HR on Police Reform in RS NA
HR on police reform	HR addressed RSNA/police reform	RS NA in session
HR on report on Srebrenica	RSNA on police restructuring	HR on Bileca/Manjaca events
Carla del Ponte on the ICTY	Additional information on Srebrenica	Report on workgroup on Srebrenica

Oslobodjenje	Police represents the last obstacle on BiH’s road to EU
Dnevni Avaz	Dangerous illusions of politicians in RS
Dnevni List	Alarm in Mostar underground! (prostitute safeguarded by Police)
Vecernji List	Mostar: Police safeguards prostitute in hospital

Slobodna Dalmacija	Pope: Church will not suffocate Medjugorje
Glas Srpske	Walking on legislative ice
Nezavisne Novine	Robbers have stolen more than 40,000 KM
Blic	Features Serbia-related headlines
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia-related headlines
Srpski Nacional	Rebellion of Serbs in the Hague (refers to alleged conflicts amongst ICTY prisoners)
Slobodna Bosna	Kusturica vs. Imamovic, Tanovic
Dani	Swearing in [refers to Manjaca/Bileca swearing in ceremonies

Police Reform

HR Ashdown addressed RSNA on police reform	**RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, Oslobodjenje** cover page, pgs 4-5 'Police represents the last obstacle on BiH's road to EU' Orijana Vukovic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Dodik: Majority thinks like recruits in bileca and Manjaca', **Dnevni List** pg 4 'Next week crucial for police reform' by NINA, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'New Constitution for European standards' by BS, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 12 'Historical turning point' by A. Macanovic– HR **Paddy Ashdown** addressed the RS National Assembly (RSNA) on Thursday stating that in case of non-acceptance of EU standards on police organization and functioning BiH and RS would be left behind integration processes and isolated. Ashdown emphasized that "*there is no hidden agenda in police reform*". He added that "*police reform is not an assault against RS*", nor "*secret plan prepared for abolishment of entities*". Ashdown stressed that many polled citizens of BIH are for the police reform. **Milorad Dodik,** SNSD leader, said that this wouldn't be that last reform and regardless of all the reforms citizens in RS share same opinion as soldiers participating in Manjaca/Bileca events. RS Minister of Interior (MoI) **Darko Matijasevic** present the RS Government potion on police reform reiterating that RS MoI should continue having the legal jurisdiction over police in the entire RS territory. HR left the session emphasizing that he will accept any adopted conclusion but warning MPs to carefully consider all the options since they were going to bear the consequences. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4, announced on cover 'BiH is facing a decision: either EU or isolation' by V. Popovic – carries HR address to RS NA, as well as statements of SNSD's **Milorad Dodik** ('*police reform is actually reform of BiH Constitution*') and RS Interior Minister **Darko Matijasevic** re information on activities in police restructuring and RS Government's conclusions. **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'On the expense of the Constitution' not signed – also carries statements of Matijasevic and Dodik. **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'There is no secret conspiracy' not signed, **EuroBlic** pg RS2 'EU will not beg BiH' by Rajna Radosavljevic – carry HR's address to RS NA. _ **RTRS** Report by Gordana Cimesa – HR **Paddy Ashdown** addressed the RS National Assembly (RS NA) on Thursday stating that RS EU stating that "*there is no hidden agenda in police reform*". HR added that "*there is no plot to open up by clandestine means to question the constitution reform*" and that "*police reform is not an assault against RS*", nor "*secret conspiracy prepared for abolishment of entities*". Paddy Ashdown stressed that many polled citizens of BIH are for the police reform. **Milan Lazic** MP from SRS "Vojislav Seselj" asked HR why he was against referendum of RS citizens on police reform. "*I cannot stop you having the referendum, but I think that everybody that irresponsible calls for referendum in BIH, given its history, is playing a very dangerous game*" replied HR Paddy Ashdown. **Milorad Dodik** from SNSD said that this wouldn't be that last reform and regardless to the reforms citizens in RS share same opinion as soldiers in Manjaca/Bileca events. **Borisalv Bojic** from SDS said "*this is the year when we are going to decide on the status of RS*". **Tarik Sadovic** asked HR if EU standards are possible without constitutional changes. "*I don't believe you can, now*" replied Ashdown. RS Minister of Interior (MoI) **Darko Matijasevic** reiterated that RS MoI should still have the legal jurisdiction over RS territory. HR left the session emphasizing that he will accept any adopted conclusion but warning MPs to carefully think over the options since they are going to bear the consequences. "*Maybe they all hope that the positive solution will be reached on Vlasic without TV cameras, but we should hope that they will not surprise public as with the changed text for the solemn oath*" underlined RTRS reporter.RS President **Dragan Cavic** did not want to comment. **FTV** – RS National Assembly (RSNA) representatives on Thursday were discussing the information delivered by the RS Government on the police restructuring in BiH. Serb and Bosniak representatives' positions on this issue are quite opposite, reports FTV. SPRS representative, **Dragutin Skrebic**, stated that the High Representative, **Paddy Ashdown**'s address to the RSNA on Thursday sounded like "take it or leave it". Skrebic believes that Ashdown already promised to someone in Brussels that police reform would be adopted in the way presented in the so-called "white book". RS parties' representatives in the RSNA are of opinion that police needs to be more efficient and relieved from political influence, but that reform needs to be implemented in accordance with constitutional regulations. SDA Representative, **Dzevad Husic**, welcomed the Police Reform Commission's report.

RSNA adopts conclusions on police reform	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Reforms within the frame of Constitution', **FENA** – The RS National Assembly on Thursday evening requested from the Entity Government to prepare/propose the final concept for police reform in RS and BiH and forward it to the National Assembly for adoption. After a long discussion on police reform in BiH, the representatives adopted the Government's Report on activities on police restructuring in BiH with conclusions, and emphasized that they represent the basis for dialogue on police reform and offer an opportunity for compromise in seeking the solutions for all participating parties. The RS Parliament once again reiterated its support for reform of the BiH security system, including the necessity of restructuring the police forces in line with the standards of the European Union and within the frameworks of the BiH and RS Constitutions. The Government in its conclusions supported the continuation of talks on restructuring of the security system and police reform within the frameworks of the BiH Constitution and the RS Constitution.
Ashdown: Some do not understand how serious Europe is about police reform	**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash 'Dangerous illusions of politicians in RS', pg 5 'Illusions of politicians in RS are dangerous' by Sead Numanovic – In an interview to DA given after trip to Banja Luka where he address the RSNA on the issue of police reform, the HR **Paddy Ashdown** says *"there are still people who do not realize how serious Europe is about [police reform]"* calling it a dangerous illusion. The only way out is a compromise to be reached between all sides, says Ashdown noting that European Commission was very clear stating that he as the HR cannot solve this issue. "*I am certain that at this moment all sides are trying to ensure clear starting positions for negotiations, and that is a normal thing… If what is being said now is a starting point, than the agreement can be reached. If these are final attitudes that cannot be negotiated, there is no compromise, than I am afraid compromise cannot be reached,"* concludes Ashdown noting it is difficult to be optimist about upcoming Vlasic talks.
DA op-ed on police reform: Cavic and Matijasevic hold destiny of BiH in their hands	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'Entities police forces or road to Europe?' op-ed by Edina Sarac – Editorial refers to the HR **Paddy Ashdown**'s address to the RS National Assembly saying that RS President **Dragan Cavic** and RS Interior Minister, **Darko Matijasevic**, hold the future and destiny of BiH and its citizens in their hands. Author notes that the 'optimal solution according to Matijasevic' would include not only RS MoI, but also keeping the state control over police which basically would mean that everything would stay same. Editorial further claims that Cavic and Matijasevic want to achieve something different, that is to block BiH's path to EU as long as SCG joins. Thus, author notes that the project of "*All Serbs in one state*" according to which SCG supports resistance in RS: "*Once the international community realizes that [RS] doesn't give up, they will let [RS] separate and [SCG] will give them Kosovo in return*." However, editorial notes that while this may be their intention the conditions are not anything like in 1992 and thus the only solution is abolishment of entity's police and MoI.
Bukejlovic: police reform will be agreed upon on Vlasic	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Bukejlovic: A reform will be agreed upon on Vlasic' not signed – RS PM **Pero Bukejlovic** has stated that it is possible to find a compromise solution on police reform without having to change Constitutions of RS and BiH. Bukejlovic said he hopes forthcoming negotiations on Vlasic would result in agreements on police reform. '*A compromise must be made in accordance with all three pre-requisites of the European Commission and I think it is possible to achieve this in frame of the existing Constitutions in BiH*', Bukejlovic emphasized. **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'There is space for an agreement' not signed – carries the same report.
Dnevni Avaz: Party for BiH supports five police regions	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'Due to multiethnic character only option is five regions' by M. Kukan – Member of Party for BiH's Presidency, **Gavrilo Grahovac**, says that the party insist on establishment of five police regions as only such organization ensures that the *"police administration have jurisdiction over territorial which are entirely of multiethnic character."* Those regions, says Grahovac, should be: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla, Mostar and Zenica.
NHI, HSS, HSP Djapic-Jurisic and HNZ in favour of 9+Sarajevo	**Vecernji List** pg 3 '9 regions plus Sarajevo' by mv carries that representatives of the NHI, HSS, HSP Djapic-Jurisic and HNZ concluded at their third meeting held in Sarajevo that within the police reform there should be 9 police regions plus Sarajevo. They also agreed that this solution is the best solution for BiH, the Croat people and security of all citizens.

SB: SIPA to stay without leadership if CoM fails to appoint Director today	**Slobodna Bosna** pgs 6-7 'Ashdown want to keep Sredoje Novic, Barisa Colak insists for Croat to be a director' by S. Mijatovic – SB writes that unless the BiH Council of Ministers appoints new Director of the State Information and Protection Agency [SIPA], today [22 April], the agency will be official without the leadership as of Monday. Namely, mandate of current SIPA Director, **Sredoje Novic**, expires on 23 April and the Law on Ministerial Appointments doesn't allow appointment of the Acting Director. According to the source close to the BiH Council of Ministers, the top candidates for are Sredoje Novic, **Dragan Lukac** and **Sead Lisak**. SB says that while OHR prefers Novic, BiH Security Minister, **Barisa Colak**, insists that Croat takes up the position.

Defence

HR says incidents in RS Army barracks has to be solved by domestic institutions	**BHT** Boris Gagic – The High Representative, **Paddy Ashdown**, stated in Banjaluka on Thursday that domestic institutions have to do everything in order to investigate/solve the incidents that occurred during the oath-taking ceremony in RS Army barracks in Manjaca and Bileca. Ashdown said this isn't an obligation of International Community. RS Government has been announced that they still investigate this case and they do not point out who is responsible for events that took place in Manjaca and Bileca on April 16. *"I believe the report of RS Ministry of Defence on events in RS barracks is correct, and the content of that report is known in public"*, said RS Prime Minister, **Pero Bukejlovic**. *"The report does not contain the names of individuals who are responsible or could be responsible for this situation"*, said BiH Minister of Defence, **Nikola Radovanovic.** But this report contains the statement of a great number of individuals who had the certain role in that process, added Radovanovic. The investigation in order to establish the individual responsibility will be continued. **RTRS**, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Ashdown: RS authorities must react' by A. Sisic and D. Raduski also covered the issue/HR statement.

FTV: Still no information on responsible persons for incidents in Manjaca and Bileca	**FTV** Sinan Saric – Day after BiH Ministry of Defence (MoD) received from the RS MoD on Wednesday the report on the investigation into incidents during military oath-taking ceremonies in Manjaca and Bileca on April 16, there is no information on responsible persons. This report isn't available to journalists, but it is not the secret that this report does not contain names of the responsible persons, comments FTV. Instead, RS MioD demand adoption of the policies and guidelines that would regulate measures to be undertaken in situations like this. There is no a rulebook on military discipline at the State level, and the RS MoD is calling on this after incidents in Manjaca and Bileca. Defence Reform Commission Co-Chair, **Raffi Gregiorian**, sees as unacceptable such scandal to occur in a front of generals. *"Based on this report, it could be concluded that responsible persons are not from military structures. Still, that does not explain why this wasn't prevented,"* said Gregorian.
FTV: No comments by BiH Presidency members on Manjac/Bileca incidents	**FTV** – BiH Presidency member, **Sulejman Tihic**, still didn't receive the report on the investigation into incidents during military oath-taking ceremonies in Manjaca and Bileca on April 16. BiH Ministry of Defence forwarded this report to the BiH Presidency. FTV also didn't manage to get the comment on these incidents from the office of the BiH Presidency Chair, **Borislav Paravac**.

NATO says events in Manjaca, Bileca not helping BiH, notes progress in coop. w/ ICTY	**BHT, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Sheffer condemned the behaviour of RS recruits' by S.N. – NATO's General Secretary, **Jaap de Hoop Sheffer**, stated on Thursday in Vilnius that the events alike those recent ones that took place in Manjaca and Bileca cannot contribute to BiH's efforts to join Partnership for Peace program. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'A positive progress in coopertaion with Tribunal in the Balkans' by BETA also covered the issue. **Oslobodjenje** pg 10 'Without detailed comments on the investigation on swearing-in ceremonies' by A. Prlenda – Source from NATO stated that the Alliance also noted RS' improved cooperation with the ICTY, but continued to stress that the key condition to join PfP is apprehension of **Karadzic** and **Mladic**. As for the reports submitted by the RS Defence Ministry, daily brings that NATO stated that report is still being analysed; BiH Defence Ministry awaits for the reactions from other authorized institutions and says **Nikola Radovanovic** could make statement on the report on Friday, while OHR says that BiH Defence Ministry and NATO are in charge of this.

DL: 'NATO demands highest possible standards from Balkan leaders'	**Dnevni List** pg 21 'NATO demands highest possible standards from Balkan leaders' not signed carries that the Permanent NATO-Russia Council met in Vilnius on Thursday and, among other things, the Council discussed the situation in the western Balkans, especially in Kosovo. One of the conclusions of the meeting was that the highest possible standards should be demanded from the Balkans leaders when the treatment of minorities, respecting of international obligations, including full cooperation with the ICTY, regional cooperation and confidence building are in question.

Political Developments

BiH HoR not discussed nomination of Croat member of the Presidency	**RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Covic's successor to be elected on May 5' – BiH House of Representatives (HoR) has not discussed nomination of the new Croat member of the BiH Presidency at Thursday's session. It is confirmed that this issue would probable be discussed at the session on 4 or 5 of May. HDZ Presidency will most likely nominate its candidate for this position until then. *"HDZ Presidency have enough of time to held a session until than and nominate its candidate,"* said HDZ representative, **Vinko Zoric**. Inset 'Deputies request for session with OHR' – The majority in the House pointed out at a need to hold a special session to discuss relations between OHR and domestic institutions. HR **Paddy Ashdown** should be invited to attend the session. **Dnevni List**, pgs 2-3 'Election of successor to Covic by May 4', by Danka Polovina Mandic, **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'New member of BiH Presidency by May 5 the latest', by eme, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'HDZ does not give up on three ethnic channels' also reported on the session.

DL, SD: Different positions regarding Covic successor within HDZ	**Dnevni List**, pgs 2-3 'Different positions of HDZ people', not signed – Carries reactions of several senior HDZ officials to the issue of replacement for **Dragan Covic** in the BiH Presidency. An MP in the BiH HoR, **Ivo Miro Jovic**, told the press that they (HDZ) maintained the position of the HDZ Main Board that the BiH Parliament should hold a plenary session, after which the HDZ would nominate a candidate. *"The HDZ Caucus* (in the BiH HoR) *did not say a word about a candidate because it is a job for the HDZ Presidency and it will determine our candidate"*, says Jovic. On the other hand his party colleague **Vinko Zoric**, (MP, BiH HoR) stresses the party will come up with a name of a candidate at the next session of BiH HoR. DL also carries a member of HDZ Presidency, **Josip Merdzo**, as expecting that the HDZ Presidency could soon schedule a new session *"because it is clear that the partners in authority are rejecting to hold a plenary session. It is a new fact that requires the party Presidency to declare itself"*. **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 12 'HDZ members give up on forwarding candidacy under pressure', by Blanka Magas – Carries Zoric as saying that unless the HDZ Presidency nominates a candidate by the next session of the BiH HoR, a candidate will be nominated by the HDZ Caucus irrespective of the position of the HDZ Presidency.

DL: Covic to assume full control of HDZ in Canton 7	**Dnevni List**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'After the Mostar City Board, Covic takes over HDZ in canton too', by Zvonimir Jukic – The daily argues that **Dragan Covic** will assume the control of the HDZ in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton today, when the cantonal board of the HDZ is to meet and elect its new leadership. DL argues that Covic has appointed people loyal to him to the said board in order to gain the full control of the party in the canton, the same way it was done in the Mostar City Board of HDZ.

BiH HoR on PBS: HDZ still requests for a Croat TV channel	**BHT, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'HDZ does not give up on three ethnic channels', **Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'HDZ requests for a Croat TV channel', **Dnevni List**, pg 5 'Take care of Constitution when making report on RTV system', by NINA, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'The Law on public RTV system was sent back to procedure' by N. N. – Draft Law on Public Broadcasting system is returned to the Parliament's Commission for Transport and Communications for further consideration with guidelines adopted by the BiH HoR at its session on Thursday. These guidelines instruct Commission to take into consideration BiH Constitution provisions, international regulations in the human rights field and peoples' right on use of their language, but also they instructed Commission to consider the European Commission's and Peace Implementation Council's standings in relation to this draft law. 20 days are given to this Commission to fulfill this task. Problem is the HDZ's standing that this law should regulate existence of one public broadcasting company with three (ethnic channels) channels.

Ivanic addresses OSCE council in Vienna on status of reforms in BiH	**BHT, FTV, Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'Decision on start of BiH's talks with EU to be made in May', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Future BiH membership in NATO leads to strengthening of the stability in the region', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 8 'Decision on negotiations of BiH with EU in May' by Beta – Future membership of BiH in the Partnership for Peace and the start of talks on the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU will lead towards the strengthening of peace and stability in the region, BiH Foreign Affairs Minister **Mladen Ivanic** said in his address to the OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna on Thursday. He underlined results achieved in the defence reform process last year and also mentioned 54 laws harmonized with European laws in past two years. Commenting on the incidents that occurred during oath-taking ceremony of the RS recruits in Manjaca and Bileca, Ivanic described this as unwelcome event, which damaged BIH international reputation. **Pink** carried Ivanic's comment on Manjaca/Bileca incidents.

NN op-ed on BiH's road to EU, HR Ashdown: Europe is just a dream	**Nezavisne Novine** op-ed pg 7 'Europe is just a dream' by Slavo Kukic – The author addresses to HR **Paddy Ashdown**, adding that BiH has always been a black hole in the Balkans. The author notes that everything in BiH is in contradiction with everything in Europe, including failures of authority to implement constitutional decisions, many laws, etc. Kukic tells Ashdown: "*Dear Paddy, the Europeans are naïve persons. Because with the political concept which you have brought on power, the only tendency is towards abyss and further division and destabilization. Of both, the state where you hold court and the region surrounding it. Anyway, you can see by yourself what your jokers are doing to us. The truth is you indeed exert pressure for adoption of a law, just because of the report you are to present to European parliamentarians. And by doing that, my impression is that you do not care at all what sort of law has been enacted. And what solutions it contains.*"

BiH Minister Halilovic meets with PDHR Butler	**Oslobodjenje** pg 4 'To accelerate privatization process in BiH', **Dnevni List** pg 6 'To speed up adoption of law on medicines' by NINA – The BiH Minister of Civil Affairs, **Safet Halilovic**, and the Principal Deputy High Representative, **Larry Butler**, talked on Thursday about the current situation in BiH and they agreed that it was necessary to speed up activities with regard to adoption of the law on medicines and establishment of the agency for medicines at the state level. Since the working group in charge of this issue failed to do this job because of different position of the entities, it was proposed that the Ministry of Civil Affairs completes this task. Also, Halilovic and Butler discussed the privatization process and both of them agreed that the process needed to speed up.

VL: US professor Butler on solution for BiH	**Vecernji List**, pgs 2-3 'Referendum for Constitution', by Milan Sutalo – Reports that professor of international relations at the Virginia Tech University, **Gerard Toal**, stated during his testimony before the US Congress on the topic entitled 'Bosnia and Herzegovina – unfinished job' that the Dayton Peace Accord has evolved from the formula for peace into untenable bureaucratic structure of authority that suffocates the country. Professor Toal, who has apparently been researching BiH related issues for past ten years, believes that the solution is in constitutional changes, which would start with a referendum on the *"new constitutional convention"*. According to VL, *"the voters would vote whether they approve of establishment of constitutional convention, which would be under supervision of the EU, and which would enact a new constitution that would prepare Bosnia and Herzegovina for entering the EU"*.

War Crimes/Legal Proceedings

HR Ashdown asked for additional information from RS authorities: RS Government is responsible for Srebrenica report	**BHT, Pink, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'RS Government is responsible for Srebrenica report' by A. Sekulic and D. Raduski – HR **Paddy Ashdown** Thursday stated that the RS Government will be responsible for results of the Srebrenica Work Group, from which he had requested some additional information upon Srebrenica report. '*RS PM agreed that this must be brought to an end and they have taken the obligation to do so and the responsibility is surely on RS Government*', HR Ashdown has stated. HR has asked from RS PM **Pero Bukejlovic** to deliver names of 200 members of a special police unit that was under the command of Hague indictee **Ljubomir Borovcanin**, as well as names of members of a military troop from Zvornik and names of persons who worked at then Zvornik police station. RS PM Bukejlovic has stated that the work on improvement of the report will be continued, in order to reply to demands of HR. He thinks it is not true that the Srebrenica Work Group had not done its work well and he added: '*It is true that, when we were considering the report at a session of the Government, we have noticed there were some lacks in data we have received from RS MoI and RS Defense Ministry*'. RS Interior Minister **Darko Matijasevic** has stated that the RS MoI is absolutely ready to deliver all information important for the completion of the work of Srebrenica Work Group. RS Defense Ministry Spokesperson **Branko Trkulja** has said the Ministry and RS Army have fulfilled all demands Srebrenica Commission has set before them and they have delivered all the documentation that had been asked for. Chairman of the Work Group for the implementation of Srebrenica report conclusions, **Jovan Spajic**, has stated they were waiting for a decision of the Government on possible convening of the Work Group. '*The moment we are invited, the Srebrenica Work Group will start with its work*', Spajic added. **EuroBlic** pg RS3 'Data of MoI are missing in Srebrenica report' by R. R. carries a similar report.

RS PM Bukejlovic: Facts on Srebrenica must be determined	**Pink, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'Facts on Srebrenica must be determined' – RS Prime Minister **Pero Bukejlovic** stated on Thursday that the government will try to establish the facts and answer the questions of High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** with regard to the Srebrenica report. Bukejlovic told reporters in Banja Luka that, while discussing the report, the government had noticed certain flaws, as well as a lack of some information from the Interior Ministry and the Defence Ministry of the RS, but that one must consider the time when those events were taking place and the complexity of the work of the Srebrenica commission. Commenting on Ashdown's objection that the report of the commission did not have the names of the people from the unit of Ljubomir Borovcanin, a Zvornik troop of the RS Army, and the members of the then Zvornik police station, Bukejlovic said that the information had not been accessible when the report was being written.
Mostar: Police safeguarding people traffic witness	**Vecernji List**, front pg splash 'Mostar: Police safeguards prostitute in hospital', and pg 23 'Police safeguards victim of human trafficking in hospital', by Robert Soldo, **Dnevni List**, front pg splash and pgs 4-5 'Alarm in Mostar underground!', by Investigative Team – One **Marijana M.** (age 29) , a prostitute from western Bosnia working in Mostar, was taken to the Mostar Infectious Diseases Clinic on Wednesday night. Apparently, she was diagnosed with pneumonia, however she has been tested for other diseases too, including AIDS. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5, annoucned on cover 'A girl hospitalised in Mostar on suspicion of AIDS infection' by V.Coric also covered the issue. **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 22 'Witness in pimping case in hospital', by T. Zoric – The Canton 7 Interior Ministry confirmed that the person in question has been protected at order coming from the BiH Prosecution. The BiH Prosecution says she is a witness related to people trafficking in BiH.

Dokic's complaint rejected by HJPC; OHR says Dokic should consider resignation	**RHB, BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List** pg 6 'HJPC rejected Dokic's complaint' by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Complaint that Minister Dokic filed against Banja Luka Prosecution rejected' by D. Pasic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Complaint of Branko Dokic was rejected', announced on cover 'OHR: Dokic should consider resignation' by P. Klincov – HJPC has rejected a complaint **Branko Dokic** has filed upon the indictment Banja Luka Regional Prosecutor's Office had brought against him. HJPC Chairman **Branko Peric** has stated the Office of Disciplinary Prosecutor had considered relevant evidence and concluded the investigation in this case had been conducted in a legal and professional manner. Inset 'OHR: Dokic should consider resignation' quotes OHR Spokesperson **Oleg Milisic**as saying OHR expects from persons that are at executive posts to resign in case an indictment is brought against them. '*Minister Branko Dokic should consider steps he would take in the interest of the institution he represents*', Milisic said. **Sarajevo dailies** also covered the issue.

Banja Luka : Posters criticizing Ashdown's non-attendance at Jasenovac anniversary	**RTRS, Vecernji List** pg 4 'Posters criticizing Ashdown' by B.S., **EuroBlic** pg RS3, announced on cover 'Posters versus Ashdown' by R.R., **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'The invitation got lost', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Ashdown greeted with insulting posters' – The posters with insulting message against HR **Paddy Ashdown** appeared in Banja Luka center Thursday morning. Unknown persons complain Ashdown for not having "paid tributes to victims of Jasenovac". The posters also say that HR to BiH "*has paid tributes to fascist **Alija Izetbegovic,** and failed to pay tributes to victims of fascism*". The text was written in Cyrillic. Ashdown Thursday stated that he did not attend the commemoration of victims because he either did not get it or the invitation card was lost, adding: "*I am of the view that commemoration to Jasenovac victims should have been hold on one, not two separate places – difference should not be placed between victims, including commemoration ceremony.*" Banja Luka police stated that posters would be removed and investigation on this is ongoing. Both **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 and **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 also reported on the issue.

PDP demands a commission for determining truth on Serb sufferings in Sarajevo during the war to be established	**Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Silence about Sarajevo' by N.Z., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'To establish Commission to investigate crimes committed in Sarajevo' by N.K., **EuroBlic** pg RS2 'PDP is for the Commission' by D. S. – The Municipal Boards and Council of Youth of PDP from East Sarajevo on Thursday supported the initiative of **Mladen Ivanic,** PDP President, regarding establishment of the Commission in charge of establishing the truth about Sarajevo events in period from 1992 to 1995. The commission should investigate crimes committed against Serbs, Croats, Bosniaks, Jews and others. **Mladjenka Dragas,** East Stari Grad Assembly Speaker, stressed that although both houses of BiH Parliament has reached conclusions regarding this issue, **Adnan Terzic,** BiH COM Chair, is obstructing this initiative. She added: "*If RS has supported the establishment and work of the Commission for Srebrenica, what may be Terzic's motive not to allow the establishment of this Commission.*" She also could not understand the reasons why HR **Paddy Ashdown** has not so far said a word about this issue.

Poplasen, Dodik and Dokic on background of indictments against local politicians: Justice or politics	**Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Justice or politics' by N.Diklic – The article deals with possible background of indictments against local politicians. **Nikola Poplasen,** Professor at Banja Luka Law Faculty, says that the indictments against officials have become a sort of "*removal of political opponents from public life and a method of blackmail of officials, used to make them to implement orders from their superiors. The IC stands behind a majority of those indictments, as a foreign mentor of some politicians.*" He brings the example of this saying that at the time he was RS President six years ago, he rejected request of Ambassadors of UK and USA to appoint **Milorad Dodik** RS Premier because of his involvement in crime. Shortly afterwards, **Carlos Westendorp** removed him from positions, and it turned out indictment against Dodik is published. **Milorad Dodik** says that: "*The IC is obviously involved in everything. It is obvious it supports the concept of blackmails and pressures.*" **Branko Dokic** says that the destruction of legal, economic and political system after the war has resulted in present events, i.e. having some of former officials before Courts.

Economic/Social Issues	
DL: BiH to lift trade measures against Croatia	**Dnevni List**, pg 7, mentioned on front 'Croatian products without custom tariffs again', by Mensud Zorlak – According to DL's sources in the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, BiH Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, **Dragan Doko**, will during today's (Friday) talks with the Croatian Minister of Agriculture, **Petar Cobankovic**, give in to Cobankovic's requests and cancel the announcement of introduction of full customs tariffs on Croatian products.

Terzic with Macedonian President Crvenkovski on economic relations	**Dnevni List** pg 4 'To improve economic cooperation between BiH and Macedonia' by NINA, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Adnan Terzic in Macedonia' by D. Pasic– During the talks between the Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, **Adnan Terzic**, and Macedonian President, **Branko Crvenkovski**, which was held in Ohrid on Thursday, it was stressed that it was necessary to improve economic cooperation between BiH and Macedonia. They also talked about the situation in the region and it was stressed that it was necessary to use the possibilities the Free Trade Agreement offered.

BL University Professor Popovic: property laws brought by HR were in conflict with RS Law on Obligation Relations	**Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Walking on legislative ice' by S. Mi. – The article refers to the property laws, brought by former High Representative **Carlos Westendorph,** and reads he had created a "legislative ice" that is still causing troubles to people who have exchanged their property between 1992 and 1998. The article reads many people have been evicted out on streets thanks to the implementation of the laws. '*Usually, Serb refugees from Croatia have suffered damage, because they have exchanged their property with Croats and Bosniaks from RS. The latter have been reinstated to their property here and often they have kept the property in Croatia as well'*, the article reads. Professor at Banja Luka Faculty of Laws **Vitomir Popovic** claims the provisions of the High Representatives are in conflict with the Law on Obligation Relations of RS, which are still in force.