

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 22/9/2004

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
Obstacles to joining PfP	War crimes on local courts	Tihic met Sacirbegovic	Illegal immigrants arrested
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Investments in RS	Funds for aviation missing	Ceric win peace award	Case against Boro Bosic
State officials in Busovaca	Fire arms accident in RS	660 dead in floods in Haiti	Indictment vs Hrvacanin

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Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbian related titles
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Defence/security/crimes/judiciary

Lack of cooperation with ICTY still main obstacle to Bosnia 's PfP membership

FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 5 'Obstacles include The Hague and constitutional arrangement', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Change to BiH Constitution a condition for accession to PfP', **Nezavisne Novine**, cover 'BiH Constitution is an obstacle for the admission to NATO' and pg. 2 'BiH Constitution is an obstacle for the admission to the Partnership for Peace' by A. Sisic, **ONASA** – Members of the Sub-board for future security and defence capacities of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly concluded on Tuesday in Sarajevo that BiH has made considerable progress in the sector of defence and security and that the biggest obstacle to admission of BiH in NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) is lack of cooperation with the Hague Tribunal (ICTY). Head of a delegation of the Sub-board **Vahit Erdem** told reporters after a meeting with members of the Joint Commission of the BiH parliament for security and defence policy that security in BiH and the Balkans is a very important issue for the European community. He assessed that BiH has fulfilled the majority of conditions for joining the Euroatlantic integration, but that the process is slow due to lack of cooperation with the Hague Tribunal. *"We hope that BiH will overcome the problems and become a member of NATO and the EU,"* he said.

Herceg Bosna Radio, FENA, SRNA – Representatives of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on Tuesday also indicated that the constitutional-legal complexity of BiH is one of the problems on its road to the Partnership for Peace, according to Chair of the BiH Parliamentary Commission for Defence and Security Policy and Monitoring the Work of Defence and Security Institutions at state-level, **Bosko Siljegovic**.

Dnevni List, front pg 'Raguz: Change of Constitution crucial for BiH' and pg 3 'Change of Constitution crucial for joining PfP', by Danka Polovina-Mandic, Ivica Glibusic – BiH parliamentarians got a clear message from members of Sub-committee for future security and defence capacities of NATO's Parliamentary Assembly yesterday that BiH would not join the Partnership for Peace programme unless there is a full cooperation with the ICTY and unless BiH changes its complicated constitutional-legal set-up.

According to the Speaker of the BiH Parliament's House of Representatives, **Martin Raguz**, members of the Sub-committee pointed out to limitations of the Dayton Peace Accord and BiH Constitution on BiH's road towards Euro-Atlantic integration. *"It was clearly stated that we are expected to do the job, in other words to carry out the changes on our own, otherwise it will be set as a criteria for future memberships in those associations. This is the first time that this has been said this strongly. All the limitations of the current constitutional structure, according to their opinion, will be obstacles to our future membership in both the EU and NATO",* says Raguz.

<p>BiH Presidency members meet NATO parliamentary delegation</p>	<p>Herceg Bosna Radio, Vecernji List, pg 3 'NATO satisfied with progress in BiH', mentioned on front, by <u>f. FENA</u> – BiH Presidency members Dragan Covic and Borislav Paravac on Tuesday received a delegation of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, headed by Vahit Erdem, the Chair of the Subcommittee for Future Security, BiH Presidency's Public Relations Service said in a press release. Talks focused on replacing SFOR with the EU-led forces, and transition processes on BiH's road to European and Euro-Atlantic integration. It was ascertained that it is necessary to conduct a transition in the economic sector, as well as to transform the state so that it could be more efficient in both political and economic sense. The NATO parliamentary delegation commended the progress realized in BiH, and supported BiH's efforts for joining the Partnership for Peace. Full cooperation with ICTY and apprehending the indicted war criminals are the key conditions for BiH's admission into PfP, said the representatives of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. All the relevant factors in BiH have full consensus on implementing the necessary activities with the aim of insuring BiH's admission into PfP and EU, said BiH Presidency members.</p>
<p>SIPA Director Novic visits Brcko District</p>	<p>Herceg Bosna Radio, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Office opening has nothing to do with terrorism', Dnevni Avaz pg 10, mentioned on cover 'SIPA to be a real Bosnian FBI in a few years', Nezavisne Novine, pg. 5 'BiH is unexplored area with regard to terrorists' by <u>V. M.</u>, Glas Srpske, pg. 3 'Following trace of suspicions' by <u>M. Dj. FENA</u> – Director of the State Information and Protection Agency (SIPA), Sredoje Novic, visited Brcko District on Tuesday, to tour some potential locations for regional office of SIPA with representatives of the District Administration. Novic rejected allegations that opening of the SIPA office in Brcko is connected with speculations of some foreign media on presence of Islamic terrorists in the area. He said that BiH was still an uninvestigated region, adding that after its establishment in full capacity, SIPA will be able in the first months of the next year to offer adequate information as to whether BiH and to which extent is connected with terrorist organizations throughout the world. Novic expressed his satisfaction with the so-far activities regarding the establishment of SIPA.</p>
<p>DL on rule of law in BiH</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 2 'BiH as state of rule of law', by <u>Jurislaw Petrovic</u> – reminding of the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown's, statement during his recent visit to SIPA, when the HR announced a battle against corruption and crime in BiH, the author says the statement is very encouraging, nevertheless, the author is not sure whether BiH would soon become a state that upholds the rule of law. He goes on to say that the answer to that question will be known in few years time and until then, everything is down on peoples in BiH and BiH politicians in particular.</p>

<p>Kocsis says intelligence agency to begin work early next year</p>	<p>BHT, FTV, Glas Srpske, pg. 3 'The Parliament takes measures' by Srna, SRNA – The BiH security and intelligence agency (OSA) should start its work at the beginning of next year, the supervisor of reforms in the BiH intelligence sector, Kalman Kocsis, said on Tuesday. Noting that it is necessary to have parliamentary control over the intelligence community, Kocis said that BiH has not had a long tradition in this field, adding that the newly-appointed members of the joint intelligence and security commission of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly for control over the OSA must gain knowledge on the examples of control in other parts of the world. At the seminar on parliamentary control of the intelligence services he said that the Law on the Intelligence Agency offers a sophisticated system of monitoring and control, which is probably one of the most stringent in Europe. The Senior Deputy High Representative, Verner Vnendt, said that intelligence information must be shared with other countries if BiH wants to successfully combat terrorism, crime and smuggling of people. Considering that sometimes state interests come above the interests of the citizens, Vnendt said that the standards for gathering of confidential information must be clearly established in order to guarantee civilian freedoms.</p>
<p>NN on OSA</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, pg. 4 'Entity services are practically working' by M. Cubro – Several collocutors from OSA have confirmed that even four months after it was established, OSA is not a single and operative service. They claim the verifying procedure of the employees has not been completed as yet and the deadline was extended by the end of the year. <i>'...We practically have two services of the entities that have only been formally renamed to a state service, while these are working completely independently from each other'</i>, an anonymous collocutor from OSA claims.</p>
<p>Nearly 10,000 suspected of committing war crimes in BiH</p>	<p>BHT, SRNA – A total of 7,277 people, mainly Serbs, are suspected of committing war crimes in the Federation of BiH and 2,352, mainly Croats and Bosniaks, in the RS, a source close to BiH Prosecution says. According to this source, the Hague Tribunal has agreed to the Federation putting on trial 518 war crimes suspects and the RS 40. The BiH Court 's department for war crimes is due to start working at the beginning of the next year. The department will be in charge of trials of all war crimes indictees with the exception of top ranking officials, who will be tried in The Hague . The international community has helped finance this department.</p>

<p>BiH Constitutional Court holding plenary session</p>	<p>BHT, FTV, FENA – A three-day plenary session of the BiH Constitutional Court has started on Tuesday. The Court will consider the requests of nine delegates of the BiH House of Peoples and the Council of Ministers Chair, Adnan Terzic, for assessing the constitutionality of certain articles of the BiH and FBiH immunity legislation. The Court will also resume discussion on Nikola Spiric's request for assessing the constitutionality of Article 3a of the Law on ceasing implementation of the Law on Abandoned Apartments, which regulates the right to repossession of apartments from the housing fund of the former JNA. The daily agenda also includes the implementation of the Court's decision according to which a part of Article 11 of the Law on Territorial Organization and Local Self-government, as well as Articles 1 and 2 of the Law on the City of Srpsko Sarajevo are not in line with the BiH Constitution (Serb prefixes in the names of the certain municipalities and towns in RS). The Constitutional Court should also consider the Draft budget for 2005.</p>
<p>RS Minister of Interior Matijasevic removed Head of Office, advisors</p>	<p>RTRS, Glas Srpske, pg. 2 'Head and advisors were removed' by <u>V. J.</u> – RS Minister of Interior Darko Matijasevic yesterday removed Head of Office Ljubinko Mitrovic and three advisors of the Minister – Milun Milanovic, Jovan Spajic and Drago Vukasinovic. Spokesperson of the Ministry Zoran Glusac could not give more details on the removals but it is being presumed that the above listed persons would be reassigned to other positions in accordance with their professional qualifications. According to unconfirmed information, the Head of the Inspectorate for Internal Control, Monitoring and Protection of Legalities in the Work of RS Minister of Interior, Mirko Mikanovic, was removed as well. The article reads that Minister Matijasevic might also propose to Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic and RS Government to remove Police Director Radomir Njegus.</p>
<p>Commander of 2nd Police Station in Banja Luka was suspended again</p>	<p>Nezavinse Novine, pg. 4 'Sasa Misic was suspended again' by <u>S. K.</u> – Sasa Misic, the Commander of 2nd Police Station in Banja Luka, was suspended again yesterday, only couple of hours after he was reinstated to his position. This is the second time Misic is suspended in the past three months. The official reason for his second suspension is a severe violation of duty and overstepping of his authorisation. An anonymous source, on the other hand, claims this is just a continuation of applying a pressure on Misic in order for him to decide to leave RS Ministry of Interior.</p>

<p>GS on indictments against mujahedeens in BiH</p>	<p>Glas Srpske, cover page story 'Devil and his protector' by <u>D. M. and G. K.</u> – the article refers to the indictment for war crimes against Abdulahim Maktouf, a BiH citizen of Iraqi origins, which was brought only recently, nine years after the war ended. The President of RS Veterans' Association, Savo Cvjetinovic, wonders why one has not started determining responsibility of mujahedeens for war crimes earlier but only now. The overall conclusion of the article is that one can easily get an impression that investigations on war crimes of mujahedeens in BiH have commenced only after they have left BiH and escaped from justice.</p>
<p>VL, SD: US investigators checking into possible funding of Al Qaeda in BiH</p>	<p>Vecernji List, front pg 'Al Qaeda's money in BiH' and pg 3 'Investigations in bank over Al Qaeda', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – notes that several companies and institutions in BiH are under investigation conducted by US investigative bodies because of suspicion that they are connected to the Al Qaeda terrorist network. Following a recent checking into documents of 'Risala' school in Sarajevo, which was established by a controversial businessman from Saudi Arabia, Yassin Al Kadi, US investigators are conducting investigations on other companies that can be linked to Al Kadi, who is suspected by US authorities of financing Al Qaeda. Unofficially, the investigation is focused on the Sarajevo-based 'Vakufska bank' because of suspicious activities. VL also notes that BiH authorities are also interested in operations of companies and institutions that are linked to Al Kadi. Apparently, BiH authorities have placed Euroinvest, Bare komerc, K product and AE komerc companies under watchful eye because of suspicion that they are involved into smuggling of cars, sugar and other goods. 'Nahva' Association of citizens, and 'El-Haramein' Humanitarian organization have been additionally checked into. Similar article is also carried by Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 9 'American investigators 'combing' through banks in BiH', mentioned on front, by <u>Z. Tulic</u></p>
<p>Jelavic's lawyer on upcoming trial for Croat self-rule</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 7, 'Muselimovic: They want to corroborate first indictment with this one', by <u>N. Dedic</u> – in light of forthcoming beginning of the trial to Ante Jelavic, his lawyer Josip Muselimovic says that the team will be joined by Senka Nozica and Nikica Grzic from Sarajevo in the defense of Jelavic and friar Ivan Sevo. Speaking of the second indictment against Jelavic, Muselimovic says that the defense will lodge appeal timely as he is of the view that it was issued only to corroborate the first one. <i>"It is about politically discrediting Jelavic in front of BiH public and presenting him as the one who toppled the Dayton-created BiH"</i>, he adds.</p>

Economic/social issues

WB/EC-prepared
Consultative
Group on BiH
meeting to
take place
from September
22-23 in
Sarajevo

BHT, FTV, Nezavisne Novine, pg. 6 '1,2 million dollars for BiH' by R. Cengic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 '1.2 billion dollars already ensured for development strategy', **FENA** – The European Commission and the World Bank will chair the meeting of the Consultative Group on BiH scheduled for September 22-23 in Sarajevo. The objective of this meeting is to discuss achieved progress and how to ensure that BiH achieves its full potential, especially in the field of economy, World Bank in BiH Director **Dirk Reinermann** said at a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday. He added that funds would not be raised at this conference, but that important issues, such as the macroeconomic situation, fiscal and issues concerning the development of the private and financial sector would be discussed. Reduction of poverty, development of institutions, activities on the road towards the EU, reforms, investments and coordination between donors will also be discussed. *"This is the first conference at a senior level since a similar conference held five years ago when 39 delegation and 190 participants from across the world gathered"*, Reinermann said and added that the meeting is also an opportunity to discuss action plans for implementing the PRSP and the Feasibility Study. *"We have asked all delegations that will be present at this meeting about their plans for providing support to BiH in the next three years and that level of support totals 1,2 billion USD. This also includes World Bank support at maximally 180 million USD and a similar amount from the European Commission"*, Reinermann said. He said that several countries have not been included in these figures and that the final amount could be even higher. Head of the European Commission's Economic and Political Department in BiH **Renzo Daviddi** said that funds intended for the development of BiH are already here or are expected to be made available.

UNHCR: More than million refugees, displaced persons return to pre-war homes in BiH

Herceg Bosna Radio, BHT, FTV, Oslobođenje pg 9 'A million people returned (to their pre-war homes) in BiH', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 8, **Dnevni List**, pg 6, 'Million returnees in their pre-war homes', by Erna Mackic, **Vecernji List**, pg 2, 'Only every fourth DP returned to RS', by Eldina Medunjanin, and **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 16, 'Million refugees returned to BiH', by B. Magas, **HINA** – Nine years after the end of the war in BiH, a million refugees and displaced persons have managed to return to their pre-war homes, UNHCR mission chief **Udo Janz** said at a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday. The millionth returnee to BiH was registered in July, and UNHCR monthly statistics show that the number of returns by the end of August totalled 1,000,473. This is possibly the most important step that has been achieved so far in our efforts to normalize the situation in the country after the tragic war, Janz said. During the 1992-1995 war, 2.2 million people fled or were forced to leave their homes. Among the million returnees, 440,000 left the country during the war, while 560,000 were internally displaced. The pace of returns has been uneven, so that three quarters of refugees and displaced persons returned to the Federation of BiH, while the rest returned to the RS. About 20,000 people returned to the Brcko District, which is a separate administrative area. Janz said that security problems were not so prominent as they had been before, and that economic issues would have an increasing effect of the quality of life of the returnees in the future.

**Banja Luka
Brewery issue**

Nezavisne Novine, cover 'Banja Luka Brewery facing collapse' and pgs 2-3 'Nektar facing collapse' by Aleksandar Sekulic, inset 'A new beer bottling facility was put in function', **Glas Srpske**, pg. 3 'Beer glass pours records' by G. Dakic – A new beer bottling facility of Banja Luka Brewery was put in function yesterday, by which the total production capacity of the Brewery increased to 1 million hectolitres per year. **Rodoljub Trkulja**, RS Minister of Agriculture, Water Works and Forestry, cut the ribbon and RS Minister of Economy, Energy and Development **Djordje Lajsic** put the facility in function. **Predrag Radic**, the Director of Banja Luka Brewery, said this investment is BAM 20 million worth and was financed by a credit approved by Hypo Alpe Adria Bank.

Nezavisne Novine, cover 'Banja Luka Brewery facing collapse' and pgs 2-3 'Nektar facing collapse' by Aleksandar Sekulic – the article claims the construction of the new bottling facility was not economically justified, since the Brewery is already working below its capacities. As a consequence of the construction of the bottling facility, debts of the Brewery have risen up to more than BAM 24 million and the firm is now insolvent. The Steering Board of the Brewery, with **Dusan Lajsic**, has reached a decision to sign a contract on the construction of the bottling facility with "Coten" firm from Belgrade. The firm is in the ownership of **Djordje Lajsic**, the RS Minister of Economy, Energy and Development and a brother of the above-mentioned Dusan Lajsic. The article claims that the President of the Steering Board of the Brewery **Dusan Lajsic** has violated the Law on Conflict of Interests by signing contracts on business deals with his own brother.

<p>RS PM Mikerevic with Debis international on future cooperation, electricity for Aluminij</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 5 'Elektroprivreda of RS secures electricity for Aluminij', mentioned on front, by <u>Arijana Beus</u>, Vecernji List, pg 22 'Aluminij gets electricity from EP RS', by <u>Fena</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, page 17 'Aluminij works on Serb electricity', mentioned on front, by <u>A. Macanovic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 – The RS Prime Minister, Dragan Mikerevic, RS Minister of Energy and Economy, Djordje Lajsic, and Director of Elektroprivreda of RS (EP RS), Pantelija Dakic, talked to a delegation of Debis International, which is a part of DaimlerChrysler, yesterday. PM Mikerevic noted that two sides reached an agreement on future models of cooperation between the EP RS and DaimlerChrysler. <i>"The company entering our areas is a great chance for economic development of the RS. We have expressed our good will for cooperation with Debis by supplying electricity to Aluminij of Mostar, which Debis modernized entirely"</i>, stressed PM Mikerevic. As far as future cooperation between the EP RS and Aluminij in concerned, the RS Government explains that a new tender will be invited in November, which leads DL to say that the RS is obviously interested in maintaining cooperation with Aluminij.</p>
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<p>Mobilkom Austria interested in buying shares in Eronet</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, front and pg 5 'Austrians would like to buy Eronet', by <u>B. Magas</u>, Dnevni List, pg 7 'Mobilkom Austria interested in offering GSM services in BiH', mentioned on front, by <u>Erna Mackic</u>, Vecernji List, pg 4 'Mobilkom offers HT shares in Eronet', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 17, mentioned on cover 'Offer of euros 24 million still valid', Dnevni Avaz pg 15 'Mobilcom presented new offer for buying Eronet' – Mobilkom of Austria is interested in buying 50,5% of shares in Eronet Company from Hercegovina osiguranje, Alpine komerc and Municipality of Grude and is offering 24,2 million Euros for the shares. This was revealed by senior principals of Mobilkom, Boris Nemsic and Erich Gnad, at a press conference held in Sarajevo yesterday. According to Nemsic, Mobilkom is also interested in buying the remaining 49% of shares that are currently owned by HT Zagreb. Nemsic claims that if Mobilkom were to enter the BiH market, there would be a strong, healthy competition amongst the companies in the business, which is not the case now, which would double the number of users of cell phones because of lower rates. VL notes that Mobilkom would, after acquiring 99,5% of the shares, offer HT Mostar 20% of shares in Eronet in exchange for the licence for 3rd GSM operator in BiH.</p>
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<p>FBiH Finance Minister Dragan Vrankic on VAT</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 16, 'Multi-level VAT is harmful', by <u>B. Magas</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Three rates not helpful for poor people', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Changes to draft VAT law will be at the cost of poor people' – Dragan Vrankic, FBiH Finance Minister, issued a press release which reads that the goal of VAT is simple as it is created to efficiently and in a just way collect funds for public expenditures which, again, directly or indirectly go to social services. As the amendments to the Law suggest introduction of a number of VAT rates, Minister Vrankic is of the view that multi-rate system would make it more difficult for BiH authorities to provide social welfare, particularly to socially most vulnerable categories, as such a way would make evasion of tax payment possible and would open up space for more corruption. On the other hand, the zero rate for some products would mean more expensive administration and serious harm in struggle against frauds.</p>
<p>Trade Unions to protest announced reduction of minimum salary in FBiH</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 'Reduction of minimum salary to KM180 proposed (in FBiH)' by <u>Alda Omeragic</u> – A proposal to reduce minimum salary in FBiH from KM294 to KM180 made by the Entity Government raised temperature inside the BiH Trade Unions Association and its officials announced fresh fight for protection and preservation of labour rights including the minimum level of salary.</p>

<p>Construction of Banja Luka – Gradiska highway</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 ‘Escorted by police, dredging machines seized first land parcel’ by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – The dredging machines of the Laktasi company “Integral inzenjering” yesterday broke through to land parcels in Klasnice settlement on the route Banja Luka-Gradiuska, confronted with resistance of the embittered owners of parcels. They claim the offered price of BAM 12 thousand per hectare (dunum). Construction company started works under police presence. The owners of parcels announced they would hold protest today as well. According to NN inset “Solaja: They will not stop us’, Dragan Solaja, RS Minister of Traffic and Communication, assessed that nobody can stop construction of highway, including those who are not satisfied with the offered price, noting that <i>“everybody ahs a legitimate right to be dissatisfied with the offered price, but those can achieve their rights only in accordance with the Law, meaning through court proceeding.”</i></p>
<p>RS Telekom published vacancy notice for a director</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine, pg. 13 ‘“Telekom Srpske” seeks for a director’ by <u>D. R.</u> – The Steering Board of “Telekom Srpska” has published a vacancy notice for executive director of the firm, two and a half months after the High Representative removed Zeljko Jungic from this position.</p>

Political developments

<p>OHR: PIC to meet on Thursday, Friday</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Strategy for six months', Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'PIC to discuss OHR strategy for the next six months', FENA – The Peace Implementation Council Political Directors will meet on Thursday and Friday at the OHR in Sarajevo. There will be a session with BiH government leaders, led by Prime Minister Adnan Terzic, on Friday morning. This quarter's PIC will consider, among other things, the policies on which OHR will focus over the next six months, OHR Spokesman Mario Brkic told a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday.</p>
<p>VL says OHR exerts pressure for speedy adoption of Law on Local Self-Governance</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 5, 'OHR insists that Law be adopted by local elections', by <u>Miso Relota</u> – VL says that, although the FBiH Law on principles of local self-governance should soon be sent to parliamentary procedure, the OHR lately exerts pressures on FBiH Government officials and MPs in the FBiH Parliament that the Law be adopted by the 2nd October local elections. The Law's adoption prior to elections does not seem possible due to pre-election activities of the parties and because the MPs are of the view that the activities regarding passing of the Law should be reduced to minimum until elections are over.</p>

<p>Julian Braithwaite's farewell interview to Vecernji List</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 5, 'I am not British spy', by <u>Renata Radic</u>, mentioned on cover – in his farewell interview to Vecernji List, Julian Braithwaite, the outgoing OHR Director of Communication and Chief Spokesperson, says that, speaking of his own job in the OHR, the most significant thing is that over the last two years the political debate has been re-directed from the past time to the future time, in particular in the direction of European integration which is BiH's future.</p>
<p>SD: 'Washington report of Middle East Affairs' calls for abolishing of entities in BiH</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 12 ''Abolishment' of Republika Srpska', by <u>Josko Celan</u> – carries part 2 of its article from yesterday, in which the author re-tells an article signed by <u>Peter Lippman</u>, entitled 'Big changes in Bosnia, or just another drama?', which was originally published by 'Washington Report on Middle East Affairs'. In today's issue of SD, the author notes that Lippman called on High Representative for BiH, Paddy Ashdown, to have a final showdown with national parties, especially because of the failure to join the Partnership for Peace programme, for which Lippman blames the RS, in other words the SDS. In that context, Lippman concludes that the IC should abolish the "<i>absurd institution of entity</i>". Finally, Lippman calls leaders of national parties "<i>gangsters</i>" that ought to be removed.</p>

<p>Terzic says BiH expects French support on its road to EU</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 4 'BiH expects French support on its way to EU', ONASA – BiH Council of Ministers Chairman Adnan Terzic said on Tuesday for the RFI radio station that BiH expects strong France's support to its efforts for European integration.</p> <p><i>"BiH citizens want into Europe, BiH citizens want European standards, and we are constantly seeking ways of introducing them,"</i> Terzic said. In the course of the day, Terzic in Paris met with Francois Lamy, head of the BiH-France Friendship Group.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje: Tihic and Paravac in conflict over Dragan Bozanic</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 6, mentioned on cover 'Tihic and Paravac in conflict over Dragan Bozanic' by <u>Azhar Kalamujic</u> – The BiH Presidency is seriously late when it comes to the appointment of 11 new ambassadors in the diplomatic representation offices where the mandate of the current ambassadors has expired, learns Oslobodjenje from a source close to the BiH Foreign Ministry. The procedure of the appointment has been blocked because of a conflict between Presidency Chairman Sulejman Tihic and Serb member of the Presidency Borislav Paravac over the nomination of Dragan Bozanic for the Head of BiH Mission to Council of Europe. Tihic does not want to agree on the appointment because Bozanic once before did not get US approval to assume duties of BiH Ambassador to US.</p>

<p>DA interview with Stability Pact Coordinator Busek</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Integration of the country is the biggest problem in BiH, mentioned on cover 'Many things has not been done in BiH' – Interview with South-East Europe Stability Pact Coordinator Erhard Busek, who is taking part at a seminar on the process of accession to EU. <i>"It is clear that BiH has a perspective in Europe. However, it is not enough to speak on that but many things must be implemented on the ground in order for that goal to be reached,"</i> said Busek. These things/reforms, according to Busek, are generally related to the establishment of democracy, rule of law and market economy.</p>
<p>BiH Deputy Foreign Minister meets Norwegian Parliament delegation</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 8, 'Norway will advocate more liberal visa regime', by <u>Nina</u> – the talks between the delegation of the Norwegian Parliament led by Jorgen H. Kosmo and Lidija Topic, BiH Deputy Foreign Minister, focused on strategic goals of BiH – joining NATO's Partnership for Peace programme and joining the EU. Apart from possibilities for foreign investments, Mr. Kosmo was particularly interested to know whether the current solutions of constitutional set-up of BiH represented an obstacle to faster implementation of reforms and he noted discrepancies between local and 'central' authority levels. Kosmo expressed readiness of Norway to help lobby for having more liberal visa regime for BiH citizens with Schengen countries.</p>

<p>VL: Mostar city areas employees complain about Mostar City Administration systematization</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 6, 'Confusion in systematization', by <u>Miroslav Vasilj</u> – employees of former Mostar Municipalities, now city areas, claim for VL that confusion is the only word to describe the situation regarding systematization of the Mostar City Administration. Asking the journalist for discretion, these employees express their dissatisfaction with the fact that they learn information coming from the City Administration from media instead from the competent Service and as examples they mention decisions on collective leave, information on holding of City Council sessions, publishing of internal vacancies for positions of Heads of Departments. In their opinion, such practice decreases city areas employees' chances for employment and brings them into discriminatory position in comparison to City Administration employees. They add that the published vacancies are just a farce deluding the public and the International Community.</p>
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Miscellaneous

<p>Reis Cerić received UNESCO peace award</p>	<p>BHT, FTV, Oslobođenje pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Reis Cerić: The peace is the only way to salvation', Dnevni Avaz cover page, pgs 2-3 'World-wide recognition for Reis and Bosniaks' – The Head of the BiH Islamic Community Mustafa Cerić has received the UNESCO's award for peace, "Felix". Ceremony was held on Tuesday in UNESCO's HQ in Paris . He is awarded for his activities in improving inter-religious dialogue and tolerance.</p>
<p>Update to Konjević Polje incident</p>	<p>EuroBlic RSpG 5 'Assailants recorded on video-tape' by <u>SRNA</u> – On basis of police video-record, it should be determined who organised and took part in the assault of the priest and believers on 11 September in front of Orthodox Church at Konjević Polje, at whom a group of Bosniaks threw stones and metal bars. The meeting between the officials of the Bratunac municipality and PSC Bijeljina concluded investigation must be conducted, commending an immediate police reaction during that day.</p>