

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 23/1/2003

<b>CROAT RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BH TV 1</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FED TV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RT RS</b> (19,30)
FBiH HoP session	FBiH HoP session	FBiH HoP session	RS reps for HoP elected
HR in Herzegovina	RS NA-no second deputy	Protocol on goods transit	FBiH HoP session
Delimustafic's trial	Citizens protests	ZDK postpones strike	RS Ministry for Refugees
Germany-France relations	Operation against Iraq		Mikerevic and Hays meet

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Papa's visit to Banja Luka and Mostar questionable; A mine kills Hajrudin Ridzalo; Delimustafic's trial – blackmailed with proof about Karadzic and Mladic
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Ashdown requesting a speedy agreement; Got lost in a mine field and died; 10,000 families will seek loans; Big scandal in Malaysia – students from BiH caught in a flat with minister's wife; BiH threatened with the gas shortages
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Debt of Lijanovici company on account of unpaid customs is 48 million KM – all accounts of Lijanovici meat industry blocked; High Representative Paddy Ashdown visits FERRO KES and Customs Office in Mostar – an agreement on VAT and Customs Administration by the end February
<b>Vecernji List</b>	What does the Law on Bankruptcy bring – hundred thousand workers losing jobs; BiH citizenry on edge of physical survival – 90 percent citizens poor

<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Paddy Ashdown during a tour of Herzegovina – from mid-February unified customs; Lijanovici want a showdown because of statements by Head of Siroki Brijeg municipality Jelic – ‘You will win when cows get to vote’
<b>Glas Srpski</b>	Zvornik – pressing charges to get salaries; According to the estimates of the Federation Statistics Bureau – Serbs are an absolute minority
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Members of the Housing Cooperative ‘Soko’ wonder where had 9 million KM disappeared – no money, no apartments; Stormy session of the RS National Assembly – the opposition leaves the session after an argument with Kalinic; Following the information that one of the indictees for kidnapping in Sjeverin is in Visegrad – the police receives search warrant
<b>Blic</b>	SFOR considers reorganisation of the RS and Federation armies; Mladen Ivanic – the improvement in cooperation with The Hague is needed; Ostoja Kremenovic – possible payment of pensions from FBiH
<b>Vecernje Novine</b>	Mladic closes The Hague

## Economic Affairs

<p><b>Will BiH remain without EU's help?</b></p>	<p>Avaz pg. 1 and 2, Oslobodjenje pg. 8 'Joint customs and taxes an imperative', Dnevni List pg. 1 and 7, Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 1 and 13, Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 'An agreement on customs and VAT by mid February', Radio Mostar East, Radio Herzeg-Bosna, Studio 88 – during yesterday's visit to Herzegovina, HR Ashdown stated that an initial agreement in customs and Vat had to be reached by mid-February this year. "Without an agreement on the issue BiH can not go towards Europe and will remain without 60 million Euro promised by the EU. In case the agreement was not reached, each citizen of this country will suffer consequences, and therefore no one has the right to veto such decision," said Ashdown. Replying to a journalist question about the sale of Eronet shares to Grude municipality, Ashdown stated that it was not his job, but of the BiH CoM. "As far as I know everything was legal, and the final decision will be made by BiH courts and I can not interfere in it." Asked if it was possible to peak about reforms while Karadzic and Mladic were still at large, Ashdown stated that they could slow down the process, but not prevent it. HR was also a guest on a RTV Mostar show where he stated that OHR included the problems of Mostar amongst his priorities.</p>
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**Hays with RS  
officials**

Avaz pg. 2 'The establishing of an expert group agreed', Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 'Expert's group established', Glas Srpski pg. 3 'Reforms according to the Constitution', Blic pg. 2 'Proposed model for customs and VAT' – on a meeting among RS officials and PDHR Donald Hays. In separate meetings, Hays spoke to RS President Dragan Cavic, RSNA Speaker Dragan Kalinic and RS PM Dragan Mikerevic. Hays stated that they reached an agreement on the establishment of an RS expert group that should suggest the ways of implementing the customs reforms and the introduction of VAT. This expert group in cooperation with the Federation reps, BiH CoM and OHR should devise principles for the implementation of the economic reforms. Hays also stated he received guarantees the RS would support the economic reforms in accordance with the EU principles, which would allow BiH to continue its way to stabilization and the joining to the EU integration. According to Mikerevic, the RS advocates the view that entities should have the authority in collection of VAT and by doing so preserve the fiscal sovereignty of the entity. The RS PM believes that VAT should be functional by 2005. 'The RS leadership proposed the principles for the implementation of key reforms with respect to the BiH constitutional system, OHR and other partners – the CoM and BiH Federation,' Glas S. quoted Mikerevic.

<b>RS employers on customs and VAT</b>	<p>Blic pg. 2 'We do not know what they offer', Nacional pg. 11 'Discussion took another direction' – employers from the RS are not satisfied with the IC's answers about economic reforms because the IC has not given answers to the key issues – tax rate on VAT and the way of using the single customs. President of the RS Employers Association, Damir Miljevic, says that OHR only talks in 'let's make it single' manner without defining issues that businessmen are interested in. "Businessmen are interested in ways that an efficient and uncorrupted customs could be provided, regardless of whether it was centralised or not, but OHR had not been able to answer that. As far as the VAT is concerned, businessmen want to know what the tax rate will be, and OHR refuses to answer. Yet they want from businessmen a blank confirmation for something which has not been elaborated," Miljevic said.</p>
<b>Patten's letter</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 'Patten requesting the implementation of reforms', Nezavisne Novine pg.7 'Introduction of VAT – EU Representative for Foreign relations, Christopher Patten, yesterday wrote to BiH governments in relation to the unification of customs and the introduction of VAT at the state level. Chief of the EU delegation, Ambassador Michael Humphrey, HR Paddy Ashdown, Greek Ambassador Mihail Koukakis today will hold a conference and present the letter by Patten.</p>

<p><b>The Bankruptcy Law</b></p>	<p>Vecernji List pg. 1 and 3 – according to the BiH Independent Trade Union, the Law on Bankruptcy and Liquidation, that should come into force in a few days in the Federation, will additionally damage already poor welfare situation in BiH and 100, 000 workers in both BiH entities will lose job. “Naturally, the Law that the International Community also supports has some positive things. Workers, however, that contributions were not paid for should be bear in mind in order to create conditions for their retirement,” said Edhem Biber, President of the FBiH Union. “Workers in companies that were privatized irregularly have nothing to do in front of authority institutions, but they should look for culprits in incapable management of the companies, who are responsible for the current situation,” Petar Milinovic, President of the BiH Foreign Chamber of Commerce said. He added that the application of the Law on Bankruptcy and Liquidation would simply create an atmosphere in which the responsibility of the management of the company or the authority will be defined.</p>
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<p><b>All 'Lijanovic' accounts blocked</b></p>	<p>Dnevni List pg. 1 and 3 by <u>S. Kuzman</u> – learns from sources close to the Customs Administration that all accounts of 'Lijanovici' Meat Industry have been blocked due to debts on an account of unpaid customs. Allegedly, 'Lijanovici' owe 48 million KM. According to the source, 'Lijanovici' were importing goods which were presented by customs officials as different and cheaper so the Company had less to pay on accounts of customs obligation. Only after the Mostar Customs Office made a new report six months ago, it was determined that 'Lijanovici' owe 48 million KM. The author stresses as interesting that the 'Lijanovici account had only 149,000 KM at the time of blockade, which suggested there was an information leak. The daily contacted one of the co-owners of 'Lijanovici', Jerko Ivankovic Lijanovic, who is away in Netherlands, and apparently denied the news saying it was first time he heard about it.</p>
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<p><b>SDP on Eronet</b></p>	<p>FENA – the BiH SDP Representative Club in the FBiH House of Representatives proposed Tuesday at House’s session the declaration regarding the issuing of license for the third GSM operator, but it was not installed on the daily agenda, said Deputy Chief of SDP Representative Club, Nermin Niksic, at yesterday’s press conference. The declaration states that the FBiH House of Representatives requests from the Federation and state bodies, as well as representatives of international organizations, to do everything in their power to halt the issuing of the mentioned license due to unresolved owners’ relations and protection of the state capital. “The declaration was not installed on the agenda because the voting machinery has done its job. The HDZ Club was wisely silent, and the explanation of the SDA Club was that the court proceedings had been launched and that the declaration could be treated as an influence on independent judiciary,” said Niksic.miterrand</p>
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## Political Affairs



<b>HoP session</b>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 10 'A list of candidates tomorrow again before the HoR', Avaz pg. 4 'Serb delegates refused a decision on the appointment of Lozancic, Dzihanovic and Radivojevic', Vecernji List pg. 1 and 2, Dnevni List pg. 1 and 5, Slobodna Dalmacija last page 'Appointment of the Federation principles did not go through' – on yesterday session of the Federation House of Peoples (HoP). Niko Lozancic, Sahbaz Dzihanovic and Desnica Radivojevic yesterday did not get the necessary majority of votes from members of the Serb caucus. Only three SbiH supported the new federation heads. Three SNSD reps left the session saying they did not agree with Radivojevic's nomination, SDP reps voted against and an SDU delegate abstained. Following such outcome, a new/old list (since the names of the same candidates will be put forward) of candidates will be submitted. If the FBiH HoR confirms them again, regardless of the outcome of vote at the next FBiH HoP session, the three will be appointed to their new duties. FBiH HoR Chairman, Muhamed Ibrahimovic, said he would call for an urgent extraordinary session in order for the new FBiH government to be established ASAP. During yesterday's session, HoP reps also established a commission that will in the next 30 days find a solution to the current problem of the HoP (filling seats in the Serb caucus).</p>
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<p><b>RS government hand over</b></p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 3 'Ivanic handed over duties to Mikerevic', Avaz pg. 4 'Mikerevic's government officially took over duty', Nezavisne Novine pg. 6 'Mikerevic and his Ministers in their posts', Glas Srpski, pg. 2 'New Cabinet, old tasks', Blic pg. 2 'Continuation of reforms', Nacional pg. 11 – Mladen Ivanic yesterday handed over RS PM duties to his successor Dragan Mikerevic. They both emphasised the yesterday's ceremony marked the official take over of the new RS government. Mikerevic stated that the hand-over process proved the RS entered democratic processes and significantly progressed since last year. Ivanic assessed that the RS got the government that would ensure the continuing implementation of reforms.</p>
<p><b>BiH HoR</b></p>	<p>Avaz pg. 4 'Today a decision on an extraordinary and regular session' – a statement by Chairman of the BiH HoR, Sefik Dzaferovic. He stated that the BiH HoR Collegial would hold a session today to discuss the scheduling of an extraordinary and a regular session of his House. An extraordinary session was requested by the House reps at one of the previous sessions in order to discuss the security situation in the country. The CoM is in charge of devising a report on all aspects of the security situation in BiH.</p>

<p><b>SBiH ministers</b></p>	<p>Avaz pg. 4 'Zigic, Ljubic, Grahovac and Mehmedagic future ministers' – a statement by Sahbaz Dzihanovic, candidate for the Federation Vice-president from the SBiH. He said his party got four ministerial posts in the Federation. The following people from the SBiH will be nominated. Izet Zigic (mining), Maid Ljubovic (trade), Gavriilo Grahovac (culture and sport) and Ramiz Mehmedagic (urbanism).</p>
<p><b>HDZ candidates</b></p>	<p>Avaz pg. 4 'Curcic candidate for the defence ministry, and Vrankic finance', Dnevni List pg. 3 'HDZ Presidency decides on names of candidates for the Federation government' – a HDZ session held yesterday. The following candidates nominated for the federation ministries. Tomo Lucic (health), Borjana Kristo (justice), Dragan Vrankic (finance), Marinko Bozic (agriculture) and Dragan Curcic (defence).</p>

<p><b>RS NA</b></p>	<p>Avaz pg. 8 'Dodik left a session unhappy that Kalinic denied him the right to speak', Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'The opposition leaves the session after an argument with Kalinic', Blic pg. 2 'Polemics of Dodik, Kalinic and Stojcic'— Milorad Dodik, SNSD leader, left yesterday's RS NA session. The reason being that Dragan Kalnic, RS NA Speaker, after two warnings, denied him the right to speak. The rest of SNSD reps also left a session after Dodik, and said they would come back only if Kalinic apologized to Dodik. Kalinic however refused to do so saying he acted on the Assembly rules and regulations. According to Nezavisne Novine, Kalinic did not allow Dodik to answer Speaker's claim that 'Dodik signed the memorandum on the establishment of single BiH customs'. 'Kalinic misused the Assembly, and he assigned himself a right to warn and exclude delegates from the session,' Dodik said after leaving the session. He also accused Kalinic of implementing SDS policy in the RS NA.</p>
<p><b>RS NA without a Croat Deputy</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'Everyone against Tomljenovic' – even though the RS NA was supposed to elect the deputy speaker at its session yesterday, it did not happen. The RS NA delegates did not support the only candidate for the position, Tomislav Tomljenovic. SDS Spokesman, Dusan Stojcic told the press that the SDS was absolutely against Tomljenovic's appointment given the fact that his party did not represent majority in the Assembly nor it supported the election of the RS NA leadership and the new RS government.</p>

<p><b>OHR intervention needed?</b></p>	<p>Dnevni List pg. 3 'The OHR has to intervene if Vice President of RS National Assembly is not elected' – Zekerijah Osmic, Head of the SDP, Party for BiH and NHI Caucus at the RS National Assembly, stated yesterday that the OHR had to intervene if the second (Croat) Vice President of the RS National Assembly was not elected at the session of this body.</p>
<p><b>RS NA – delegates for HoP elected</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'Delegates for the House of Peoples elected', Glas Srpski, pg. 2 'Delegates to the HoP elected' – the RS National Assembly elected RS delegates to the BiH House of Peoples. Zoran Spasojevic (SDS), Nada Radovic (SDS), Bosko Siljegovic (SDS), Goran Milojevic (PDP) and Vinko Radovanovic (PDP). 47 delegates of the RS NA voted for, 13 against and 1 restrained from voting.</p>
<p><b>'Orao' affair</b></p>	<p>Avaz pg. 9 'An investigation extended to five RS Customs officers' – the Bijeljina municipal Prosecution Office requested that the 'orao' affair investigation be extended to five more RS Customs officers. The five worked at border crossings that Orao used to export their goods to Iraq, claims the Prosecution. The extension of the investigation also refers to a worker from the 'Orao' Institute charged with the abuse of authority in the course of granting housing loans to workers of the Institute.</p>

<p><b>SD Commentary</b></p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 13 by <u>Zlatko Tulic</u>, 'Desnica managed to get from Srebrenica to Federation – the strongest discussion in the BiH Parliament was regarding the candidacy of Desnica Radivojevic, the current Head of the Srebrenica municipality, for the position of the Federation Vice President. SD says that as far as the way in which the House of Peoples was formed, in the OHR opinion this body was constituted and the letter that the OHR sent to Ivo Komsic, a Chairman of the House of Peoples, proved it. SD carries parts of the letter. " After the elections, and according to the information coming from the BiH Election Commission, it comes out that only nine Serb delegates received certificates for the cantonal assemblies. Both the Federation Constitution and the BiH Election Law envisage that delegates for the House of Peoples can be elected from the cantonal Assembly only. This means that the House of Peoples has to be constituted on the ground of this number of delegates. Other positions for the delegates from the line of the Serb people must remain unfilled under these circumstances."</p>
<p><b>SDS still dissatisfied</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 2 'The SDS gave up on Semberija'- one of the SDS founders in Semberija and well known businessman from Bijeljina, Dragan Micic, supported the requests of the Bijeljina branch of SDS to be represented in the RS government. According to Micic, Semberija region can no longer be a stepchild of Pale and Banja Luka.</p>

**Commentary  
in  
Oslobodjenje**

Oslobodjenje pg. 2 a commentary written by Gojko Beric 'A museum of unconditional surrender' – on the failure of the IC in BiH. "If this continues, HR Paddy Ashdown will be left with only one job to do – to fly a white flag on the OHR building as a sign of surrender and leave Sarajevo," begins Beric's sharp commentary. The white flag, according to the author, would symbolize the well-earned defeat by the IC in BiH after years of calculating, hypocrisy and stupidity. He said that the IC could then invest some money in opening 'a museum of unconditional surrender' with photos of Clinton, Mitterrand and Major.

A white UN car would also find its place there to testify of the mission of the famous army where the main command was 'turn your head the other way and walk on'. Beric thinks it's time to face the truth and admit the country has been ethnically cleansed. He adds that the IC, instead of trying to remove the causes of an overall political schizophrenia, instead tries to fog the symptoms with an aspirin. As for Ashdown's 'Job and justice' – Beric points out that there are still no jobs or justice. The IC, continues Beric, does not understand that the main problem are criminalized elites – political, police and military – that possess the war-capital and refuse to lose it. Beric also thinks that the West is paying little attention to neighbouring 'germ carriers'. "The regional curing of the nationalism epidemic is the only way for the Balkan societies to get better. But is the West willing to do that? They accepted the modest wing of an old nationalistic block in BiH, Croatia and Serbia and allowed to implement reforms."

## The Hague Affairs



<p><b>Serbia vs. Hague</b></p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 48 'Serbia can not meet the deadline', Avaz pg. 2 'The Serbian authorities can not arrest Mladic by 31 of March', Nacional pg. 2 'Mladic will not be extradited by the end of March', Blic pg. 3 'BIA to deal with Vukovar duo' – a statement by Serbian PM Zoran, Djindjic, regarding a request by the US authorities to extradite Mladic by March 31.</p> <p>"I am not an optimist that we can meet the requirements by March 31." Djindjic further stated that he gave no guarantees to Prosper that Mladic was in Serbia.</p> <p>Vojislav Kostunica, Yugoslav President, said that the creation of conditions for cooperation with The Hague Tribunal inflicted serious damage on the US-Yugoslav relations. "Kostunica set out facts which unequivocally indicate the selectiveness in The Hague Tribunal's justice. He cited statistical information on the work of the Hague Tribunal which places the major share of responsibility upon the Serbian side whether this was about the number of indictees or about their rank," the statement from the Yugoslav presidential office said. Kostunica especially drew attention to the non-existence of indictees for crimes committed against Serbs in Kosovo-Metohija and noted that 'because of all that, the Tribunal does not enjoy the trust of Serbian public'. (Blic pg. 3, Vecernje Novosti pg. 2 'Selectively to the detriment of Serbs', Nacional pg. 2)</p> <p>Zoran Zivkovic, FRY Interior Minister, said there was no proof that Serb war commander Ratko Mladic had been in Serbian territory over the last two years. "The same applies to a member of the Vukovar troika, Miroslav Radic, while Veselin Sljivancanin (another member of the Vukovar troika) was promoting his books in Serbia until about a year and a half ago, but he is not in Serbia at present," Zivkovic said. (Nacional pg. 2 'Mladic, Radic and Sljivancanin are not in Serbia')</p> <p>Velimir Ilic, President of New Serbia, said Yugoslavia could not extradite Mladic to The Hague because he was not a FRY citizen. (Nacional pg. 2 'General is not our citizen')</p>
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<b>Commentary in Oslobodjenje</b>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 2 'Against the wall' by <u>Edin Krehic</u> – about the extradition of The Hague.</p> <p>Quotes Goran Svilanovic, Serbian Foreign Minister, as saying that there was a problem of establishing exact facts where indictee were and how to arrest them. Krehic basically points out that unless Belgrade feels that America is serious, the talks about arresting war criminals will become even more boring than the longest TV series.</p>
<b>Commentary in Avaz</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 3 'Prosper's requests' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – another commentary also on the latest request by Prosper for the extradition of Mladic. Numanovic thinks that any further visits of Prosper to the region will be in vain unless he manages to get concrete signs of co-operation with The Hague from the RS authorities.</p>
<b>Del Ponte</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 'Del Ponte satisfied with pressures from Washington' – diplomatic advisor of Carla Del Ponte, Jean Jacques Joris, stated the US help was valuable and very useful. He added that the recent message by US on Belgrade was real and Carla del Ponte was satisfied with it.</p>
<b>Prosper</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 'Ambassador Prosper in Sarajevo today', Vecernje Novosti pg. 2 'Mladic closes The Hague', Nacional pg. 2 'We do not know where they are', Blic pg. 3 'Mladic's apprehension solves everything – again reported that the US Ambassador for the War Crime issues, Pierre Richer Prosper, is arriving today to Sarajevo. He will meet officials in Sarajevo and Banja Luka to exert pressure on BiH authorities to fulfil obligations stipulated by the DPA.</p>

<b>Ivanic on The Hague</b>	<p>Blic pg. 7 'Better cooperation is needed' – BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mladen Ivanic, says that the RS should show its readiness to cooperate with the Hague, but the Tribunal also needed to launch at least one process for crimes committed over Serbs.</p> <p>Ivanic says there is 'a vicious circle' in which 'the international institutions say the RS does not cooperate, and the RS says it does not have any concrete reason or proof which could show the RS could achieve some goals'. Commenting on a visit of US Ambassador for War Crime Issues Pierre Richard Prosper and the announced sanctions against persons who help war criminals, Ivanic called on all those who had any information about war criminals to deliver it to competent institutions.</p>
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<p>Education Affairs</p>
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<p><b>A letter to Ashdown</b></p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 8 'A request to Ashdown to acknowledge Bosniaks' rights' – the BiH Independent Union of Primary and Secondary Education, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (HNK) branch, wrote an open letter to HR Paddy Ashdown. In a letter, they ask HR to finally do something so that Bosniaks could feel they are one of the constituent people in the Canton. They noted that they spent an entire last year asking for basic human rights, equality and professional dignity. "We presented you with all our problems in time and asked for your help. You did not understand it." The Union further wrote that after 45 days on a strike in the last year, they reached an agreement with the HNK government that should have been enforced as of December 16. The deadline however long passed for legal activation of mechanisms to block government's accounts for outstanding debts.</p>
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<p><b>Police Affairs</b></p>
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**Milicevic**

Nezavisne Novine pg. 5 – Serb councillors at the Brcko District Interim Assembly yesterday met Supervisor Henry Clarke to discuss ‘Milenko Milicevic’ issue. Serb councillors requested from the Supervisor to repeat the selection procedure for police chief in Brcko because of ‘Milicevic’s suspicious war past’. Blic on pg. 8 also reported on the meeting between Supervisor Henry Clarke and Serb councillors. Mihajlo Jovanovic, Deputy President of the Assembly, assessed the meeting as ‘very constructive’ and said that the issue would be on the agenda of the next Assembly session. He also said the councillors ‘would decide on how they would vote in accordance with their conscience, personal views and possibly in accordance with their political believes’. “We are happy with the fact that the Supervisor had promised not to get involved, but that he would leave the Assembly to decide on this matter”, Jovanovic stated. Unofficially, during the meeting all Serb councillors, except for Marija Arslic from the SDP, informed the Supervisor ‘they could not vote for a candidate that does not enjoy the support of all citizens’. Jovanovic explained that in case Serb councillors voted against the Milicevic’s appointment than he would not get the needed 3/5 of majority votes and would not be appointed. In this case, the Commission would have to select another candidate, out of those who have already applied to the vacancy, and nominate a new candidate for the police chief in the Brcko District.

## Military Affairs

### Anic

Vecernji List pg. 3 by Zoran Kresic, 'Anic: Ignore 350 dismissed Croat soldiers' – Federation Minister of Defense Mijo Anic is trying to prevent the return of Croat cadres from the former composition of the Federation Ministry of Defense in order to cover up many illegal actions that he has taken, especially against soldiers loyal to the Croat self-rule. According to the article, the fact that Anic sent to the OHR a list with the names of 45 officers, for whom Anic demanded a life-long suspension, is the best proof of it. VL says that it has come into possession of a document, which shows that Anic in January 2002 illegally removed 350 Croat employees from the payrolls at the Ministry of Defense and the Federation Army. This despite the warning from his assistants Tomislav Gadzo and Robert Gavranovic that he cannot do it without a proper document.

## Social Affairs

<p><b>‘Soko’ Housing Cooperative protesting</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 2 ‘No money, no apartments’, Glas Srpski pg. 2 ‘Members of the Cooperative blocking roads’ – the RS policemen prevented members of the ‘Soko’ Housing Cooperative from blocking the road M-18, after which more than 50 members of the Cooperative blocked the road Kula – Lukavica in the Serb Sarajevo. The members of the Cooperative have decided to block the roads, in a protest of the non-completion of the construction works on their apartments in Dobrinja IV. Chairman of the ‘Soko’ assembly, Dragan Savic, said that 9,6 million KM got lost due to the postponement in building of 460 apartments.</p>
<p><b>Federation Statistics Bureau</b></p>	<p>Glas Srpski pg. 1 – the daily presumes correct the assessments by the BiH Federation Statistics Bureau that only 4%, or less than 100, 000 Serbs, live in the Federation. Director of the Statistics Agency with the BiH CoM, Hasan Zolic, told the above to the daily. The Serb Associations in Sarajevo claim that the number of Serbs in this town and the entire Federation is even lower than according to the statistics.</p>