

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 23/1/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 23 January

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
On weather conditions thes edays	Medic pleaded not guilty-Scorpions	Schools working again
Cro. Parl. on assist. for HVO victims	Seminar on people trafficking	Health care sector
OHR MA: HR pays farewell visits	Schoold started in RS	Milosevic trial resumes

TV news broadcast on 22 January

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Regional news	Novic: PIFWCs are not in BiH	World News
Regional news	Rehn on SCG, Mladic and Karadzic	Weather forecast for BIH
World news	Captain Dragan to face new charges	Man died in fire in BL in fire
HR farewell tour	Ashdown to visit several BiH cities	Glinice Director died in avalanche

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
WN: extreme cold in eastern Europe	Hunters killed wolves near Travnik	Simic on RS Government
BiH lawsuit against SCG	World News	Man dies in snow avalanche

Visa requirements for BiH citizens	Heating system in Gracanica	Man dies in fire in Banja Luka
Buy and use domestic products	Water supply in Modrana	Feature on start of school in RS

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Is a situation starting to turn in favour of dismissed police officers in BiH?
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	We would not rush with a decision on SIPA HQ (Terzic)
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Alcohol and speed (DL was with Mostar police patrol checking safety in driving)
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Liquidation of Hercegovacka Banka
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	HVO was paying us with fuel for medical treatment of Croats
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Cavic failed to comply with the constitutional obligation
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Zigis blocked by avalanche ( <i>death of Director of "Birac" company Zigic</i> )
<b>EuroBlic</b>	Srpska defending symbols
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	Features Serbian related topics /

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>
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Mihajlica: If Const. Court accepts Tihic's initiative, situation would radicalise	<b>FENA</b> – President of SRS <b>Milanko Mihajlica</b> has warned today that radicalization of the situation in the RS and whole BiH might take place if the BiH Constitutional Court at the session scheduled for January 28 accepts as grounded the demand of Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> for judging constitutionality of the Law on flag, coat of arms and anthem of the RS, RS holidays and the name of the RS.
SDA Zepce Board calls on OHR, OSCE to sanction HDZ Zepce Chair, Municipal head	<b>FENA</b> – SDA Zepce Municipal Board has demanded from the OHR and OSCE to sanction behaviour of the Head of the ZepceMunicipality and President of the HDZ Zepce because of <i>"ignoring of the item 10 of the Decision on Zepce that envisages existence of the position of a Deputy Head of the ZepceMunicipality ."</i>

<b>Initiative of no-confidence vote to RS Govt</b>	
RSNA collegium to schedule RSNA session on SNSD initiative re RS Govt	<b>BHT1, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 inset 'Session of RS NA Collegium today' – RS National Assembly Speaker <b>Dusan Stojcic</b> scheduled a meeting of the RSNA Collegium which would schedule the date for having the extraordinary RSNA session on the request of SNSD to cast the no confidence vote to RS Government. <b>RTRS</b> – Chair of SNSD caucus <b>Krstan Simic</b> stated that by constitution deadline has expired by which RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> was supposed to declare on crisis in RS Government.

<p>PDP hopes crisis in RS will be settled this week; SDP views current status as time-buying</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> cover pg splash, pg 3 'RS President failed to comply with constitutional obligation' by <u>A.Sekulic</u> – Carries SNSD' Simic statement on Cavic, as well as statement of <b>Veselin Poljasevic</b>, Head of the PDP Caucus at the RS NA stressing that it is the fact Cavic failed to voice his stance on the RS Parliament and Government crisis, expressing hope crisis will be settled during the course of this week. <b>Slobodan Popovic</b>, SDP of BiH delegate, is of the view there are many opinions aimed at buying time, one of which is currently on scene, since elections are scheduled in eight months.</p>
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SNSD accuses Stojcic of intentionally delaying RSNA session, buying time for Buejlovic

**BHT 1** by Zoran Sarenac – SNSD claims that RS NA speaker **Dusan Stojcic** manipulates with setting the date for extraordinary RS NA session for casting no confidence vote to the Government of **Pero Bukejlovic**. SNSD added that in this way Stojcic in buying time for Bukejlovic. *"I think that it is fair to have the session by 25<sup>th</sup> January, there is no point of manipulating with the date since nothing can be changed and one cannot avoid the responsibility given by the position"* stated Stojcic. RS NA Deputy Speaker **Tomislav Tomljenovic** explained that 49 votes have been collected against the current Government which clearly shows that at the extraordinary session after the voting a new Government has to be proposed with 42 votes in favour. SNSD Leader **Milorad Dodik** reiterated that the proposal of new Government would be presented only after the current Government is voted no confidence. Reporter stated that there are speculations that new RS NA Speaker could be SNSD member **Igor Radojicic**.

<p>Stojicic rejects SNSD's accusations; Dodik says he has majority of RSNA votes</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4-5 'Dodik has majority to cast the vote of no confidence to Bukeylovic', mentioned on cover by <u>O. Vukovic</u> – RSNA Speaker <b>Dusan Stojicic</b> and his Cabinet rejected all accusations by SNSD of intentional delays in scheduling the RSNA session on no-confidence vote to the RS Government, stressing that Stojicic worked in accordance with the RS Constitution. SNSD deems that session should have been scheduled in the last ten days. <b>Milorad Dodik</b> claims that SNSD has majority to establish the new government.</p> <p><i>"It is going to be easier to ensure majority for establishment of the new government after this one is revoked than many believe,"</i> stated Dodik. He repeated that SNSD would take over the government only if it is going to be supported by the RSNA in audit of privatization and in fight against organized crime. Author noted that RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> hasn't spoke about the crisis for ten days, even though his stances are known, since he said that SDS has no reason to replace the current government, but if the RSNA does so SDS would transfer to the opposition.</p>
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<p>Mikerevic: PDP is not obsessed with power</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pgs 8-9, announced on cover 'PDP is not obsessed with power as SDS is' by <u>V.Popovic</u> – In an interview to daily, <b>Dragan Mikerevic</b>, PDP Presidency member and former RS premier, says PDP is working on seeing new RS Government formed, adding <b>Pero Bukejlovic's</b> Government must leave asap. He is of the view that the SNSD should take the lead in the new government, adding that the PDP participation in that Government would depend on the concept the strongest opposition party in RS may offer. He notes PDP is not obsessed with power as SDS is, noting the fact bad Government is still working but without parliamentary majority proves SDS is its own purpose.</p>
<p>SBiH rep in RSNA Murselovic says party completely agrees with SNSD's stance on current RS Govt</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4-5 'Against the SDS's rule of one political option' by <u>B. Ka.</u>– Representative of SBiH in RSNA, <b>Muharem Murselovic</b> stated that his party completely agrees with the SNSD when it come to competence of the current RS Government underlying his party hasn't even voted for election of this government, lead by the PM <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>. <i>"People that SDS chosen to represent Bosniaks, do not have legitimacy and legality of Bosniak parties or of those parties that have Bosniak members"</i> stated Murselovic. He stressed that this government has postponed passing of many important laws, but he refused to speculate which parties could make the new majority within the RSNA.</p>

## War crimes



BiH lawsuit  
against SCG:  
Paravac  
supports idea  
of court  
settlement,  
Tihic stresses  
lawsuit against  
Serb people

**Hayat** by Elvira Ahmetovic – Hayat brings feature on BiH lawsuit against Serbia-Montenegro for aggression and genocide, whose main hearing is scheduled before the International Court of Justice in The Hague on February 27. Hayat comments that as the date of hearing approaches, media and other kinds of pressures from neighbouring country are becoming more intense. BiH's Attorney **Sakib Softic** stressed that BiH does not need propaganda war with SCG. Since the lawsuit against SCG for genocide has been brought, Belgrade made different proposals for an off-court agreement; among other things, SCG offered to re-build Ferhadija mosque in Banjaluka. Serb member of BiH Presidency **Borislav Paravac** supports the idea of out of court settlement; he even believes that BiH lawsuit against SCG is unconstitutional. At the same time, Bosniak member of BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic** repeatedly tries to explain that the lawsuit is not directed against Serb people; he claims that the main goal of this lawsuit is to establish the truth about the war in BiH. *"We cannot build the future and the good and friendly relations between two countries, if we have different views of the past. And the courts are the best institution to solve this kind of confusion"*, explained Softic. According to Hayat reporter, very little is known about the court hearing that should start in one-month time. What is certain is that SCG summoned ten witnesses; BiH will summon independent experts, who already testified during the court trials against **Slobodan Milosevic** and **Momcilo Krajisnik**. It is expected that the verdict in this case would be announced by the end of 2006. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Softic: No agreement about the truth' by M.K.,

<p>Stojanovic: Lawsuit is not a direction to reconciliation</p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> by <u>Momcilo Ostojic</u> – In an RTRS magazine ‘Ispod tepiha’ [broadcast on Sunday], legal advisor to the Serb member of the BiH Presidency <b>Slobodan Radulj</b> stated that the BiH lawsuit against SCG is illegal. SCG legal representative in the ICJ <b>Radoslav Stojanovic</b> stated that they would try and dispute competence of this Court in this case. According to Stojanovic this Court declared incompetence on SCG lawsuit against NATO countries with explanation that SCG was not a UN member at the time. He also stated that SCG proposal on solving the lawsuit diplomatically is not fear from lawsuit. <i>“We are not moving towards reconciliation we are continuing a conflict”</i>, stated Stojanovic. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 ‘Settle the lawsuit in diplomatic way’, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 ‘BiH cannot prove the suit’ by <u>N.N.</u>; <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 ‘History indicted’ – also carry Stojanovic.</p>
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<p>Rehn: Belgrade authorities took seriously message on full coop. with ICTY</p>	<p><b>PINK</b> – EU Enlargement Commissioner <b>Olli Rehn</b> expressed certainty that the authorities in Belgrade have taken seriously his message about the importance of the full cooperation with ICTY, and that they would undertake all the necessary measures to achieve that as soon as possible. In an interview for BBC Radio, Rehn stressed that Serbia must arrest <b>Ratko Mladic</b> and <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and transfer them to the Hague. If Serbia does not do that, it would have very negative consequences for SCG negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] with the EU, added Rehn. <b>Hayat, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 ‘Serbia must locate and apprehend Mladic and Karadzic’ by <u>BBC</u> also carried.</p> <p><b>PINK</b> – SIPA Director <b>Sredoje Novic</b> said that he agrees with assessment of IC representatives and BiH authorities that <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b> are not in BiH. Everything points out that those two, as well as other war crime indictees from the ICTY’s public list, are not in BiH, stressed Novic in an interview for Banja Luka daily Nezavisne novine.</p>
<p>Mladic is proNovic: Karadzic, Mladic not in BiH tected by the JNA, says Serbian official</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 ‘Mladic is protected by the JNA system’ by <u>FoNet</u> – <b>Vojin Dimitrijevic</b>, the Director of the Belgrade-based Centre for human rights, assessed that <b>Ratko Mladic</b>, a Hague fugitive, is being protected by the continuing system of JNA, because such mentality is difficult to change. <b>Dimitrijevic</b> stressed that delaying the submission of documentation to the ICTY is just part of the attempts by such structures to make the <b>Mladic</b> case difficult in a cheap and tricky way. According to him, the JNA, just like all armies, protects its officers, even if they committed war crimes.</p>

SD int w/ B. Vucurevic: 'I would respond to the summon of the BiH Court , however if they come to arrest me I would offer resistance.'

**Slobodna Dalmacija** cover pg splash 'HVO was paying us with fuel for medical treatment of Croats' and pgs 2 and 3 'We had excellent cooperation with Mate Boban's HVO' by A. Kalajdzic carries an interview with wartime Mayor of the Trebinje Municipality **Bozidar Vucurevic**, who said that he had talked with ICTY investigators in 2003 [The Croatian media has recently raised the issue of the wartime role of Vucurevic saying that unlike the BiH judiciary the Croatian judiciary did not show at all an interest in Vucurevic]. According to Vucurevic, they did not find in the things he did anything that would charge him and he added: *'They (the ICTY investigators) even told me that I deserve recognition for the things I did! The truth is that I saved thousands Croats and Bosniaks.'* Vucurevic also added that among these Bosniaks and Croats are those who are willing to testify allegedly in his favour. Vucurevic also said: *'I would respond to the summon of the BiH Court, however if they come to arrest me I would offer resistance.'*

## Other political issues

<p>Tihic demands continuation of talks on constitutional changes</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3, announced on cover 'Tihic demands negotiations to continue' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – SDA's <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> on Sunday demanded talks on constitutional changes to continue and added: <i>'we are not far from an agreement, because we have already agreed on most of issues'</i>. He believes it was possible to reach an agreement on constitutional changes by March 31 this year. PDP's <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> stated there are no pre-conditions for continuation of the talks and added he was surprised with Tihic's statement since it was SDA that had refused to accept compromise solutions. SNSD's <b>Krstan Simic</b> said it would be more useful if experts developed amendments on base of achievements.</p>
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<p>PDP's Radovanovic and SDS' Novakovic: only those issues that have been entirely agreed upon should be developed as amendments</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'Nothing on back door' by <u>Z. Markovic</u> – Commenting on the constitutional changes talks', PDP's <b>Vinko Radovanovic</b> said only those issues that have been entirely agreed upon should be developed as amendments. SDS's <b>Momcilo Novakovic</b> agrees and says he thinks it is possible to develop certain amendments with regard to BiH Presidency as well, explaining: <i>'The reason lies in the fact that, in line with the political agreement on CoM, a part of competences of the Presidency would be transferred on CoM, while the remaining competences of the Presidency would be defined through amendments'</i>. Inset 'Experts' – Novakovic confirmed RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> had appointed professors of Banja Luka Faculty of Laws <b>Snjezana Savic</b> and <b>Marko Rajcevic</b> members of a team of experts that would participate in development of draft amendments.</p>
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<p>HSP Djapic-Jurismic: 'We shall demand abolishment of FBiH'</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Croat negotiators do not have platform' – The HSP Djapic-Jurismic Council of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton held its regular session in Neum last weekend during which they, among the other things, discussed constitutional changes. President of HSP Djapic-Jurismic, <b>Zvonko Jurisic</b>, stated that it is defeating for Croats that HDZ negotiators and '<i>their satellite HNZ</i>' do not have any platform in order to try to improve disastrous position of the Croat people in BiH.</p> <p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 4 'We shall demand abolishment of FBiH' <u>by f</u> carries Jurisic as saying: '<i>Bosniak and Croat politicians support abolishment of entities and, if the RS cannot be abolished immediately because of Serb politicians, we shall demand abolishment of the FBiH and the RS would lose its purpose in this way.</i>' Also reported by <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 15 'Coalition on paper' <u>by M. Karacic.</u></p> <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 7 'To abolish Federation and the RS'.</p>
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<p>Int w/ M. Vaslij (Croat Block):  'Talks on all 3 authority levels should be launched simultaneously'/  Croat Block:  'Const. changes talks should continue'</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 4 'BiH state with 3 Federal units and 3 authority levels' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> carries an interview with President to Croat Block <b>Mario Vasilj</b> on the eve of Wednesday's talks of Croat parties on the results of the constitutional changes talks. Vasilj says: <i>"The Constitution should be passed if we want to get rid of protectorate and become a self-sustainable state. It should not be agreed at all with legalization of the current situation in the parliamentary procedure. However, negotiations on all 3 authority levels should be launched simultaneously."</i> <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 15 'Constitutional changes talks should continue' carries that the Croat Block Presidency held its session and they concluded that the constitutional changes talks should continue.</p>
<p>Maroevic and Topcagic confirm reforms proceed as planned for SAA talks with EU</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Negotiations on the Agreement between BiH and EU may commence' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – Representatives of EU and BiH confirmed BiH achieved a significant progress in realization of reforms and the European Team for Monitoring of Reforms will not ask for a postponement of the start of negotiations. EC Delegation Spokesperson <b>Frane Maroevic</b> stated there is no reason, at the moment, for EC to ask for the postponement, while Head of BiH Directorate for European Integrations <b>Osman Topcagic</b> stated reforms are being fulfilled in line with the planned tempo.</p>



<p>Discussion before BH Const. Court regarding Tihic' objection against RS symbols</p>	<p><b>EuroBlic</b> cover pg splash, RSpg 1 'Srpska defending symbols' by <u>Nedeljka Breberina</u></p> <p>– The representatives of the RS NA, that should take place at a public debate on 28 January in Sarajevo before the BiH Constitutional Court, should today take a stance and define their strategy. Debate will be held in regard to the initiative filed by Sulejman Tihic regarding RS symbols. The RS should be represented by:</p> <p><b>Hans Peter Schneider</b>, attorney from Germany, <b>Professor Dragomir Acovic</b> from Belgrade, Professor <b>Rajko Kuzmanovic</b>, and Heads of the Caucuses at the RS NA <b>Borislav Bojic</b> (SDS), <b>Krstan Simic</b> (SNSD) and <b>Nevenka Trifkovic</b> (PDP). Bojic is of the view BiH CC should reject Tihic' request. He also brings in question the biasedness of Judge Seada Palavric.</p>
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<p>Inaugural session of Movement for Changes in B. Luka: Association to become a party to take part in upcoming elections</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 ‘Something between Association and Party’ by <u>D.Momic</u> – An inaugural session in Banja Luka of new political party, currently operating as association of citizens, was held in Banja Luka Sunday, named Association of Citizens “Movement for changes”. The Association announces participation in the upcoming elections in BiH for all authority levels. The members of the Movement for changes Banja Luka are, amongst others: <b>Damir Miljevic, Renata Hadic-Hadzibegovic</b>, while the founders of the Association in Banja Luka are <b>Dragutin Ilic and Miroslav Mikes. Sahbaz Dzihanovic</b> is President of the Steering Board of the Movement (existing since June 2004), while <b>Slavo Kukic</b> is Vice President of Movement.</p>
<p>HR Ashdown tours BiH cities</p>	<p><b>PINK</b> – During his three-day farewell visit to some BiH cities, High Representative <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> will hold talks with politicians and citizens about the changes that occurred in BiH during his mandate, OHR announced. Ashdown will visit Trebinje and Mostar on Monday, January 23, Gornji Vakuf/Uskoplje and Banjaluka on Tuesday, January 24, and Srebrenica on Wednesday, January 25. <b>RHB, FTV, Dnevni List</b> pg 9 ‘Progress in improvement of business environment’, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2 ‘Ashdown pays farewell visits to BiH’ by <u>F</u> also reported.</p>

Circle 99  
discusses  
transition  
process in BiH

**PINK** by Zeljko Mandic – BiH was not well prepared when it entered transition process, and it is the biggest problem of this country, concluded participants at the regular session of the Association of Independent Intellectuals 'Circle 99' in Sarajevo. Foreign experts often say that BiH is closed for direct foreign investments; but, in the same time, almost 90 percent of commercial banking sector in BiH is owned by foreign citizens – which gives us hope that BiH is in fact a promising country, stressed economist **Fikret Causevic**. Globalisation is not for weak and poor countries as BiH, and therefore it is futile to expect that BiH would enter the free international market and have some benefit from it, added economist **Dragoljub Stojanov**. He believes that BiH must first organize its economic space if it wants to speed up the economic growth by accepting European standards. **Hayat, Oslobođenje** pg 6 'Politicians destroyed Energopetrol' by S.Hodzic, **Dnevni List** pg 3 'State is not strong for implementation of welfare programs' by M. Zorlak – also reported.

<p>BHT 1: will Ruvoga's death influence situation in region</p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> by <u>Damir Simic</u> – Reporter speculates on possible crisis caused by the death of Kosovo president <b>Ibrahim Rugova</b>. Reporter argues that issue of Kosovo status has often been linked to RS by the Serbian politicians. <b>Srdjan Dizdarevic</b>, Head of BIH Helsinki Board, stated that RS cannot be linked to solution of Kosovo status adding that there are international representatives who are concerned with maintaining the stability of the region. <b>Miroslav Mikes</b>, attorney, also denied this possibility while <b>Slavo Kukic</b>, a sociologist, stated that the <i>"Rugova has been controlling the radicalism in Kosovo and without him radicalism might erupt now"</i>. Member of BIH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> agreed that Rugova had authority in Kosovo and issued guidelines for general politics and status of Kosovo. <b>RHB, PINK, FTV, Hayat, RTRS</b> – all report on Rugova's funeral.</p>
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<p>NN op-ed: basic intention of foreigners is to see BH population deal with manufacturing, while they will be in charge of major business</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'Stranger in the night' by <u>Sead Fetahagic</u> – Referring to announcements that <b>Christian Schwarz Schilling</b> is the HR to BiH, the author laments over BiH and its peoples, who would then stay alone with its leaders. Furthermore, he raises the issue as to why the foreign representatives have never met with the representatives of civil society. He adds some international "diplomats" keep on persuading local economists that small and middle companies should be opened here, adding that basic intention of foreigners is to see BH population deal with manufacturing, while they will be in charge of major business.</p>
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## Economic and judicial issues

Miljevic:  
the costs of  
living in  
BiH are 48  
KM higher

**PINK, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Costs of living in BiH are 48 KM higher due to VAT' not signed, **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'A thicker bill to follow?' by D.Momic – President of the RS Association of Employers **Damir Miljevic** estimates that the first analysis of the Value Added Tax implementation will show 48 KM increase in average life expenses of the four-member family in BiH during January 2006. Miljevic believes that the real situation in BiH economy will be much clearer after February 10, when the first VAT applications should be handed in.

**RTRS** by Sanja Stankovic – Opinions of economic experts on VAT implementation in BIH are divided. Report features citizens who state that prices have gone up thus making life impossible. Economic analyst **Damir Miljevic** feels that Price Monitoring Teams have prevented enormous increase of prices. On the other hand he says that life in January for a 4 member family will be 48 KM more expensive than in December.

HR **Paddy Ashdown** visited company Interex in order to support their decision not to increase prices significantly after VAT introduction. **Dragoljub Stojanov** from Sarajevo economic faculty on the other hand feels that VAT still has to prove its good effects. Reporter concludes that VAT will show its true face after 10<sup>th</sup> of February when first reports of VAT payers will be submitted.

<p>A. Toskic: Dismissals of workers in printing industry to follow due to VAT introduction</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 6 'New dismissals of tens thousands of workers follow' by <u>D. Pusic</u> – President of the Trade Union of workers in the printing industry Amir Toskic stated that disastrous consequences of the VAT introduction for the printing industry etc. are already visible. He also said that due to the VAT introduction costs of the printing industry have increased and therefore he believes that employers would rationalize the number of workers in order to reduce the costs.</p>
<p>E. Biber: Protests of BiH citizens might take place in spring if new increase of prices takes place due to VAT introduction</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 3 'Protests of workers follow in spring?!' by <u>R. Dautevendic</u> carries that the BiH Trade Union supports the VAT introduction, however, it is concerned about the fact that the state had not made comprehensive preparations for the welfare introduction, that is, the welfare programs that would reduce consequences of the increase of prices and decreasing of the living standard. President of the BiH Trade Union <b>Edhem Biber</b> stated that if negative impacts of the VAT introduction continue, that is, if new increase of prices takes place it is quite certain that protests of BiH citizens would take place in March.</p>

Dokic:  
Croatia  
should give  
up on  
Peljesac  
bridge;  
Malaysians  
want to  
building Vc  
corridor

**Hayat** – BiH Minister of Transport and Communications **Branko Dokic** stated that it would be best for BiH if Croatia would give up an idea of building the bridge between the mainland and Peljesac peninsula. Dokic confirmed that Croatian authorities have delivered on December 30, 2005 the remaining documentation about this project. He added that the so-called Study on Harmless Passage has been forwarded to the expert commission, which should analyse it and submit a report to the BiH Council of Ministers by mid-February. **PINK** also carried the story. **EuroBlic** RSpG 3, announced on cover 'Malaysia wants to build highway' by T.Veselinovic – Branko Dokic confirmed to daily that *"we have agreed with the Malaysian Minister of Labour **Sami Wellu** that four experts from the Malaysian Council of Ministers comes to BiH by the end of this month and do financial feasibility study for 5C corridor through BiH. The study should be completed by the beginning of July."*



<p>VL: Liquidation of Hercegovacka Banka likely to happen</p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> cover pg splash 'Liquidation of Hercegovacka Banka' and pg 3 'Liquidation of Hercegovacka Banka?!' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – Hercegovacka Banka (HB) Provisional Administrator <b>Toby Robinson</b> would propose liquidation of Hercegovacka Banka if the negotiations with the Croatian brokerage firm 'FIMA' fail. VL says that according to the source familiar with these negotiations, the negotiations do not go smoothly since Croatian investors are offering considerably smaller amount of money for the bank from the one that the HB Provisional Administration expected. VL concludes that according to the current situation the whole process might fail and just confirm disappearance of HB. VL goes on to say that if this happens this would be one of the first major decisions of new High Representative <b>Christian Schwarz-Schilling</b>.</p>
<p>DA: Croatia should arrest Jelavic following Interpol warrant</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 'Croatia should arrest Jelavic based on Interpol warrant', mentioned on cover by <u>F. Vele</u>– Highly ranked official of Interpol Office in Sarajevo, confirmed for DA that claims of Croatian Interior Ministry Spokesperson, <b>Zlatko Mehun</b> that Croatia doesn't have legal basics to carryout any activities regarding <b>Ante Jelavic</b>, simply aren't true. This source said that it is true that Jelavic can't be extradited to BiH, but that based on the arrest warrant he can be arrested, due to confirming of identity and permanent address.</p>

## SIPA, police issues

Terzic: We would not rush with a decision on SIPA HQ

**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash 'We would not rush with a decision on SIPA HQ', pg 5 'SIPA HQ cannot be solved 'over the knee'' by T. Lazovic – Speaking for DA, Chair of the Council of Ministers **Adnan Terzic** said that issue of permanent SIPA HQ is too important to be solved in a rush: *"That has to be solved, but not because the High Representative wants it to be solved before his departure, but because this is an important issue of one of the most important institutions in BiH."* Commenting the statement of SIPA Director **Sredoje Novic**, that the issue of HQ is a political decision, Terzic stated that Novic should establish SIPA on a professional level and not get involved into the political issues. Terzic stated that issue of SIPA HQ would be regulated based on economic and technical criteria. Asked how much time would that take, Terzic answered: *"Exactly as it should"*.

<p>Oslobodjenje: BiH Supreme Courts returns decertified police officer to work</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pg 3 'Is a situation starting to turn in favour of dismissed police officers in BiH?' by <u>Vehid Jahic</u> – Daily brings the story on <b>Sedin Barucija</b>, the first decertified police officer in BiH who won the case before the BiH Supreme Court. According to verdict brought recently [no date specified], Barucija will be returned to his work to the Zenica-Doboj Cantonal Interior Ministry. Members of the FBiH Association of Decertified Police officers welcome the ruling deeming it as the turning point in <i>“shameful attitude of some state and entity officials in case of decertification.”</i></p>
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<p>Kebo: revision of decertification decisions could be carried out by EUPM or domestic institution</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Revision could be conducted by EUPM or domestic institutions' by <u>M. Kukan</u>– BiH Minister of Human Right and Refugees <b>Mirsad Kebo</b> stated that BiH authorities would submit a memorandum to the UN Security Council demanding the issue to be included in the SC's agenda. Kebo stressed that BiH authorities would ask for EUPM or domestic institutions to be authorized for carrying out revisions of the decisions on decertification of police officers. <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'We hope to positive decision of UN Security Council' by <u>M.K.</u>– Head of FBiH Association of Decertified Police officers, <b>Ramo Sulic</b> stated that UN Security Council would bring positive decision by the end of February. Sulic announced radicals measures to be undertaken if UN SC fails if decision is negative, or if BiH authorities fail to protect their rights</p>
<p>Novic: terrorist training possibly taking place in BiH</p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> – In an interview to Nezavisne novine, SIPA Director <b>Sredoje Novic</b> stated that there are real possibilities that the training of terrorist occurs in BIH. He also stated that an in-depth analysis and thorough investigation are required in whole of BIH for such facts to be established.</p>