

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 23/6/2004

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
Reforms in BiH	BiH lawsuit vs SCG	ERONET shares sold	Non-cooperation with ICTY
Pope in B.L. – anniversary	Theodor Meron in BiH	Old bridge ceremony safe	Boxes transferred to ICTY
BiH lawsuit vs SCG	Trial of Mimcilo Krajisnik	Financial crisis in Mostar	New mass graves
Attacks in Russia	Attacks in Russia	Bajramovic released	Conflicts in Russia

Oslobodjenje	Verdict in lawsuit against SCG by October 2005; Black page in history of Serb people; Commission report not complete without names of perpetrators; Ashdown abolishes sanctions against HDZ, SDA, SBiH
Dnevni Avaz	Elite special police officers will arrest criminals; Safety not threatened; New 355 measures in a month
Dnevni List	FBiH MoI: Security of Old Bridge is not endangered
Vecernji List	Dayton – an obstacle to EU
Slobodna Dalmacija	Sabotage conceived in mental institutions?!
Glas Srpske	Public address of RS President: Bad side of history
Nezavisne Novine	RS President's address: Crime in Srebrenica represents a black page in the history of the Serb people; Banja Luka : Special Auditor again inspected "Telekom Srpske"; Ruling against employees of Hipo Alpe Adria Bank: Given a suspended sentence over laundering of BAM 18 million

Blic	RS authority neglected farmers so they feed pigs with goat milk; There are still mujahedeen bases in BiH
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War crimes	
<p>Cavic addresses RS citizens: Srebrenica is a black page in a history of Serb people</p>	<p>RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 5 'Black side of Serb's people history', mentioned on cover, <u>by fena</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Cavic: Criminals are not prosecuted because of their ethnicity, but for they actions', Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 3 'Crime in Srebrenica represents a black page in the history of the Serb people'; Glas Srpske cover page story 'Bad side of history' – In a TV address aired Tuesday night, RS President Dragan Cavic stated that the report of the Srebrenica Commission confirms that war crimes were committed in the region in July 1995, and that in a period from 10 to 19 July several thousands of Bosniaks were killed. <i>"I have to say that those nine July days of Srebrenica tragedy are a black page in the history of Serb people, and perpetrators of this crime cannot justify to anybody. The one who committed the crime by [saying it was done for] people he/she belongs to, also committed the crime against their own people,"</i> said Cavic calling on all entities institutions to process such all these findings of Srebrenica Commission. <i>"And it is up to all of us to continue walking towards the truth, because only in that way we can avoid having our children to hate each other in a future because they are Bosniaks, Croats or Serbs,"</i> added Cavic. He stresses that there is not collective, but only individual quilt as all crimes were committed by people with a name and surname. <i>"I can not know whether the relatives of Bosniaks victims of war crimes committed by Serbs will find any relief in my address. I understand and feel for the pain of those still looking for their beloved ones. Everyone has a right to justice. They will believe in justice if they find out the truth on a faith of their beloved ones and if those who committed crimes get punished,"</i> concluded Cavic. [Note: Cavic's address was broadcast by RTRS]</p>

<p>Todorovic: Srebrenica Commission report is the first step in facing the truth</p>	<p>RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Investigation about criminals must continue', Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Give names of crimes and a number of perpetrators', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Srebrenica Commission report represents confrontation with the truth' – Branko Todorovic, Executive Director of the RS Helsinki Board for Human Rights, assessed that Srebrenica Commission report is encouraging, because for the first time, the reference is made in public about the crimes and several thousands of Bosniak victims. And this is, in his view, the first step in the process of facing with the truth. At the press conference in Banja Luka held on Tuesday, Todorovic stated that Srebrenica Commission report for the first time shows RS authorities can make good results, which international and domestic public expects from them. He expressed dissatisfaction over the fact that Report does not include the names of criminals and the exact number of victims. He also presented his view in favour of seeing the work of Srebrenica Commission not limited with time frame. He called on RS authorities to demonstrate courage and responsibility and present the entire truth about Srebrenica to the public. He also added that key issue following publication of Report would be the opening of procedures against those persons responsible for Srebrenica developments.</p> <p>BHTV 1 – <i>"What we expect from a society which has established rule of law is to start prosecute perpetrators of war crimes,"</i> said Branko Todorovic.</p>
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<p>Update to BiH lawsuit against SCG</p>	<p>BHTV 1 – The processing of the BiH lawsuit against Serbia and Montenegro will be over by the mid next year. A number of RS top officials believe that the lawsuit is illegal, hence they have sent the letter to the High Representative Paddy Ashdown expressing their strong opposition to it and demanding him to reconsider its validity. <i>“The High Representative for BiH is in contact with officials from around the world, and we find it necessary to present opinion of RS politicians,”</i> commented Dragan Mikerevic, RS Prime Minister. <i>“We believe that this is the issue of two states and their bilateral relations, and that is why we think that OHR should not comment on that,”</i> said Oleg Milisic, OHR spokesman. <i>“RS officials are trying to put the blame on others for not cooperating with ICTY,”</i> said Sulejman Tihic, Chairman of BiH Presidency. <i>“As any other indictment, politics should be out of this, because it is legal issue,”</i> said Dragan Covic, member of BiH Presidency.</p> <p>RTRS – RS President Dragan Covic said the letter of RS officials sent to High Representative Paddy Ashdown <i>“launches the issue of disputable legitimacy of the BiH lawsuit against Serbia and Montenegro at those who have the authority in BiH”</i>. Covic added that the legitimacy of the lawsuit, in sense of the Dayton BiH, is fully disputable for the Serb side.</p> <p>RTRS, Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 ‘Verdict in BIH vs. SCG case until October 2005’ by <u>Az. Kalamujic</u>– The High Representative Paddy Ashdown commented on the letter sent to him that the issue of lawsuit was a matter for two countries to solve.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 ‘Verdict in BIH vs. SCG case until October 2005’ by <u>Az. Kalamujic</u> – Verbal discussion on the BiH’s lawsuit accusing Serbia and Montenegro of committing aggression and genocide will start in October and will last until the end of this year, estimates BiH agent in this process Sakib Softic. He also stresses that there is no chance to reach an out-of-court settlement with SCG, expecting the verdict in the case to be brought by the October 2005.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 ‘Date of discussion on BiH lawsuit against SCG to be determined’ – DA writes that legal representatives of BiH and SCG will meet on Friday with the Chairman of the International Court of Justice to determine the date of verbal discussion on the lawsuit.</p>
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<p>Ashdown says 16 boxes already transferred to ICTY</p>	<p>Blic, pg. RS2 'Archive in the Hague already' by <u>N. B., Nezavisne Novine</u> pg 2 'Ashdown does not know what wartime archive of RS MOI contains' – Paddy Ashdown, High Representative to BiH, stated on Tuesday he had no knowledge as to what 16 boxes with wartime archive of RS Interior Ministry contain. He added: <i>"These boxes have been forwarded to The Hague Tribunal, where they would be examined. We do not know what information those contain for the moment and it remains an open question for us."</i></p> <p>Ashdown also commented that the issue of BiH lawsuit against SiCG represents a problem, which these two states must resolve.</p> <p>RTRS – The evidence boxes went to the ICTY, and the question now is whether RS is to face sanctions. RTRS comments that it appears as if the story about BiH's admission to Partnership for Peace this coming weekend in Istanbul is not over yet. <i>"Let's wait and see, six more days, and after that it is up to NATO to decide. When they decide than I will decide [on sanctions], and when I decide I will let you know"</i>, said Ashdown..</p> <p>BHTV 1 – On the boxes, spokesperson for RS Prime Minister, Goran Radivojac says: <i>"It is about several thousands of documents. Final report [of Srebrenica Commission] will be submitted to RS Government and to Human Rights Chamber inside BiH Court, which will start with processes and investigations."</i></p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Cekic: RS MoI still did not submit all documents they have' by <u>S. Skuletic</u> – The international member of Srebrenica Commission, Gordon Bacon, said that if the boxes found in RS MoI premises and transferred to ICTY include information on Srebrenica events in July 1995, the Commission will demand to be provided with those. Commission Vice Chair Smail Cekic says he believes that RS MoI still did no turn over all documents it has.</p>
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<p>ICTY President Meron visits BiH</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 7 'First cases for war crimes at the beginning of next year', Dnevni Avaz pg 13 'Meron to visit Srebrenica today', Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 8 'Theodor Meron in unannounced visit to BiH', by H – The President of ICTY, Theodor Meron, came to an unannounced 2-day visit to BiH on Tuesday. Meron stated that he hoped that ICTY indictees, namely Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic and Ante Gotovina would be arrested by completion of first instance trials before the ICTY. Commenting on the fact that the failure to arrest Karadzic has stopped BiH en route to Euro-Atlantic integration, Mr. Meron says it is a problem that needs to be solved foremost by the RS authorities.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine, pg. 8 'Theodore Meron visited BiH Court' by <u>SRNA</u> – Meron visited BiH Court and met with President of BiH Court Martin Raguz and SDHR Bernard Fassier.</p> <p>BHTV 1 – In an interview to BHTV 1, Meron said that ICTY would not cease its operations until the end of all on-going processes. <i>"I am sure that International Community will secure funds for work of BiH Court. We participated in workshops in order to help establishment of this institution. Whether BiH Court start its work in December 2004 – that depends on local institutions, Justice Ministry and OHR. International Community insists on captures of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. We cannot blame international community for [lack of success]. The truth is that since ICTY started its work, RS has arrested not a single war criminal, and we expect RS to be more active when it comes to this issue because it is very important for BiH,"</i> said Theodor Meron.</p>
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<p>Tihic meets Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Commission report not complete without names of perpetrators', mentioned on cover, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'There is no reason to hide names of crime perpetrators' by <u>Sa. S.</u> – Chairman of BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic commented on Srebrenica Commission report by saying that it is not enough only to say that genocide happened, but also to publish names of those who took party in carrying it out. Tihic on Tuesday met with the representatives of the Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa association. <i>"There is no reason to hide the names of crime perpetrators. We expect from RS authorities to establish commissions for Brcko, Kozarac, Bijeljina, Vlasenica,... These all are places where genocide happened and whose perpetrators must be brought before the justice,"</i> said Tihic during the meeting. The Chair of Association Munira Subasic expressed her dissatisfaction with the Srebrenica Commission report adding that it included just a minimum of information that RS had to publish.</p>
<p>Blewitt says Karadzic and Mladic will never end up in The Hague</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 17 'Mladic and Karadzic will never come to The Hague Tribunal', <u>not signed</u> – The outgoing Deputy Prosecutor of the ICTY, Graham Blewitt, told the Austrian daily 'Die Presse' that he, unlike the Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte, did not expect that Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic would ever appear at The Hague. In that context, Blewitt says there is not political will within NATO to arrest Karadzic. Furthermore, Blewitt claims that Karadzic is still afraid of his former mentor Slobodan Milosevic, who will never allow that Karadzic ends up in The Hague because he could heavily charge him.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Karadzic and Mladic will never end up in the Hague alive' – For that reason, Blewitt believes that Milosevic will never allow for his former ally to arrive to the Hague alive. He also said that the Tribunal has lead confidential talks with Karadzic in past few years trying to convince him to surrender. At the end, Blewitt said he has difficult relationship with Del Ponte, not hiding that is the reason why he leaves the Hague .</p>

Economic issues

<p>Set of new 355 measures proposed</p>	<p>RHB, BHTV1, Oslobođenje pg 9 'Set of new 355 measures', Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'New 355 measures in next six months', mentioned on cover, by A.M., Dnevni List, pg 2 'New 355 measures for realization of development strategy of BiH', by <u>Erna Mackic</u> – The Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, stated at session of Coordination Board for economic development and European integration of BiH, attended by representatives of legislative and executive authorities of BiH, that of 136 measures from the Mrakovica Action plan, 91% of the measures had been fulfilled. <i>"Action plan for the next six months got a proposal to include 355 measures that are to be carried out by all three Governments in order to achieve the PRSP strategy"</i>, said Terzic adding that the package of 355 measures was a good foundation. Terzic also noted that the three Prime Ministers should forward the competent ministries their remarks by July 10 when the Coordination Board should meet again.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Lists becoming shorter and shorter' – Dragan Mikerevic, RS Prime Minister, told SRNA news agency that his Cabinet will focus in the coming days on the implementation of the remaining 9 out of 135 measures from Mrakovica Agreement. He explained: <i>"These concern some legal proposals on inspection, which we need to unite."</i> After the session of Coordination Board for economic development and European integration, he added that remaining measures also concern the issue of oil market in BiH. Ahmet Hadzipasic, FBiH Premier, told the press that his Cabinet needs to focus in the coming month on resolution of four legal projects regarding income, obligation, insurance and inspection.</p>
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**Municipality
Grude sells
its shares
of Eronet
company**

FTV, Oslobođenje pg 7 'Shares offered to HT Zagreb, and than to Austrian Mobis' by A. Omeragic, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Austrian Mobilcom offers 245 million Euros' by F. Vele, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 23 'Municipality of Grude sells its share in Eronet', by Antonio Karamatic, – Municipal Council of Grude took a decision to sell its share, minus half a percent, in 'Eronet'.

Vecernji List, pg 4 'Mobilkom offered 51% of Eronet shares', mentioned on front, by Zoran Kresic – According to VL, the Provisional Administration for 'Hercegovacka bank', which attended the session on Tuesday, has similar intentions. The information was confirmed by a source close to Office of Head of Municipality Grude. Apparently, the decision does not specify when and whom the share will be sold to. DL also reports that the session of the Municipal Council was attended by **Boris Nemsic**, a manager in 'Mobilkom Austria ', who presented the bid to buy the share in 'Eronet'. Apparently, Nemsic offered 24 million Euros plus to pay for the GSM licence in case 'Eronet' does indeed get it.

Dnevni List, pg 5 'Mobilkom of Austria offers 24 million Euros for share in Eronet' mentioned on cover, by Jurislav Petrovic – DL was told by **Robert Gavranovic**, the General Manager of 'Hercegovina osiguranje', that the offer would be first given to 'HT Zagreb' to respect the right to pre-emption.

<p>HR visits farmers</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'RS must help farmers', Blic, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'Farmers need better assistance of RS Government'; Glas Srpske pg 2 'Dining table for Europe' pg. RS1 'Ashdown among goats' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u> mentioned on cover 'RS authority neglected farmers so they feed pigs with goat milk' – High Representative Paddy Ashdown visited Josavca village on Tuesday, where he met with a farmer that breeds goats. Among other, HR stated that it was important for him to see how common people live because only in this way he could bring reasonable decisions. He emphasized that there is a huge demand for goat cheese at European market but <i>'we do not have a possibility to enter this market because the Government had been attempting to establish a veterinary institute and suitable standards for the past two years'</i>.</p>
<p>NN update to audit of Telekom Srpske</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 5 'Special auditor against inspecting "Telekom"' – NN source close to management of "Telekom Srpske" claims that the Special international auditor is again inspecting into business dealings of this firm. As NN learnt, Special audit team of international community has been inspecting into financial documentation of this firm at the Finance Department of Telekom as of Monday. "Telekom" management yesterday did not want to make any comment on this.</p>

<p>Update to audit of Srpske sume</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 ‘Lumber camp violated Laws’ – The Audit Report on “Srpske Sume” says that Public Company “Srpske Sume” could have achieved financial score of at least BAM 10.6 million in 2002, only if its (lumber camp) organisational units had respected Law on forests and internal control, and implemented adopted plans.</p> <p>Auditors also established that “Srpske Sume” failed to respect Law on public procurement.</p>
<p>Hays: Investors must set free of prejudice</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 8 ‘Investors must set free of prejudice’ by D. Polovina Mandic, Blic, pg. RS2</p> <p>‘Hays: wrong idea on economy’ by J. D. – Principal Deputy High Representative Donald Hays delivered a speech at the conference that IEDC-Business School Bled organized in Sarajevo. DL says that the topic of this conference was the influence that the EU expansion will have on BiH and Slovenia . In his speech Hays stressed that the wrong understanding that exists with regard to the BiH economy still endangers efforts exerted in order to attract international and domestic investments. It also reduces the trust of the persons who decide on business politics and the trust of citizens in the BiH economy.</p>

Political issues

OHR revokes
sanctions
against HDZ,
SBiH and SDA
CoM

RHB, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'OHR abolished sanctions against HDZ, SDA and SBiH', Oslobodjenje pg 3 "Ashdown abolished sanctions to HDZ, SDA and SBiH", mentioned on cover, by fena, Dnevni List pg 5 'Financial funds unfrozen to HDZ' by D. Polovina-Mandic, Vecernji List pg 3 'OHR abolished sanctions to HDZ, SDA and SBiH' by D. Ja. and Slobodna Dalmacija pg 25 'Ashdown abolished sanctions for HDZ, SDA and SBiH' by F, Blic, pg. RS4 'Sanctions to the Party for BiH, HDZ and SDA were abolished' by J. D.- OHR spokesperson Oleg Milisic stated at the press conference yesterday that following the recent adoption by the Posavina and Herzegovina-Neretva Cantonal Assemblies of legislation on primary and secondary education that is adequately harmonized with the Framework Law on Primary and Secondary Education of Bosnia and Herzegovina the High Representative Paddy Ashdown has informed the Prime Ministers and the Finance Ministers of these two Cantons that the HDZ in Canton 2 and the HDZ, SDA and SBiH in Canton 7 are no longer under financial sanctions.

Mostar City Council to adopt the budget?

FTV, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 23 'Budget must be adopted', by E – The Mayor of Mostar, **Hamdija Jahic**, stated Tuesday that he hoped that the budget of City of Mostar would be adopted on Wednesday at the session of Mostar City Council, otherwise the city would find itself in a difficult situation. *"We made a good job and I think the budget will be adopted tomorrow although we have not solved all the issues, as we will be working on them in the next period"*, said Mayor Jahic. According to Deputy Mayor **Ljubo Beslic** it is not as if there is no agreement, it is simply down to the fact that they did not have enough time to cover everything. Questioned whether the OHR is also responsible for the delay in adoption of the budget, Deputy Mayor Beslic stated that everybody shares its part of responsibility, noting that in principle, he and the Mayor share the biggest responsibility.

Dnevni List pg 11 'Authority admitted responsibility for non-adoption of budget' not signed – Asked about possible responsibility of the OHR for the fact that the city budget was not adopted Ljubo Beslic stated: *"Everybody is partly responsible for non-adoption of the budget and the Mostar Mayor and his Deputy are the most responsible."*

Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'City Council today to adopt Mostar budget?' by F. Vele – DA claims that representatives of the political parties in the Mostar City Council have reached an agreement on the city budget.

**Covic, Colak
meet Covic,
Kalinic**

Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Turning point towards reconciliation and trust', **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 19 'Encouragement to reconciliation' by A. Macanovic – Croat member of the BiH Presidency **Dragan Covic** and BiH Security Minister **Barisa Colak** with associates held separate meetings with RS President **Dragan Covic** and President of the RS National Assembly **Dragan Kalinic** in Banja Luka on Tuesday. During these separate meetings they talked about the current position of Croats, the return of Croat refugees and displaced persons and possibility of their employment, as well as, about the participation of Croat representatives in the RS institutions.

Dnevni List pg 3 'Dissatisfaction over return of Croats to RS' by M. Relota DL says that Croat representatives expressed dissatisfaction over these processes, which according to their opinion, go very slowly.

Nezavisne Novine pg 11 'Pope's messages were not forgotten' – According to press release issued by Covic's cabinet, the meeting also discussed political situation in BiH. The meeting concluded that BiH has successfully fulfilled the greatest part of conditions required for its admission into PFP.

<p>Parliament today discusses BiH progress</p>	<p>RHB, Vecernji List, front and pg 3 'Dayton – an obstacle to EU', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – The Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe will today probably adopt a resolution on BiH, which warns that the Dayton Peace Accord unable an access to Euro-Atlantic integration to BiH, indirectly suggesting to domestic political parties to open a dialogue on constitutional changes. The resolution, which was prepared by the Political Board of Council of Europe, calls on the political parties to strengthen central institutions of the State and open the issues pertaining to new structural changes.</p>
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Security and defence issues

**Security
board:
Opening
ceremony of
Old Bridge
safe**

FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Opening of Old Bridge in secure environment', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'No threat to opening of the Old Bridge', mentioned on cover, by M. Kukan, **Dnevni List** front and pg 7 'Halilovic: Security of Old Bridge in Mostar is not endangered' by D. Polovina-Mandic – The conclusion from the Tuesday's emergency session of the Sub-Committee for Security of the Old Bridge Opening Ceremony says that the security situation is satisfactory and there is no ground for suspicions that it might be endangered during the opening ceremony. Also, it was unanimously concluded that presenting of the information, which have not been checked enough, and which appeared in media lately about possible endangering of these manifestation was haste and done in an unprofessional way.

BHTV 1 – *"Presentation of insufficient information, which have occurred in media lately, on possible threats to this ceremony has been seen as unprofessional and inappropriate"* said **Mevludin Halilovic**, FBiH Interior Minister.

Dnevni Avaz inset to the article, 'Unacceptable publishing of unconfirmed information' – In a statement to DA, SIPA Director **Sredoje Novic** says it is unacceptable to make unconfirmed information public, especially those that can cause panic among citizens. He reiterates that SIPA holds no information on possible terrorist attacks in Mostar.

<p>Dodik says Misic suspended because he disobeyed Njegus; Njegus denies</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Misic disobeyed Njegus's order to return stolen vehicles to criminals' – At the press conference held in Banja Luka on Tuesday, Milorad Dodik, SNSD President, stated that Sasa Misic, Banja Luka Police Station 2 Commander was suspended because he disobeyed order by Radomir Njegus, RS Police Director. Njegus, according to Dodik, ordered Misic to return vehicles police confiscated to a criminal group of people. Dodik said: <i>"I expect Njegus to file a lawsuit against me over these allegations, so I could give full names and surnames of those criminal before the Court."</i> Radomir Njegus denied all these allegations by Dodik, saying that Misic <i>"has been suspended because of several disciplinary violations which I stated in an unambiguous way at my pres conference yesterday."</i></p>
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<p>EUPM on suspension of Sasa Misic</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘Quick conclusions’ on <u>Onasa</u>, Dnevni List, pg 4 ‘Suspension has nothing to do with 16 discovered boxes’, by <u>D. P. M.</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 ‘Suspension is not linked to revealing 16 boxes’, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Ashdown does not know what wartime archive of RS MOI contains’ – EUPM closely monitors situation in Banja Luka during the last several days following the decision of a high RS police official to suspend the chief of the Banja Luka Police Station Sasa Misic II. However, EUPM thinks that the suspension is in no way connected to the discovery of 16 boxes of documents handed over to the ICTY, EUPM spokesperson Killian Wahl told a press conference in Sarajevo. Wahl said: <i>“EUPM recommends this case should not be politicised, but instead investigation results should be awaited for. The rushed conclusions and judgements could confuse the public.”</i></p>
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**SIPA law
comes into
force today**

Dnevni Avaz cover page “Elite special police officers will arrest criminals”, pg 5 “Elite special police officers will arrest war criminals and criminals” by M. Kukan – DA writes that today the Law on SIPA comes to force. *“As of today, SIPA becomes the institution which can lead investigations and I am sure that very soon we will work on cases,”* says SIPA Director **Sredoje Novic**. In an interview explaining the scope of SIPA work, Novic underlines that it will also include a number of activities with regard to money laundering, financial crime, witness protection, organized crime, etc. *“SIPA will also be authorized to arrest war crimes suspects, and within an Agency there will be a special elite unit well equipped and capable to carry out arrests. It will be a support to crime police working on investigations regarding the terrorism, drugs, organized crime,”* says Novic.

<p>Terzic, Mikerevic on BiH admission to PfP</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 'BiH waits to enter PfP because of SCG' by A.O. – Stating that BiH would get approval for beginning of negotiations on Stabilisation and Accession Agreement with EU, Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, said that he has <i>“a right to hope that RS authorities will do what they are expected to do”</i> regarding the admission to Partnership for Peace. Asked what will happen if BiH fails to be admitted to PfP this coming weekend, Terzic answers that <i>“RS will be responsible for that.”</i> RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic says he was surprised with NATO communiqué which <i>“did not include official invitation for BiH admission to Partnership. I don't think that it is just because of political obligations given to BiH, but also because – in case BiH is admitted – only Serbia and Montenegro would stay outside of Partnership”</i>. Mikerevic says that he also believes that elections in BiH and SCG also influenced postponing PfP admission.</p>
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<p>US magazine on mujahedins in BiH</p>	<p>Blic, pg. RS5 'There are still mujahedeen bases in BiH' by <u>SRNA</u> mentioned on cover 'There are still mujahedeen bases in BiH', Dnevni List pg 16 'Mujehedeens are preparing attacks while Ashdown looks the other way', mentioned on cover, by M. R. – The articles quote the American 'Defence and Foreign Affairs' newspapers as saying that a number of representatives of Islamic groups have recently visited BiH to buy grenades with rocket drive and to recruit fighters for Iraq. According to the article, the person in charge of recruiting is Emir el Aziz, who resides in Maoca near Brcko, <i>"one of 15 towns in BiH that are under a complete control of mujahedeens, to NATO also known under the term 'terrorist bases'"</i>. The article also quotes an anonymous source from SFOR as criticizing High Representative Paddy Ashdown by saying: <i>'His only worry is to protect his reputation.'</i> "Defence and Foreign Affairs" article reads that Ashdown had attempted to show that Bosnian Serbs were responsible for delay in BiH's admission to PfP, <i>"although sources of SFOR say that Serb forces were far more ready...than the forces from the Federation of BiH"</i>.</p>
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**Stankovic:
RS is ahead
of FBiH in
defence
reforms**

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Defence reforms goes well' by E.S., **Blic**, pg. RS2 'RS is ahead of the Federation of BiH in reforms' by SRNA – RS Minister of Defence **Milovan Stankovic** assessed that BiH is at the middle of the path in implementing defence reform as well as that the RS institutions are ahead of the Federation of BiH institutions in dynamics of implementing of the reforms. The Minister met with members of the parliamentary committees for monitoring and control of the work of RS and Federation of BiH defence institutions, on which occasion he said that RS established a new organizational – formation structure of defence institutions on June 1, which should be put in function soon.

BiH MoD
officials
meet Nikolic
to discuss
FBiH Army
situation

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Mehmedovic accuses Nikolic for agony in FBiH Army' by E. Sarac – BiH Defence Minister **Nikola Radovanovic** and his deputies **Enes Becirbasic** and **Marina Pendes** met on Tuesday with FBiH Defence Minister **Miroslav Nikolic** to discuss the critical situation in FBiH Army. Becirbasic stated that Nikolic presented the situation, which is very serious especially regarding the food supplies, and proposed temporary halt of conscription, concluding that BiH MoD would analyse situation and bring decision. The final word is with the BiH Presidency. Chair of SDA Caucus in FBiH House of Representatives, Semsudin Mehmedovic, blames Nikolic for *"consciously bringing further existence of FBiH Army into question."* He arguments that by *"postponing for months redundancies in FBiH Army and failure to implement conclusions by FBiH Parliament, he brought our army in agony."*