

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 23/6/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 23 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)
New border crossing near Metkovic	PIC meeting: future of OHR
UNESCO experts visit Mostar	Crans-Montana Forum in Monaco
Changes to OHR mandate	Corporative Management-RT

TV news broadcast on 22 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
PIC in session	Dodik and Rycroft had meeting	Public admin. reform / PIC session
FBiH Government in session	HR met German Minister of Defence	Rycroft, RS officials on police reform
FBiH HoP in session	Conference on PA reform held in SA	Lagumdzija on Dodik's statements
Robinson as PB Commissioner	Ivanic and Kudela signed memo.	German Defence Minister in BiH

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS 19,30 hrs)
Report on number of BiH officials	Situation in cultural institutions	PIC meeting ongoing in Sarajevo
PIC in session	UNESCO delegation visits Mostar	RTRS found contract with 'Vitol'

Election candidates to be checked	Owner of the quarry ends protest	HR appointed Robinson as liquidator
UNESCO delegation in Mostar	Dispute over apartments in Gorazde	Priebe regarding police reform

Oslobodjenje	[Peace Implementation Council] It is not time for withdrawal from BiH
Dnevni Avaz	[SDU Durakovic] Green-Red coalition is on stage
Dnevni List	New 'mole' in Covic's HDZ?
Vecernji List	Croatia goes home (football World Cup)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Clean Neretva to Ston (ecology project for Neretva valley)
Nezavisne Novine	Tobi Robinson liquidates PBES
Glas Srpske	Moral comfort for survivors [POWs (1941-1945) from NDH – Independent State of Croatia might get war reparation payments]
EuroBlic	Bribe annulled enrolment tests [Corruption in process of enrolment of students to Faculties in RS]
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

PIC meeting continues; discussion focused at OHR transformation and reforms

BH Radio 1 by Samir Huseinovic – Meeting of Peace Implementation Council' Political Directors continues in Sarajevo and today participants should discuss the future role of the OHR i.e. transition and abolishment of Bonn Powers and BiH's EU Integrations. Special attention would be dedicated to the key ongoing reforms which BiH has to carry out in order to associate with the EU. Deputy Balkans Coordinator of Foreign and Commonwealth Office **Angus Lapsley**, who represents the UK Government, stated the time has come for more normal establishment and model of political action in which BiH institutions would take over the responsibility for events in the country. *"We see the future of BiH in the Europe...the doors of the EU are opened for you and we offer ourselves as the partners to assist you on that way,"* said Lapsley. British representatives stressed that decision on future role of the International Community doesn't mean its engagement would cease, but that would change. *"That transformation is a positive signal and the more your country get closer to the EU and NATO, the faster it would go,"* stated British representatives.

CoM Chair
Terzic: OHR
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SRNA– The BiH Council of Ministers Chair, **Adnan Terzic**, said today that BiH needs the OHR in its present capacity until it signs the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the EU, and in the process of the constitutional reform. Addressing the PIC meeting being held in Sarajevo, Terzic noted departure of the OHR should not be tied to dates but to processes. *“Once we sign the SAA, it will mean that we have proved to the European Commission the state has capacity and political will to meet assumed obligations,”* Terzic told SRNA after addressing the PIC. He added that after that, BiH will not need the OHR in its present capacity and then its transition could begin.

PIC session / OHR transformation

PIC meeting commences in Sarajevo ; media expect agreement on OHR transformation

FTV- The Political Directors of the Peace Implementation Council [PIC] on Thursday in Sarajevo commenced a two-day session. The BiH delegation, led by the BiH Presidency Chair **Sulejman Tihic** and Council of Ministers Chair **Adnan Terzic**, attend this meeting as well. Participants will discuss the reform processes in BiH; the second part of the PIC meeting will focus on the transition from peace implementation to Euro-Atlantic integration. **BHT1-** The EU delegation led by the Director of the ECs General Directorate for Enlargement **Reinhard Priebe** also attends the session. **Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Decision of transformation of OHR today?', by D. P. Mandic – announces start of PIC Political Directors session, stressing that many BiH and international officials stated on Thursday that the PIC should be taking decision on status of the OHR and IC in BiH, which should transform into the EUSR during next year. **Vecernji List** pg 21 'Schilling gradually losing pharaoh's powers' by Dejan Jazvic – VL writes that PIC plans to reduce the powers of HR to BiH. Over the past several years, HRs have removed from office more than 250 officials for which reason the HR has been called a maharaja or a pharaoh in local and international media. **RHB, Hayat, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'PIC discussing role of OHR and international community' by V. Popovic and R. Cengic – also reported.

DA: Different stances among PIC countries on OHR transformation; Presidency Chair Tihic deem it is not the time for abolishment of Bonn Powers

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Solana would be authorized for transformed OHR?' by T.Lazovic– As DA learns, late on Thursday night, the PIC ended first part of the session without reaching the decision on transformation of the OHR and abolishment of Bonn Powers. DA carries that PIC members still have different stances about this issue and on the way this transformation could be made. DA notes some in PIC believe OHR transformation should be related to signing of Stabilization and Association Agreement, or even with the process of constitutional changes. Chair of BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic** stressed that withdrawal of the **High Representative** and abolishment of Bonn Powers, at this time, could lead to blockade of BiH Institutions and in reforms. PIC meeting is attended by EC's **Reinhard Priebe**, and **Robert Cooper**, Deputy to the EU High Representative for Foreign Policy **Javier Solana**. AS DA carries, the most probable model of OHR's transformation is transition into the EUSR, in which case the authority over the mission would be in Solana's hands [daily adds this was probably a reason why Cooper attended the session]. **Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pgs 4-5 'It is not the time for retrieving of International Community' A.Omeragic Inset "Should wait for election results'- Sulejman Tihic proposed for the decision on abolishing Bonn powers after the elections.

UK
Ambassador, RS
PM on OHR
transition;
Rycroft: IC
engagement
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PINK – UK Ambassador to BiH, **Matthew Rycroft** on Thursday met the RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik**. Among other things, they have discussed the transition of the OHR. Dodik and Rycroft believe that BiH institutions should make decisions on BiH issues and that OHR status might be changed after the PIC meeting. *“We hope that important decisions regarding the international community engagement in BiH would be brought at this meeting. This does not mean that the engagement would stop but would be changed”*, said Rycroft. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 ‘PIC discussing role of OHR and international community’ by V. Popovic and R. Cengic – RS PM **Milorad Dodik** noted domestic authorities should take over the responsibility for European issues concerning BiH and added: *‘I am glad one could notice the orientation to affirm the responsibility of domestic authorities and I think there would be a significant change to the status of OHR, on which issue a certain map of road will be defined today already’*. **EuroBlic** pg RS2 ‘Rycroft: take reforms seriously’ by M. Soja and Srna Inset ‘Decision on status of OHR tomorrow’ – Rycroft announced PIC should reach decision on future status of OHR on Saturday.

<p>Foreign Minister Ivanic says abolishment of Bonn powers is “good and normal for BiH”</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 ‘It is not the time for retrieving of International Community’ <u>A.Omeragic</u>– Commenting the debate over OHR transition, BiH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic deems that abolishment of Bonn Powers “<i>is normal and good for BiH</i>”, adding that “<i>the time has passed when the IC was carrying out the political goals from Sarajevo</i>”. Vecernji List pg 21 ‘Schilling gradually losing pharaoh’s powers’ <u>by Dejan Jazvic</u>– carries Ivanic.</p>
<p>RS Pres. Cavic expressed support to PIC dedication to transform OHR into EUSR</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Directorate is wasting time’ <u>by Z. Markovic</u> Inset ‘Transformation’ – RS President Dragan Cavic, during the meeting of British Ambassador Matthew Rycroft with RS officials, expressed his support to intentions and commitment of PIC members to transformation of OHR into EUSR, which would stipulate transfer of authorities from IC onto domestic authorities. Vecernje Novosti pg 2 ‘Either Srpska or separation’ <u>by Slobodan Pesevic</u> – carries an interview with Cavic in line with the interview he gave to Srna [<i>see OHR BiH Media Round up, June 22</i>], in which he noted the time of Tsars in BiH had passed and added the institution of HR should be abolished next year. With regard to the referendum in RS, Cavic said it might be organised in case DPA is violated. Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Destruction of Dayton leads to secession’ <u>not signed</u> – also reported.</p>

CEIS Director Slatina: It is not the time for retrieving of International Community

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'It is not the time for retrieving of International Community' A.Omeragic – Director of Sarajevo Office of Centre for European Integration Strategies [CEIS], **Senad Slatina**, deems that OHR shouldn't be abolished yet. *"Idea on transformation of the Office dates from 2003, when was established that Bonn Powers do not contribute to democracy development. That is an interesting argument, but only if we would have the situation in which all people have all the same rights in the whole country,"* said Slatina, adding that CEIS believes that IC should first finish with reforms in BiH. Inset 'What would be authorities of the EU Special representative'- Slatina said that it is unclear what would be EUSR's authorities. Inset "Should wait for election results'- **Sulejman Tihic** proposed that this decision is passed after the election and publishing of the results.

SDU Durakovic:
It is too early
to diminish
authorities of
HR; supporting
Bonn Powers in
cases of
reforms
important for
Euro-Atlantic
integrations

Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 5 'Green-Red coalition is on stage' by Admir Malagic – Commenting IC's presence and influence in BiH, SDU Presidency member **Nijaz Durakovic** told in an interview to daily: *"I personally think that it is too early to diminish authorities of High Representative, for we still need them, regardless to the mistakes by different regents [Carl] Bildt, [Carlos] Westendorp, [Wolfgang] Petritsch, [Paddy] Ashdown to [Christian] Schwarz-Schilling. Especially in this situation, when separatist tendencies are strengthening, police reform is blocked..."* Inset 'Too early for abolishing Bonn Powers' – Asked to comment announced abolishment of Bonn Powers, Durakovic stated that he is supporting use of these in cases of reforms important for Euro-Atlantic integrations: *"We cannot adopt the Law on Higher Education for four years by ourselves. This is why the full presence of IC is necessary for couple of more years."* As for the elections, Durakovic repeat condemned condemning 'green-black-red coalition of SDA and SDP with SDS, SNSD and PDP'.

Oslob op-ed:
Without OHR
there would not
be most
important
reforms

Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Destiny of OHR' op-ed
by Aldijana Omeragic – Commenting
announcements on abolishment of OHR and
less direct influence of International
Community onto BiH political life,
editorial reads that claims coming from
the RS that "*BiH authorities should take
over responsibility for leading the
country*" are correct, adding though BiH
would not have been able to make any
significant progress without authorities
of OHR. Author notes: "*There would not
have been the most important reforms of
intelligence sector, defence, tax
administration, as well as main laws on
state insignia without OHR. What the lack
of international pressure means is best
illustrated by the police reform. If we
add to it, no matter how (i)rational it
could be, the pre-elections story of
referendum and tremors in the region,
there are additional reasons for calling
OHR to stay some more time.*" Recalling the
stance of Woodrow Wilson Centre [WWC]
Director **Martin Sletzinger** from
Washington, who commented that HR should
stop talking about abolishing OHR in 2007,
editorial concludes that due to the fact
that one of the WWC main figures is US
State Secretary **Condoleezza Rice** this
could easily be the US stance as well.

Police and defence reforms

UK Ambassador Rycroft meets RS officials; RS PM Dodik believes that new talks on police reform should be organized

RTRS by [Biljana Knezevic](#) – UK Ambassador to BiH, **Matthew Rycroft** and UK Coordinator for the Balkans, **Angus Lesley**, on Thursday met the RS officials to discuss reforms and cooperation with the ICTY. Reporter commented three obstacles on the BiH way to EU: reforms of higher education, public broadcasting service and police. RS President **Dragan Cavic** and RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik** informed UK officials that 3 European principles regarding police reform [exclusive state competency for police legislation and budgetary issues, police areas designed on the basis of technical criteria, and a depoliticised system] are not disputable but the issue of respecting the Agreement on police reform. Reporter commented that the police reform might be returned from expert to political level. *“We believe that this is waste of time. If Police Reform Directorate Steering Board continues to work in this capacity, we will not be able to respect deadlines that are condition to sign SAA at the end of the year”*, said **Igor Radojicic**, RSNA Speaker. *“Police reform is not technical issue and it is not issue of any group of experts... This is also not just issue of politicians but of parliaments”*, said **Stanislav Cado**, RS Minister of Interior. *“We should bring the process of police reform to the level of the Agreement on Police Reform as it was defined in the opinion of the RS National Assembly”* said Cado. *“It is of crucial importance that the RS finds model, which would incorporate three European principles, as I am sure it would”*, said Rycroft. RS officials also expressed determination to full cooperation with the ICTY. **BHT1** – PM Dodik proposed new talks, in order to unblock the issue of police reform. Radojicic deems that the police reform process in BiH “is not going in the right direction” because only one side is actually working in the PRD. *“That is an unilateral process, in which FBiH side is preparing a model. And if PRD continue working on the basis of their recommendations, it would be clearly unacceptable for RS at some point”*, stated Radojicic. *“One should concentrate on the essence of the reform, not on the procedure. I believe that RS will find a way to propose to the PRD its own police reform proposal”*, stated Rycroft. RS President **Dragan Cavic** believes that the authorities in RS and BiH would find an answer to all those controversial issues that need to be resolved. **PINK** – Dodik said that the RS Government wants to solve the issue of war crime indictees arrest: *“Those that should be in The Hague should be aware of this...RS institutions and people from the political field are determined to finish this issue.”*

RHB, EuroBlic pg RS2 ‘Rycroft: take reforms seriously’ by [M. Soja and Srna](#), **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 ‘RS must unblock process of police reform’ by [V. P. and Sn. K.](#), **Glas Srpske** pg 2 ‘Directorate is wasting time’ by [Z. Markovic](#), **Dnevni List** pg 6 ‘New talks on police’ by [T. C.](#) – also reported. **Glas Srpske** pg 2 ‘Directorate is wasting time’ by [Z. Markovic](#) Inset ‘Optimism’, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 ‘RS should find model that holds three EU principles’ – Cado’s statement.

<p>EC's Priebe: EC police principles present wide frame for reaching of the agreement</p>	<p>RTRS by Branka Kusmuk- Reinhard Priebe, Director of the EU General Directorate for Enlargement said to BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic, RS Prime Minister to BiH Milorad Dodik and FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasac that three European principles for the police reform present wide frame for reaching the agreement on police reform. EU is very satisfied with the BiH negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement and believes that further improvements are necessary regarding the reform of broadcast public service, public administration at the BiH level, and cooperation with the ICTY, police reform and establishment of the single economic area. <i>"EU expects from Police Reform Directorate should offer the solutions in accordance with three European principles"</i>, said Terzic. Reporter commented that BiH politicians interpret three principles on different way, especially the principle regarding development of police regions on functional basis. <i>"I was pleased to hear this' three European principles for the police reform present wide frame for reaching the agreement on police reform'.</i> <i>This is what I am looking for, nothing more"</i>, said Dodik. Priebe asked from Dodik to ensure that the RS representative is again present in the PRD SB as a full-time member. PM answered the RS couldn't accept the democracy by which only one PRD Steering Board member out of 11 of them from RS. Dodik added that RS supports and remains consistent to the Agreement on Police Reform. RHB, Hayat, Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Reforms to be implemented until the end of the year' by n. Krsman, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Three principles leading to agreement' by Z. D.- reported.</p>
<p>DA on Priebe and PMs meeting: Ollie Rehn instructed meeting to happen to talk about Brussels concerns over reforms</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Signing of the agreement brought into question', mentioned on cover 'Positive evaluation questionable' by T.Lazovic – Reporting on the meeting, DA says it was held by the strict order of EU Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn, in order to inform PMs about concerns of Brussels regarding the reforms' processes in BiH. DA also carried that Rehn has sent a message that positive evaluation in October report on BiH couldn't be expected if expected progress, in police reform is not achieved. As DA learns, no one of the participants of the meeting haven't mentioned to Priebe information from Police Reform Directorate, which says that experts wouldn't succeed to draft the model of police structure by the given deadline. Meeting was also attended by Head of EC Michael Humphreys and his Deputy Renzo Daviddi, Director of BiH Directorate for EU Integrations Osman Topcagic and BiH Chief Negotiator with the EU Igor Davidovic. Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Reforms must be implemented' – also covered.</p>

Schwarz-Schilling meets German defence Minister Jung; emphasis on ICTY cooperation and necessity for BiH to join PfP

RTRS by Dejana Radovanovic- Sarenac– The HR **Christian Schwarz Schilling** met German Defence Minister **Franz Josef Jung** on Thursday in Sarajevo. They commented defence reform is the most successful reform in BiH and added the cooperation with the ICTY is of key importance for the BiH integrations to EU. *“It is very important for this country to become member of the Partnership for Peace... It is also important that we manage to bring the war crimes indictees such as **Mladic** and **Karadzic** before the justice, before the ICTY. We have shared responsibility to stimulate that process”*, said Jung. HR believes that BiH would sign Stabilization and Association Agreement by the end of the year under conditions it meets EU requirements. HR did not want to assess BiH’s capability of taking responsibility for its security and stability without the EUFOR assistance. *“EUFOR as stability factor in this country would remain few more years and its number is something that we could discuss. It is clear that EU in BiH through EUFOR, EUPM and EUSR has the major engagement in the world in implementation of foreign and security policy of EU”*, said HR. HR believes that certain improvement was reached regarding constitutional reforms since amendments were rejected in the BiH Parliament. **RHB, PINK, Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 ‘Arrest of Hague fugitives is a joint obligation’ by D. M., **Dnevni List**, pg 2 ‘Decision of transformation of OHR today?’, by D. P. Mandic – Inset ‘EUFOR remains until further notice’ – carries HR’s statement on EUFOR’s engagement. **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 5 ‘BiH to Partnership for Peace via The Hague’, by H – carries Jung on arrest of ICTY indictees, BiH joining PfP. **Oslobodjenje** pg 2 ‘Germany will help defence reform in BiH’ by A.P., **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 ‘Jung: Responsibility for arresting war criminals is shared’ by L.Sinanovic – Daily carries that HR and Jung also discussed OHR transition to EUSR and EU perspectives of BiH.

<p>BiH Defence Minister Radovanovic meets Jung; Radovanovic calls on NATO to allow BiH to join PFP</p>	<p>BHT1 by <u>Svjetlana Todorovic</u> – Following the meeting with German Minister of Defence Franz Josef Jung, BiH Minister of Defence Nikola Radovanovic called on all NATO member states to allow the admission of BiH, Serbia and Montenegro into the Partnership for Peace, even if those countries fail to fully satisfy political requirement: the apprehension of ICTY fugitives Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. Although he did not want to say anything concrete on the possible date of BiH admission into the PfP, German Minister of Defence was one of the rare international officials, who – according to BHT reporter – admitted that SFOR is partially responsible for the fact that Karadzic and Mladic have not yet been apprehended. However, he reminded once again that the main condition for admission into the PfP is full cooperation with The Hague Tribunal. Radovanovic stressed that ‘it was controversial’ that only Chief ICTY prosecutor Carla Del Ponte is authorized to assess the cooperation of countries in the region with the Tribunal. <i>“She has already said a couple of times that Karadzic and Mladic – especially Mladic – were not in BiH for a long time. Therefore, the obvious question is – under those circumstances, what BiH institutions can or have to do?”</i> concluded Radovanovic. PINK, Oslobodjenje pg 2 ‘Germany will help defence reform in BiH’ by <u>A.P.</u> Inset ‘Support on its way to EU and NATO’, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Jung: Responsibility for arresting war criminals is mutual’ by <u>L.Sinanovic</u> Inset ‘Radovanovic and Jung discussed continuation of good cooperation’- carried.</p>
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Economic and property issues

Draft strategy of public administration reform presented in Sarajevo

FTV by Zeljko Tica – The presentation of the Draft Public Administration Reform Strategy produced by the BiH experts on Thursday in Sarajevo marked the beginning of “yet another” reform in BiH. Public administration reform is one of the main priorities for successful completion of the negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU. The draft strategy would be forwarded to all relevant institutions at the state level. “*The public administration reform is a big priority, for all levels of authority in BiH. The modernisation of public administration is a starting point for further improvements on BiH’s path towards EU*”, said BiH Council of Ministers Chair **Adnan Terzic**. Director of the ECs General Directorate for Enlargement **Reinhard Priebe** also commented: “*Without taking steps described in a strategy, in order to harmonize and strengthen all levels of public administration, it would be almost impossible for this country to make significant and quick progress on its path to Europe.*”

Officials concluded public administration in BiH is too big, unproductive and cost ineffective as it spends over 60% of GDP. “*We would have to improve the quality of work in the administration... If we manage to satisfy the needs of BiH citizens, by doing so we would automatically satisfy the demands of the EU*”, concluded reform Coordinator **Srdja Vranic**. **BHT1** – “*The public administration reform should give citizens something valuable for their money; it should harmonize the whole series of departments on all levels of authority, and organize them in a way that any overlapping is avoided. The goal is to be able to provide more services for the same amount of money*”, stated the HR **Christian Schwarz-Schilling**. **PINK**-“*Market economy, private sector development and economic growth demand modern and flexible administration, which will be public service*” said Terzic. **RTRS** – “*It would be wrong to go only along the same way by transferring competences and not trying to make functional model for more efficient and better work within the existing framework*”, said **Milorad Dodik**, RS Prime Minister. “*Citizens have to be in the position to feel difference between good and bad service and to have instruments that would react on both, bad and good experiences*”, said **Ahmet Hadzipasic**, FBiH Prime Minister. International community will finance the reform. “*The international community supports this process but this would not work if there is no responsibility and determination of the BiH authorities*”, said **Michael Humphreys**, EC Chief to BiH. **EuroBlic** pg RS3 ‘There is no such administration in EU’ by D. S., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 ‘Citizens need a better cooperation’ by N. Krsman, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 ‘step towards professionalism’ by Z. M., **Dnevni List** pg 5 ‘Decade to improve administration’ by D. P. Mandic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 ‘Current administration is inefficient and expensive’ not signed, **Oslobodjenje** pg ‘Massive apparatus cannot be efficient’ by M.Kavaz-Sirucic

<p>EC's Priebe: there are 4 main principles in public administration reform</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Citizens need a better cooperation' by <u>N. Krsman</u> – Reinhard Priebe, Director of the EU General Directorate for Enlargement, has stated there are four basic principles in public administration reform, adding: <i>"There must a clear distinction between politics and administration, then professional and unbiased public administration with clear lines of responsibility and clearly defined administrative procedures. A full control over public funds needs to be achieved, as well as judicial system in implementation of these principles."</i> EuroBlic pg RS3 'There is no such administration in EU' by <u>D. S.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Step towards professionalism' by <u>Z. M.</u> – also report on principles</p>
<p>Schwarz-Schilling appoints Robinson as liquidator of PBES</p>	<p>PINK– The HR, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, today appointed Toby Robinson liquidator of Privredna Banka East Sarajevo, OHR said. <i>"I have consistently been impressed with the diligent and courageous way in which Toby Robinson has tackled complex financial crimes in this country,"</i> the High Representative said in making the appointment. <i>"She has had to become involved in cases where the level of intimidation has been so severe that it has prevented the appropriate domestic authorities from dealing with the issue."</i> Robinson has worked in Bosnia and Herzegovina for more than five years as provisional administrator of both Hercegovacka Banka and Privredna Banka East Sarajevo. RHB, Hayat, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 3 'Tobi Robinson liquidates PBES' by <u>N. Krsman</u>, EuroBlic pg RS2 'Robinson liquidator of PBES' by <u>M. S.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 4 'Robinson as liquidator' by <u>V. Bu.</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 'Toby Robinson liquidator of Privredna Banka' <u>unsigned</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Robinson – liquidator of PBES' <u>not signed</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Toby Robinson liquidator of PBES' by <u>Fena</u> – reported.</p>
<p>Inter-religious council, Orthodox Church against Law on purchase of nationalized apartments, asks for HR's intervention</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 4 'Federation is legalizing plundering', by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u> – following the decision of the FBiH HoP to adopt the law on purchase of nationalized apartments (the law allows holders of tenancy rights to privatize nationalized apartments, however, the law makes exception in the case of apartments previously owned by "vakufs", legacies and foundations), Mitar Tanasic of the (Orthodox) Dabrobosanska Diocese says nobody will be able to force the Orthodox Church to sell its (nationalized) property. Tanasic argues this is about legalization of plunder of the Church's property that happened after the WWII. Oslobodjenje, pg 4 'Stop Law on purchase of nationalized apartments', <u>not signed</u> – the Inter-religious council of BiH has sent to top state and entity institutions and IC officials a letter, expressing dissatisfaction with the adoption of the FBiH Law on return, awarding and sale of nationalized apartments. The Council asks from the High Representative to use his authorities and suspend application of the law. Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'They demand suspension of F BiH Law on apartments' by <u>SRNA</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'Metropolitan Nikolaj asks for stoppage of the law' <u>not signed</u>– also reported.</p>

<p>OHR informs BiH Ministry about discussions about decertified police officers in UN</p>	<p>BHT1- Office of the High Representative officials on Thursday informed representatives of BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees on the results of a series of meetings held with the United Nations in New York in early June. The main topic at those meetings was the issue of decertified police officers. UN Officials requested additional information on this case; the next phase of talks could take place at the end of July.</p>
<p>BiH HoR's Commission o discuss installing of zero VAT rate for certain categories</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Final time for two VAT rates', mentioned on cover by <u>A.Terzic</u>– Chair of BiH House of Representatives' Commission for Budget and Finances, Ljiljana Milicevic told daily that she would insist for the Commission to establish a joint stance on changing of the Law on VAT. Namely, the expanded Collegium has tasked the Commission to submit a joint proposal to the BiH HoR in 15 days, considering that current eight proposals for changing of the Law have to be reduced to one. As Milicevic said, the Commission would try to agree on the minimum and install 0% rate for bread, baby food, soup kitchens, and publishing. Milicevic said that she already issued a demand for urgent session of the Commission, which should be held before the next session of BiH HoR, scheduled for July 7.</p>

Elections and other political issues

SDP Lagumdzija demands expulsion of SNSD from Socialists International

BHT1- SDP leader **Zlatko Lagumdzija** sent a letter to the Ethic Commission of the Socialist International, President of the Socialist International **Georgeos Papandreu**, and Secretary General **Luis Ayala**, with regard to the latest statements and activities by the SNSD leader, **Milorad Dodik**. Lagumdzija said, among other things, that over the past several months, the SNSD leader has given several statements in BiH and abroad that open the issue of BiH sovereignty in the sense of the future status of Entity RS and the possible requests for referendum and secession, which represent the negation of Dayton Accords. It is added that these events are closely linked with the issue of referendum in Montenegro and the status of Kosovo. In his letter, Lagumdzija said that with these activities SNSD is undermining the stability of BiH. Lagumdzija demands that Ethics Committee uses its power, and recommend to the Council to decide on the future SNSD membership in the Socialist International i.e. to expel SNSD. **FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List** pg 3 'Lagumdzija requests sanctions against SNSD and Dodik' by R. D., **Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'SNSD and Dodik seriously breached principles'- carried.

SBiH: DPA is not a holy letter and can be considered as temporary solution

RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Destruction of Dayton leads to secession' not signed, **Dnevni list** pg 6 'SBiH condemns Cavic's statements' unsigned – SBiH condemned the statement of the RS President **Dragan Cavic** in which he said that the behaviour of SBiH Leader **Haris Silajdzic** could cause war. Commenting Cavic's statement that the one-sided abolishment of the Dayton Peace Agreement would mean referendum in RS, SBiH stated that Dayton is not holy letter and that Dayton could be considered as temporary solution toward full unity of country. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'It is logical that Cavic is bothered by my fight for integral BiH' by E.Sarac –**Silajdzic** told daily: *"It is logical that those, from the party that started project of ethnic cleansing and genocide in BiH in 1992... are bothered by my fight for integral BiH, for mine and their aims are not the same. There is nothing weird or new."*

<p>DL: More people to leave HDZ BiH including Barisa Colak?</p>	<p>Dnevni List, front pg splash and pg 3 ‘New ‘mole’ in Covic’s HDZ?’, by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – according to DL’s sources, list of senior HDZ BiH officials who are not satisfied with the work of the HDZ BiH President, Dragan Covic, is growing bigger. Allegedly, one of them is former HDZ BiH leader, Barisa Colak, whose lead role in west Herzegovina has been diminished and given to Velimir Jukic. DL expects that many HDZ members will leave the party in case it does not do well in the October elections. (NB: DL uses the term ‘mole’ because Covic had said there was a ‘mole’ in HDZ BiH before he expelled Martin Raguz, Josip Merdzo and Vinko Zoric from party, and DL expects similar could happen to Colak).</p>
<p>DA: PDP without candidates for top offices?</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz, pg 8 ‘PDP without candidates for top offices?’, by <u>N. Diklic</u> – according to ‘Avaz’s’ sources in top of SNSD and PDP, it would appear that the PDP will not be nominating candidates for offices of the RS President and Serb member of BiH Presidency. Allegedly, the 2 parties’ leaders, Milorad Dodik and Mladen Ivanic, agreed the PDP would not be running for these offices in order to make way for SNSD’s candidates for the respective offices, namely Milan Jelic (RS President) and Nebojsa Radmanovic (BiH Presidency). In return, Dodik’s MPs will support Ivanic’s bid to become the new Chairman of Bih Council of Ministers.</p>

Dani: SBiH leader
Silajdzic and SDA
"hardliner"
Cengic in
coalition against
SDA SDAs Tihic

Dani cover splash 'To whom would Alija's spirit bring victory', pgs 18-20 'Alija knew it all' by Vildana Selimbegovic – Commenting last week's turmoil during the session of SDA Main Board in Tuzla, Dani comments there is a "silent revolution" inside the SDA launched by the SBiH. Author speculates the SDA "hardliner" **Hasan Cengic** is building a strong opposition within the party to support SBiH leader **Haris Silajdzic** for Bosniak member of BiH Presidency and thus overthrowing **Sulejman Tihic** from the position of SDA leader. Selimbegovic notes that SDA Vice President **Adnan Terzic** joined Cengic for his vanity was hurt. Article concludes with the statement of an unnamed party official: *"Unfortunately, late **Alija [Izetbegovic, founder of SDA]** is the strongest connection within the [current party] leadership and the greatest trump on the field. Isn't it obvious today why did he choose Tihic [for his successor]? Haris is a 'poet', he is not consistent., and he [Alija] knew Hasan very well."*

<p>BiH CEC to start clearance of the candidates for elections</p>	<p>Hayat <u>By Lejla Gutlic</u> – Eight coalitions are going to take part at October elections. In the following month, candidates are going to pass BiH Central Election Commission’s procedure and only those who meet all the necessary terms are going to pass. <i>“We are going to check whether all candidates meet the necessary law terms and whether there are any obstacles why they should not take part at the forthcoming elections”</i>, said Vehid Sehic, BiH CEC representative.</p>
<p>SD: Mostar authorities obeying HR Schwarz-Schilling</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 12, mentioned on front ‘Authorities obeying Schilling’, by <u>Miroslav Landeka</u> – reminding that the Mostar City Council had on Wednesday given consent for Rulebook on internal organization of City administration of Mostar and program for taking care of surplus workers in the administration as well as adopted the information on activities of the ‘Uborak’ public utility company, SD notes that by doing so, the Council has abided by to deadlines the HR, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, had given to the Mostar authorities (June 20) to resolve these issues.</p>

<p>VL: HR Schwarz-Schilling wants changes to the agreement btw BiH and Vatican</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 21, mentioned on front 'Schilling asking for change of Agreement with Vatican', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – notes that after BiH Presidency and Vatican signed the (Framework) Agreement in April this year, which among other issues foresees the return of the Catholic Church's property, the OHR expressed concern the return of the Church's property would be too much of an obligation for BiH to handle. VL notes that the HR, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, sent the BiH Presidency, BiH CoM Chairman and BiH Foreign Minister a confidential letter in which he called for changes to the Agreement. Allegedly, the HR expressed concern that BiH will not be financially able to return the property in the next ten years i.e. it would be too much of a burden for the budgets.</p>
<p>Serb NGOs 'Spona' do not give up separation referendum, claim they will meet RS authorities</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 7 'Spona does not give up referendum on separation of RS', by <u>I. Calic</u> – Serb movement of NGOs 'Spona' will in the next few days ask from the RSNA to organize referendum on future status of the RS within BiH. According to the Association president, Branislav Dukic, talks about the issue with the RS authorities are almost complete. <i>"We earlier stated that we wanted to meet RS authorities, from the RS President onwards. We have to conduct one more meeting, which will be followed by a public rally"</i>, said Dukic, who did not want to reveal who the 'Spona' is to meet with.</p>

Serbian
Ambassador
Spasovic: Real
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Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Real bonds between Belgrade and Banja Luka can strengthen overall relations between Serbia and BiH' by Onasa – Commenting recent visit of Serbian Prime Minister **Vojislav Kostunica** to Banja Luka, in an interview for news agency Onasa, Serbian Ambassador **Grujica Spasovic** stated that this visit that was planed for November 2005 but was postponed due to the weather conditions: *"Hence, visit is agreed regardless to the story of Montenegrin referendum, referendum mentioned by [RS Prime Minister **Milorad**] **Dodik** and Kosovo issue. Visit of Serbian Government should not be looked at in that context, one should have the Agreement on special and parallel relations [between SCG and RS] that was signed five years ago... I think if the bonds between Belgrade and Banja Luka grow in right manner, it could strengthen overall relations between Serbia and BiH... for it is about culture, education and economy."* Rest of interview is dedicated to cooperation with ICTY and BiH lawsuit against SCG, where Spasovic repeated Serbian official stances. Inset 'Horrible crimes were committed in Srebrenica' – Spasovic confirmed his presence on marking Srebrenica tragedy in Potocari. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'No doubt, I will be in Potocari on July 11' by Onasa – covered by EMM.

GS op-ed
comparing
situation in BiH
and KosMet:
critical of
double standards
of IC on these
issues

Glas Srpske op-ed pg 2 'Drums and drummers' by Boro Maric – Writing about the situation in BiH and Serbia and KosMet, the author notes major forces have decided in Dayton that BiH will be consisted of two entities adding now these same forces have intended to give independence to Kosovo and Metohija. He interprets this that BiH borders cannot be changed while Serbia's border – whether it liked it or not – can be changed. The headline refers to the statement US State Secretary **Condoleezza Rice**, when she said '*as long as there is a pole, there will be a drum as well*'. The author notes in this case BiH is a drum while major forces are drummers. He reminds of developments in BiH and Kosovo, saying that property and returns have been priority tasks in BiH, while Serb claims for this in KosMet have been gathering dust for seven years now.

<p>Catholic Bishop Sudar: Sarajevo is the most divided</p>	<p>Dani pgs 12-15, 76 'Sarajevo is the most divided town in BiH' by <u>Vildana Selimbegovic and Ivan Lovrenovic</u> – Commenting current religious and political issues in a lengthy interview for weekly, Sarajevo Bishop Pero Sudar says that he was sorry that communication between Catholic Church and Islamic Community in BiH is "<i>not the best</i>", adding that relations between the religious communities should be more sincere and of more quality. Referring to the recently raised issue of insulting religious feelings in a poem of a high-school student who offended Jesus Christ, Sudar slammed idea of Sarajevo being the most tolerant town in BiH.</p>
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War crimes, security and judicial issues

Palic case no yet solved; RS Commission still claims bad weather prevents them from locating body remains

BHT1 by Marina Martinovic – The case of BiH Army Colonel **Avdo Palic** has not been solved yet. Two months have gone by since the expiration of the deadline RS Government has set for resolving the case; in fact, in July 2006 it would be exactly eleven years since this BiH Army officer has disappeared during the negotiations on the evacuation of civilians from the UN-protected zone Zepa. BHT brings short interview with Palic's wife **Esma Palic**, who strongly believe that RS Government knows exactly what happened with her husband, and where his remains are. **OHR** did not extend the deadline for resolving the case of Palic, but at the same time, OHR did not announce any kind of sanctions for RS Government. *"This is the issue RS Government has to resolve. RS Government is the accused side, it has set the deadline by itself, and – basically – it has to say what should be done next"*, explained OHR Spokesperson **Oleg Milisic**. Legal representative of the Palic family **Jasmin Odobasic** claims that indicted war criminals **Ratko Mladic**, **Zdravko Tolimir** and **Ljubisa Beara** are directly involved in this case. *"Therefore, it is clear that [RS Prime Minister **Milorad**] **Dodik** and RS Government are directly helping persons indicted for war crimes"*, concluded Odobasic.

Representatives of RS Government explained that they were not able to obey the deadline due to a poor weather conditions. It is assumed that Palic's remains are buried somewhere near Han-Pijesak.

Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'RS Government does not respect deadlines again' by S. G., **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'RS Government arbitrarily prolonged deadline for Palic case' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 13 'OHR should punish those that are laughing at its decisions' by Fena – also reported.

<p>Trials to 'Covic and others': defence witness claims FBiH Customs Admin. and ex PDHR orchestrated campaign against Covic</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 22 'Hays and Rebac had a deal', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – carries report from Thursday's continuation of trials to 'Covic and others conducted' before the BiH Court (HDZ leader Dragan Covic and others are charged with tax evasions, embezzlements etc). VL carries statements by former Deputy Director of FBiH Customs Administration (FBiH CA), Fuad Kasumovic, who said his former boss, Zelimir Rebac, 'bragged' that he and former Principal Deputy High Representative, Donald Hays, were figuring out ways how to topple the then Croat member of BiH Presidency Covic. VL also carries statements by former investigator in the FBiH CA, Vjeko Vukovic, who said it was Rebac who 'ordered' destruction of companies, such as 'Lijanovici' meat industry. Dnevni Avaz pg 13 'Dzaferovic: Ministry's opinion did not bind the Custom Service' by N.J.– Damir Dzaferovic representative of Audit House 'Dzaferovic' testified got that orders of FBiH Finance Ministry regarding payments of special fees during the import of poultry products were not binding for the FBiH Custom Service.</p>
<p>DL interview: SBS Director Dumancic says drugs route via Balkans can be severed through regional cooperation</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 9, mentioned on front 'We can sever the so-called the Balkans route', by <u>Dario Pusic</u> – carries interview with the Director of State Border Service, Vunko Dumancic, who notes the SBS has grown into a respectable law enforcement agency. Questioned whether the SBS can sever the so-called 'the Balkans route', which is used for smuggling of drugs and weapons from the east to the west, Dumancic says solution to problem lies in better cooperation of the countries in the region, enactment of new laws and application of new methods on the ground. Inset 'Lacking specialist equipment' carries Dumancic as saying the SBS is understaffed because it currently employs 2111 instead of foreseen 2536 workers and lacking in specialist equipment such as night vision and IT equipment.</p>

<p>Dani welcomes HR's changes to the BiH Criminal Procedure Code, claiming it prevented release of Mandic and others</p>	<p>Dani pg 17 'Christian Schwarz-Schilling' – In its regular column 'Bosanski Barometer', Dani awarded the HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling with one star ['good move'] for introducing changes to the BiH Criminal Procedure Code, especially in terms of detention issues, which extends detention in the BiH Court to maximum 3 years. Commenting though that this <i>"ageing German conservative needed all alarms to be turned on in order to do something by himself,"</i> weekly adds this was slap to BiH House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Nikola Spiric and MP Tihomir Gligoric. Article also comments that establishment of Sarajevo Commission was only the excuse for Serb representatives to obstruct the work of BiH HoR, noting that their real intention was to obstruct adopting the changes to the BiH Criminal Procedure Code in order to provide legal basis for ones charged with most severe cases [like former Privredna Banka East Sarajevo owner Momcilo Mandic] to be set on release.</p>
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Update to
Vitol affair:
RTRS says ex
RS PM
Mikerevic was
not informed
of contract
on time

RTRS by Nada Arlov – In a follow-up to ‘Vitol’ affair which emerged after this UK company has addressed a request for compensation upon violation of contract with oil refinery Bosanski Brod amounting to US \$ 115 million, RTRS said it disclosed disputable contract between the refinery and ‘Vitol’ signed during the mandate of **Dragan Mikerevic**, former RS Prime Minister. Mikerevic has denied knowing about the contract, while RS President **Dragan Cavic** and than Energy Minister **Milan Bogicevic** said he knew about and denied his claims he learned about it 40 days after it was signed [See *BiH Media Round-up June 22*]. However, RTRS now claims Mikerevic did not know about this contract [for which its noted would be now paid by the RS citizens]. RTRS furthermore notes Mikerevic desperately tried to obtain original contract in English language and sent the letter requesting to see the contract from Bogicevic and former director of refinery **Ilija Drpa**, whonow confirms Mikrevic did not get it in period of 15 days. The following day Mikerevic allegedly received an answer from the RS President **Dragan Cavic** asking him to “pay respect” to Vitol “since it met its obligations”. Nowadays, Cavic claims he did not participate in signing of the contract, explaining he attended the meetings with ‘Vitol’ at the request of the RS Government. Mikerevic announced issuing public statement on the issue “soon”. RS Interior Ministry suspect 25 persons for the abuses in the oil refinery ‘Brod’ and Minister **Stanislav Cadjo** said they would continue investigation, but didn’t want to say whether RS Prosecution would deal with some of former high ranking RS officials. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5 ‘Refinery denied the debt of \$115 million’ by M.Kusmuk, D.Risojevic, inset ‘Police reported 18 suspects for the damage of KM140 million’ – In latest development, the RS Interior Ministry submitted RS Prosecution with reports against 18 persons under suspicion they damaged refinery for 140 million KM.

<p>NN op-ed commends new appointments at PSC E. Sarajevo</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Finally something' by <u>Aleksandar Sekulic</u> – The author commends the appointment of the new management at East Sarajevo PSC (Public Security Centre), noting the highest expectations are placed in these officials to fight organised crime and those behaving like above law, over whom local population in East Sarajevo and wider region fear for their lives. According to him, a clear message should be given to Mafia its time is over.</p>
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