

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 24/11/2004

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 24 November

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TV news broadcast on 23 November

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Economic forum in Cavtat	Fascistic symbols in BiH	Cancar's trial delayed	ICTY cases transfer to BIH

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EuroBlic	Ashdown to abolish SDS and police; Peter Nicolle: All the banks in BiH to go under central control
Vecernje novosti	Carla del Ponte before UN SC : Kostunica is not willing to make arrests
Nacional	Bush to stop financing Hague Tribunal

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

FBiH HoP in session	BH Radio 1, RHB at 12.00 – At a session in Sarajevo today, the FBiH House of Peoples discussed the Budget re-balance for this year. The House will vote on the issue following a pause. The deputies are also to discuss the draft law on the review of the privatization.
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<p>Brcko District Assembly in session</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 at 12.00 – An inaugural session of the Brcko District Assembly is taking place today. It is still uncertain which political option will get necessary majority to appoint the Brcko Mayor for the next four-year term. The Brcko International Supervisor Susan Johnson attends the session and she is expected to address the deputies.</p>
<p>BiH Presidency meets Vujanovic</p>	<p>RTRS at 12.00, RHB at 12.00 – The cooperation between BiH and Montenegro was the topic of today’s meeting between BiH Presidency members and the Montenegrin President, Filip Vujanovic. The priorities of both countries in the area of foreign affairs is to be admitted into PfP and EU, said Borislav Paravac. The meeting also agreed that BiH would open a consulate in Podgorica.</p>
<p>Farmers postpone protests</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 at 12.00 – The BiH Association of Farmers is satisfied with the CoM’s intention to reconsider the free trade agreement reached with neighbouring states and possibly review disputable provisions, according to the Association President, Ranko Bakic. The Association has therefore decide to postpone the protests scheduled for the next week.</p>
<p>One killed in traffic accident</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 at 12.00 – A person was killed as three other were injured in a car accident involving an SFOR vehicle that occurred near Kakanj this morning.</p>

<p>Serbian politicians answer US Congress</p>	<p>RTRS at 12.00 – Serbian Ministers of Finance and Justice respectively, Mladjan Dinkic and Zoran Stojkovic, Tuesday evening firmly denied USA allegations that Serbian Government is financing the institutions in the RS. (NOTE: <i>US Congress conditioned the assistance to Serbia of US 73 million with extradition of Ratko Mladic.</i>)</p>
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War crimes

Del Ponte addresses UNSC: 'RS must turn promises into action'

RHB, Dnevni List pg 3 '11 bills of indictment to domestic courts by end of year' by I. Glibusic, Glas Srpske cover page story 'Carla finding faults with everybody' – The ICTY Chief Prosecutor **Carla Del Ponte** presented her report on the work of ICTY before the UN Security Council on Tuesday.

BHT 1 – Del Ponte stated that the date for Tribunals closure will have to be revised if **Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic** and **Ante Gotovina** aren't arrested until 2005, adding that the IC must not allow serious war crimes to stay unpunished. She stressed that authorities in Belgrade and the RS remain a key obstacle for ICTY to meet its planned tasks. She also spoke of Serbian PM **Vojislav Kostunica**, who told her in Belgrade that he won't insist on arrest of war crimes indictees, but instead will call on them to surrender voluntary. Del Ponte also criticised RS authorities for failing to arrest a single key war crimes suspect in the past nine years.

FTV – *"The biggest responsibility for arrest and extradition of the war crimes suspects lies on the local authorities in BiH, Croatia, and SCG. Lack of cooperation in Belgrade remains the biggest obstacle that Tribunal faces with. A vast majority of them, probably more than a dozen, live freely in Serbia,"* stated del Ponte.

RTRS – Del Ponte stated that at least 10 war crime suspects live in Serbia, while in total 20 ICTY suspects are fugitives. She added that Serbia, obviously not interested to arrest war crime suspects, will not be able to process the cases before the local courts. Del Ponte also said that some PIFWCs live in BIH and freely travel to Serbia being protected by the powerful networks that HR **Paddy Ashdown** recently tried to break down.

Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Powerful networks in RS protect war criminals', pg 2 'The fact that SFOR is to leave while Karadzic is still at large is frustrating' by E. Sarac, Oslobođenje cover splash, pg 3 'RS must turn promises into action' not signed – Del Ponte said it is a great frustration for her that SFOR has to leave while Karadzic is still at large, especially since all SFOR commanders promised her that they would arrest him during their tenure. Del Ponte also supported OHR efforts to established BiH War Crimes Chamber.

<p>Merron also warns RS</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'We are worried that there is a lack of will to arrest indictees' by <u>Fena</u> – The President of the ICTY, Theodor Merron, also addressed the UN Security Council, stressing that the RS is not cooperating with the Hague Tribunal.</p>
<p>Comments to Del Ponte address</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover page story 'Carla finding faults with everybody' – GS carries several reactions to the Carla Del Ponte's report before the UN S. Dusan Stojicic, RS NA Speaker, expressed expectation that <i>"the UN SC would – in the process of defining measures resulting from del Ponte's report – acknowledge the fact that the RS institutions have lately been engaged in determined activities aimed at fulfilling duties towards the ICTY. Also, I expect the UN SC would make the estimate into the responsibility of the BiH joint institutions and the international community in regard to this same issue."</i> Gostimir Popovic, military and political analyst from Banja Luka said that: <i>"If Carla del Ponte had acted according to European law standards to at the least level possible, she would not have delivered the report of this sort. Her speech is a impudent pressure against one people and does not contribute to the process of determining the truth, peace and reconciliation building."</i></p>
<p>Op-Ed says Del Ponte address 'nothing spectacular'</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Del Ponte' In Focus column by <u>Senka Kurtovic</u> – Kurtovic emphasized that the latest and long-awaited address of ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte to UN Security Council had brought nothing spectacular. Kurtovic believed that no further progress would be made in cooperation with The Hague Tribunal without additional pressures on RS.</p>

**SFOR, EUFOR
warn arrest of
war criminals
responsibility
of local
authorities**

RHB, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'EU forces will also intensively search for war criminals', mentioned on cover 'EUFOR will be strong as SFOR', by M. Drinjakovic, **Oslobodjenje** pg 8 'EUFOR ready to arrest Karadzic and Mladic' by A. Prlenda, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'EUFOR will not give up from Hague fugitives' by A. Sisic, **EuroBlic** RSpg 3 'It is not a shame that Karadzic and Mladic are not arrested' by BETA; **Glas srpske** pg 3 'Arrests are obligation' by Srna – SFOR Commander **Stephen Schook** and EUFOR Commander **David Leakey** held a joint press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday, on the occasion of handover of military peace mandate from NATO to EU on December 2 in Sarajevo. COMSFOR Schook reminded that NATO has so far arrested 28 war crimes indictees in BiH and he said the international community expects from BiH and RS authorities to finally conduct a determinant action in this regard. General Leakey has announced EUFOR forces will be as dedicated to its mission as SFOR has been.

BHT 1, RTRS – Schook and Leakey stated that both EU and NATO will continue the search for war crimes indictees. *"EUFOR has the possibility and willingness to apprehend indicted war criminals, especially **Radovan Karadzic** and **Ratko Mladic**, and will do so if it has the chance"*, said General Leakey however stressing this is primarily the responsibility of the local authorities.

RTRS, Vecernji List pg 2 'Terrorism and ICTY fugitives are joint problem', mentioned on front 'EUFOR and NATO will be working together' not signed, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last page 'We shall be looking for war criminals' by F and **Dnevni List** 'NATO members in Ministry of Defense' by D. Polovina-Mandic – also reported on the press conference.

Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Military against Mafia' op-ed by Antonio Prlenda – Prlenda says that, with announced participation in fight against organized crime, EUFOR might bring additional quality in comparison to outgoing SFOR.

<p>Nacional: reactions to RS / Serbian officials meeting re cooperation with ICTY</p>	<p>Nacional pg 4 'Is it either the Hague or the end of the world?' by <u>V. P. and I. M.</u> – The article refers to the meeting between representatives of Serbian authorities and RS delegation led by RS President Dragan Cavic, referring to a conclusion of the meeting: <i>"There will be the end of the world if we do not extradite Karadzic and Mladic'</i>. The article carries a number of reactions to this meeting. Dragan Sutanovic (DS) thinks the issues of Kosovo and RS should not be brought in relation with the Hague Tribunal, noting: <i>"Even greater pressures are applied against RS, which Paddy Ashdown can reduce down to a minimum of its existence due to his powers. We must help them because I see no reason why we should not extradite indictees that the RS authorities have too indicted of crimes'."</i> Aleksandar Vulin (SPS) expresses refusal of SPS to cooperate with the Hague Tribunal, stressing: <i>"RS will exist because of the Dayton Agreement and because of people that live there, and not because someone would extradite Karadzic and Mladic to the Hague'."</i> He announced the party would deny the Government of the party's confidence should it try to extradite any indictee. RS Deputy President Adil Osmanovic has said he expected Carla Del Ponte would accuse RS institutions of obstructing the cooperation with the Tribunal and he also said Kostunica is the person who obstructs the cooperation with ICTY the most.</p>
<p>Blic: HR to abolish SDS and police in RS because of failure to cooperate with ICTY</p>	<p>EuroBlic cover pg 'Ashdown to abolish SDS and police' and pg 3 'Ashdown to abolish SDS and the police of Srpska' by <u>Nikola M. Jovanovic</u> – Blic reads that during the abovementioned meeting, RS officials told their Serbian counterparts that RS, in the following several days, will be faced with the abolishment of the police and ban of the work of SDS unless it starts extraditing war crimes indictees to the ICTY. A collocutor, who witnessed the meeting, claims HR Paddy Ashdown is ready to ban the work of SDS. The same source claims most of 11 indictees from RS have SiCG citizenship and are in the territory of Serbia. The source claims the Serbian Premier, Vojislav Kostunica, is of the view that it is necessary to take the burden of arresting indictees off the country, however voluntary surrenders would have an advantage before arrests.</p>

<p>Ashdown: RS has not achieved progress re cooperation with ICTY</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Warning to RS because of non-cooperation with the ICTY', Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'RS has not achieved any progress in the cooperation with the Hague' by Fena, Glas Srpske pg 3 'The Hague is the biggest obstacle'; EuroBlic RSpG 1 'Ashdown: RS authority has failed' by SRNA; Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'The Hague is still an obstacle for EU and NATO' – The HR Paddy Ashdown on Tuesday returned to Sarajevo after visiting Washington, New York, London and Brussels, OHR spokesperson Mario Brkic stated. On Monday he had a working lunch with NATO ambassadors and met with the new EU enlargement commission Olli Rehn. The participants in the meetings agreed that failure to co-operate with the ICTY is now the biggest obstacle to BiH's NATO and EU aspirations. They noted that the RS government has failed to give the ICTY the information it needs to track down indictees, and has also failed to take any significant action to arrest indictees itself, Brkic said.</p>
<p>Mandic testifies in Krajisnik trial</p>	<p>RTRS, BHT 1, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Radovan Karadzic had the biggest influence in RS', mentioned on cover, by Sense, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Prosecutor told Mandic that there is an investigation against him too' by Onasa, Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 2 'Krajisnik was behind Karadzic' by BETA – Former RS Justice Minister, Momcilo Mandic, testified Tuesday before the ICTY in a trial of Momcilo Krajisnik. Mandic stated that Krajisnik, former member of the BiH Presidency, was second most influential person in the authorities of Bosnian Serbs in 1992. Momcilo Mandic has status of war crimes suspect and doesn't have to answer to the questions that could expose him.</p>
<p>Cancar trials postponed to 2 December</p>	<p>BHT 1, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Veselin Cancar temporarily released', mentioned on cover, by A.N., Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Beginning of renewed trial against V. Cancar postponed'; Glas Srpske pg 12 'Beginning scheduled for December 2' – The trial of Veselin Cancar, a suspect for war crimes committed against Bosniaks in Foca, being held before the Cantonal Court in Sarajevo has been delayed until 2 December. The postponement was approved after he asked for more time to decide on his defence.</p>

<p>Mikerevic meets Cliff: If no progress by NATO summit, RS institutions are endangered</p>	<p>RTRS – On Tuesday RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic met with UK Ambassador to BiH, Ian Cliff. At the meeting Mikerevic said that unless war crime suspects are arrested by the next NATO summit to be held on 9/10 December, RS institutions will be endangered. Cliff stated that if there are no results until that date it will be obvious that there is a problem inside the system in RS which prevents solutions. He stated that responsibility for arrest of war crime suspects lies on RS authorities. Cliff and Mikerevic concluded that cooperation with ICTY shouldn't be an obstacle for Euro-Atlantic integrations.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Days of crucial importance for RS' by <u>D. Zec</u> – Mikerervic said: "Carla del Ponte's speech and NATO Summit on 9/10 December in Brussels are two dates of crucial importance for the future of RS...IC wants to see results."</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'I don't trust that there are no ICTY suspects in RS territory' by <u>Onasa</u> – Cliff stated that he doesn't believe that no ICTY suspect hides in RS.</p>
<p>Annual session of Working Group on Missing Persons held in Sarajevo</p>	<p>FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Search for 17.000 missing persons in BiH' by <u>S. Rozajac</u>– The annual session of the Working Group on Missing Persons was held in Sarajevo on Tuesday. It as concluded that there are still 17.000 registered missing persons in BiH. Out of this number, 6000 body remains have already been exhumed but not identified and search continues for 11.000 persons.</p> <p>BHT 1 – The process of finding missing persons is slow, and one of the main reasons is bad cooperation between authorized commissions at the level of entities. Participants say that another one is lack of information exchange with Croatia and SCG.</p> <p>RTRS – Chair of the RS Association of families of missing persons Milijana Bojic stressed that Srebrenica report should be a model for moving forward.</p>

<p>RS Prosecution receives approvals for cases against 46 suspects</p>	<p>BHT 1, Oslobođenje pg 8 'Prosecution gave approval for all 46 suspects' by <u>O.V.</u> – The Banja Luka District Prosecution has received approval from the ICTY to process two separate cases against a number of war crimes suspects. One of the cases includes indictments against 11 police officers from Bijeljina for murder of Catholic priest Tomislav Matanovic in 1995, while the other is against 18 persons suspected for demolishing parish building in Prijedor. RS Prosecution has in total received approval of A category from the ICTY to process 46 suspects.</p>
<p>Nacional: Bush will stop financing ICTY</p>	<p>Nacional cover and pg 3 'Bush to stop financing Hague Tribunal' by <u>V. Djekanovic</u> – <i>Nacional</i> source at the US Foreign Ministry claims that the Hague Tribunal might soon be deprived of the financial assistance of the USA, noting that the US officials have stressed during many meetings they had with the Serbian officials that the Hague Tribunal is no longer a subject of interest of the US administration of republicans led by George Bush.</p>

Economic issues

**Cavtat
economic
forum
commences;
Mesic and
Terzic
discuss
Ploce Port
issue**

Dnevni List cover pg splash and pgs 10 and 11 'Terzic and Mesic about Ploce Port' by E. Mackic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 11 'Together to faster progress' by A. Klaajdzic – Two-day regional forum for Southeast Europe on the topic 'Competitors and partners on way to EU' started in Cavtat on Tuesday. The dailies also say that the goal of this forum is encouraging of communication and cooperation among representatives of public institutions and business sector. During this forum Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers **Adnan Terzic** met with Croatian President **Stjepan Mesic** and they discussed bilateral relations and crucial issues such as the Ploce Port issue, which will be discussed at the session of the Inter-State Council for Cooperation between BiH and Croatia . Terzic also stated that they talked about stronger economic cooperation and there is a possibility that companies from BiH and Croatia appear together at the third markets.

RHB, BHT 1, Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 15 'Economic cooperation brings the region closer to EU', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'The issue of the Port Ploce cannot be left unsolved for too long' by Fena, **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'Region without customs and visas is a way to Europe', mentioned on cover, by Alda Omeragic– report only on the Forum.

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Issue of Ploce port cannot be left unsolved for too long', **Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Joint presentation of BiH and Croatia in Libya' – also report on the meeting between Mesic and Terzic.

**BiH HoP
adopts law on
IGA**

FTV – The BiH House of Peoples on Tuesday adopted the Bill on establishing the Investment Guarantee Agency (IGA). The Agency already exists and it is realizing substantial results in view of supporting the export-oriented subjects, but there was not a law on IGA. This Agency will take over the responsibilities that were covered by the World Bank until now. *“Agency already exists for four years, and it had significant results in supporting of export oriented companies,”* said **Halid Genjac**, delegate in the House of Peoples.

RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Law on establishing IGA adopted’ by H. Orahovac, **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 ‘Proposal of the Law on establishing IGA adopted’ by Onasa, **Dnevni List** pg 4 ‘Proposal of Law on Concessions adopted’ by NINA, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 ‘Law on concession adopted’ by FENA– The BiH HoP also adopted the changes to the Concession Law, according to which the Chair of the Commission will be appointed to the period of 5 years by the Council of Ministers.

<p>FBiH HoP today to discuss privatisation audit, rebalance of budget</p>	<p>RHB, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Today discussion on privatisation audit' by <u>A. Basic</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 'MPs on change of budget today again' by <u>NINA</u> – The FBiH House of Peoples postponed for Wednesday the discussion on the draft rebalance of the FBiH budget for 2004. The discussion was postponed because FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic and Finance Minister Dragan Vrankic were unable to attend session. The House Speaker Slavko Matic announced the continuation of the discussion for today, which also refers to the law on privatization audit.</p>
<p>FTV says BiH HoP to adopted single rate VAT Law</p>	<p>FTV by <u>Azra Pasukan</u> – Economic experts in BiH claims that BiH House of Peoples will, under pressure, adopt single VAT rate instead of two [0% and 17%] endorsed by the BiH House of Peoples in the draft Law on VAT. In order to avoid bankruptcy that threatens to the country, there is pressure on delegates to vote for single rate. Economic experts say that this way BiH will become the only European country with single VAT rate. <i>"I expect that prices will grow in case of more than 95% of products after introduction of VAT with single rate of 17%,"</i>said professor Nikola Grabovac. According to his words, the biggest increase of prices will be for bread, milk and milk products, orthopaedic devices, and some medicaments.</p>

**Aluminij
workers to
strike**

RHB, Dnevni List pg 5 'Protest of workers scheduled for today', mentioned on front, by M. Batarello, **Vecernji List** pg 5 'Protest rally in Aluminij today' by vr, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 9 'Somebody minds successful Aluminij' by Z. Zekic – The Independent Trade Union of Aluminij will hold a protest rally in front of this company on Wednesday because of passing 'anti-constitutional and illegal Law on Selective Audit of Privatization'. This decision is the result of the extraordinary session of the Independent Trade Union Presidency during which they also called on all positive forces of legislative and executive authority and the **OHR** led by the **High Representative** to protect the things prescribed by the Constitution and Law.

<p>Update to protests of farmers</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 17 ‘Each protester received 30 KM’, mentioned on front, <u>by A. Karamatic</u> carries a commentary on the farmers’ protest organized at 4 border-crossings on Monday. SD says that according to local people from Gorica (one of these 4 border-crossings) workers of Lijanovici’ company were brought on the border-crossing to participate in the protest and in return they received 30 KM.</p> <p>On the same issue Vecernji List pg 4 ‘In spite of demand, there will be no duty free export of food’, mentioned on front, <u>by D. Jazvic</u> reports that according to the information coming from the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations the authorities in Zagreb and Belgrade do not intend to accept the BiH proposal on corrections of the Free Trade Agreement with BiH, which would partly limit import of food products from these countries to BiH.</p>
<p>Nicholl warns BiH Parliament to adopt changes to Law on CB BiH</p>	<p>EuroBlic cover ‘All the banks in BiH to go under central control’ and RSpG 5 ‘BAM 12 million in question’ by <u>T.V.</u> – Peter Nicholl, the Governor of the BiH Central Bank, has warned that if BiH Parliament failed to adopt changes and addenda to the Law on BiH Central Bank by the end of this year, this Bank would not transfer BAM 12 million to BiH Vault. The addenda are about the introduction of the centralised supervision over the banks in both entities until 1st January. The agencies in charge would be seated in Banja Luka and Sarajevo</p>

**Update to
Vrbas dam
project**

BHT 1 – Two days before signing the contract on construction of hydropower system on river Vrbas, the meeting was organized in the RS Economy Chamber to discuss the engagement of BiH companies in the construction works. Members of Coalition for protection of Vrbas, who oppose the project, underlined they are not against economic prosperity as long as that is in accordance with the environmental standards.

RTRS – Belgrade company Energoprojekt carried out an analysis of the potential influence of the project on the environment. **Svetlana Stevovic** from Energoprojekt says that the analysis has shown that influences on the environment can be controlled. The signing of the contract is announced for Thursday and the value has been estimated to 164 million Euros.

**FTV update to
Buk Bijela
dam project**

BHT 1 – The Montenegrin Assembly has failed to adopt declaration on the protection of river Tara. Previously, more than 11.000 Montenegro citizens signed this declaration opposing the construction of Buk Bijela dam on the border with BiH. At the beginning of the year, the RS and Montenegro signed an agreement on joint usage of hydro potentials of upper at the upper Drina. The BiH Council of Ministers still has not considered this agreement and it stays unclear who will award the concessions for dam's construction. *"It is not correct that I approved it. I have only supported the idea of construction of hydropower capacities in BiH and in the area of border between BiH and SCG since these are the most realistic sources for development in BIH,"* stated the CoM Chair, **Adnan Terzic**.

Political issues

**Cavic meets
Komarica**

BHT 1, Oslobođenje pg 2 'Reduce concern of Croats' by Onasa, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 9 'Fast identification of murderer helped calming down of situation' by A. Macanovic, **Dnevni List** pg 7 'Bishop Komarica thanked Cavic' by M.B., **Vecernji List** pg 2 'Komarica and Cavic on murder of priest' by zok, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Each crime has a name' by M. Dzepina; **Nezavisne Novine** pg 9 'Komarica expressed thanks to Cavic and RS MoI' – RS President **Dragan Cavic** met with Banja Luka Bishop **Franjo Komarica** on Monday. Komarica thanked Cavic and members of the RS Ministry of Interior on fast and resolute action when identification and arrest of murderer of the Catholic priest **Kazimir Visatcki** in Bosanska Gradiska is in question. **RTRS** – Cavic expressed understanding for the worries of Komarica and worries of Catholic community. He repeated his determination to offer every kind of support to the process of ethnic reconciliation and to restore trust between all people and religious communities.

Olli Rehn: "All Western Balkans countries will join EU"

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'All requirements for accession to EU must be met', mentioned on cover 'All western Balkans countries will join EU' by Sead Numanovic – *"I am planning as soon as in December this year to visit BiH and assess its achievements in reform processes bringing the country closer to EU. The pace of BiH moving towards EU depends on your authorities as well as the efficiency of the implementation of reforms representing pre-conditions set by the Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU,"* said EU High Representative for Enlargement **Olli Rehn** at a press conference in Brussels late on Tuesday responding to Dnevni Avaz correspondent's question on BiH's chances to join EU. Rehn emphasized that the full cooperation with The Hague Tribunal was a pre-condition for further progress of all western Balkans' countries towards the Euro-Atlantic integration.

<p>Radovanovic: “I do not expect positive response even at the next NATO Summit”</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 ‘I do not expect positive response even at the next NATO Summit’, mentioned on cover ‘De-miners to go to Iraq next spring’ by <u>S. Numanovic</u> – <i>“ALTHEA is a good opportunity for BiH but also for NATO and EU and no one among us has right to anything that might make this operation unsuccessful. WE have lost almost 15 years on the road of integration and all care very much about the mission to be successful,”</i> said BiH Defense Minister Nikola Radovanovic in an interview with Dnevni Avaz. Commenting on the upcoming December Summit of NATO and BiH chances to join Partnership for Peace, Radovanovic said he did not expect positive response to BiH’s application as long as the issue of apprehension of war crime indictees is not resolved.</p>
<p>VL: ‘Crucial position stolen from Croats’</p>	<p>Vecernji List cover pg splash ‘Crucial position stolen from Croats’ and pg 3 ‘Crucial position stolen from Croats in FBiH’ by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – VL says that the position of Croats in the Federation of BiH which is guaranteed by the Constitution has been damaged since a Croat is a Head of one out of 6 crucial positions in the FBiH, while Bosniak officials are Heads of 3 institutions – Supreme Court, House of Representatives and FBiH Government. VL also says that High Representative Paddy Ashdown does not react against such drastic example of violating constitutional amendments on constituency of peoples imposed by former High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch.</p>

<p>SD on expenses in Western Herzegovina Canton</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija cover pg splash and pg 16 'Ministers toured Earth 17 times during one year!?' by <u>D. Ivankovic</u> carries a harsh comment on expenses of the West Herzegovina Canton and the author says that according to the report of the Federation of BiH Auditor's Office, the WHC spends 609 426 KM per year on fuel. The author says that this means that WHC Ministers pass 7 millions KM per year.</p>
<p>Blic on Njegus/Matijasevic</p>	<p>EuroBlic RSpG 1 'Njegus' seat is shaking' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u> – Blic's sources close to RS Government confirmed that Darko Matijasevic, RS Interior Minister, has demanded from Radomir Njegus, RS Police Director, to file resignation to this position. The source claims that Matijasevic still has no authority of dismissing Njegus from office, because this falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Independent RS NA Board. The Chairperson of this Board, Nusreta Sivac, confirmed to the paper that Board members received no information on this issue. Velimir Sakan, Chairperson of the RS NA Board for supervision over defence and interior institutions, also denied any knowledge of this issue. Zoran Glusac, Head of Matijasevic's Cabinet, did not make any comment on this issue in the absence of the Minister, reminding of his statement at the latest press conference <i>"when he stated that his relations with Police Director fall under terms stipulated by the Law."</i></p>

<p>Update to freeze of SDS accounts</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Survival upon their own finances' by <u>N. Diklic</u> – GS brings confirmations of the SDS officials, Borislav Bojic, Desanka Radjevic and Dusan Stojicic, regarding decision of the SDS Main Board to introduce a mandatory fee for SDS members assuming official positions, aimed at providing finances necessary for the work of SDS municipal boards. This decision has followed decision of HR Paddy Ashdown to freeze all accounts of SDS Boards.</p>
<p>Announcement of RS NA sessions</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Constitution as the burning issue' by <u>D.Z.</u>; EuroBlic RSpG 4 'Stormy session of Parliament to follow' by <u>SRNA</u>; Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Session resumption on Tuesday' by <u>V.P.</u> – The resumption of the 20th session of the RS National Assembly is scheduled for November 30, while the 21st session is scheduled for December 1 & 2. The resumption of Assembly session would see discussion on the initiative for the changes of the BiH Constitution, the final report on Srebrenica, the police reform, several laws on courts, attorneys' office and court experts.</p>

Trials and investigations

<p>Former manager of Srpske Sume indicted for abuse of office</p>	<p>RTRS, Dnevni List pg 2 ‘Bill of indictment against former Head of Srpske Sume’ <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 ‘Indictment against former Director of “Srpske Sume”’ by <u>SN. K.</u> – According to press statement released by the Banja Luka District Prosecutor’s Office (PO), this PO has filed charges against Radenko Laketic, former General Manager of the Public Company “Srpske Sume” seated in Banja Luka. Laketic has been charged with dishonest business dealings, which damaged the company for BAM 838,805.</p>
<p>SD on Hercegovacka Bank trial</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 18 ‘How much money was in vault blown to pieces?’, mentioned on front, by <u>Z. Tulic</u> carries an article regarding the Hercegovacka Banka (HB) case which says that it is well known that during the opening of the HB vault OHR employees caused rather big confusion when they claimed that there was no lot of money in the vault. The author says that people could see on TV damaged bank- notes and according to confirmed information there was about 1,7 million KM in the vault.</p>

**Update to
Cengic case**

Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'FOSS: Hasan Cengic heads organised criminal group' by M. Cubro – In mid 2002, the FOSS delivered to the authorities in charge of a report according to which **Hasan Cengic**, a high-ranking member of the SDA whose name is on the US "black list", headed an organised criminal group, which in the period between 1992-2000 committed many crimes. The FOSS investigators claim in their report that **Cengic** is the most important figure of the post-war period of the military and financial-political elite in BiH. After this report leaked, the then FOSS Director, **Munir Alibabic**, was removed by the High Representative, according to *NV*.