

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 24/1/2003

CROAT RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
On Karadzic and Mladic	US on Karadzic's arrest	Prosper on Karadzic	Prosper's visit
HR and Prosper on Hague	SFOR soldiers back in US	Hartman on Karadzic	Deadline for VAT and SC
CoM meeting	EC on PDV and SC	US vs. Iraq	CoM session
Strike in HNK			RS government session

Oslobodjenje	Scandal – Pale blackmailing Federation citizens with gas; Prosper – I know who is protecting Karadzic; Refugee centre in Travnik – no word about tragedy; Jelavic gave space to a bank; Zenica – old government 'stole' mobile phones
Dnevni Avaz	Patten's letter – serious threat of sanctions; Prosper – SDS has to help in arresting Karadzic; Natasa Misic – the change of borders would lead again to tragedy
Dnevni List	Eronet affair boiling – two thousand workers ready to go on strike; Council of Ministers holds consultative meeting – Eronet still not on the agenda
Vecernji List	Pierre Richard Prosper in Sarajevo – Sarovic will co-operate in apprehending Karadzic; Psychiatric evaluation results – Topalovic was of sound mind

Slobodna Dalmacija	Cry for help from dungeons – Abu Hamza, fear and fright of Zenica prison, imposes Serijat (NB: a set of Islamic laws) law to all prisoners; US Ambassador Pierre Richard Prosper in Sarajevo – The Hague Tribunal will not close down as long as Karadzic is at large
Glas Srpski	In Kozarac near Prijedor – Orthodox Church stoned; Head of Municipal department of Urbanism, Mujo Sirucic accuses – Srebrenica is a town of frauds
Nezavisne Novine	Pierre Richard Prosper warns the RS authorities – either the arrest of Karadzic or international isolation; Chris Patten sends letter to the BiH authorities – single customs and VAT – way to Europe; Affairs – Minister Savanovic under an investigation; Tomislav Tomljanovic – I will be the RS National Assembly Deputy Speaker
FRY Nacional	Prosper delivered to the authorities film with Mladic's movements; Djindjic's proposal to Annan – to try Mladic in absentia; Mikerevic – I will deal with Mafia in Srpska
Blic	USA measures to arrest Karadzic; Investigation on Orao extended to the customs; Delimustafic – we secretly taped conversations between Karadzic and Mladic; Dodik – the SDA has elected Serb delegates

Economic Affairs

**Patten's
letter**

Avaz pg. 1 and 4, Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'Reforms or banning of the international help', Nezavisne Novine pg.5 'Single customs and taxes – a way to Europe', Glas Srpski pg. 3 'Reforms without a veto' – a sharp ultimatum voiced at yesterday's press conference by special envoys of Chris Patten, EC Representative for Foreign relation. On his behalf, HR Paddy Ashdown, Michael Humphrey, Chief of EC delegation in BiH and Mihail Koukakis, Chairman of the EU Presidency, yesterday said that unless the entity governments and Com reach an agreement on principles of the establishment of single customs and VAT by 19 February, BiH will be deprived of any further international help. Koukakis stated that that VAT and single customs had to be on the state level even though the revenues would go to entities. Humphrey made it very clear that if the deadline was not met they would not agree to any negotiations. "Sanctions are painful, but the patience has run out," said Humphrey. The article carries a short insert entitled 'Federation government slowing it down'. It reads that the federation government might be slowing down the process due to problems with the constituting of the FBiH HoP.

<p>SDA supporting HR</p>	<p>Avaz pg. 4 ‘Stop tolerating obstructions by Serb politicians and parties’ – an announcement from the SDA saying they support HR’s initiative to adopt the laws on VAT and single customs by mid-February this year. “Having in mind that customs and VAT are pre-conditions for BiH to enter \$European integration we think insufficient efforts by HR on the matter. It is about time that the IC stops tolerating obstructions by Serb political parties in adopting and implementing reformist laws. The SDA insists that VAT and customs entirely become state revenues, which will, in accordance with needs, be directed to different levels of authority. Any further postponements and possible compromises would be detrimental to BiH state and its citizens.”</p>
<p>SRS against VAT and SC</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 ‘Single customs and VAT lead towards centralisation of BiH’ – President of the Serb Radical Party, Milanko Mihajlica, stated yesterday that his party would not support the project of single customs and VAT. According to the SRS, VAT should be collected at the entity level, as it was one of the major sources of income for both entities. Mihajlica believes that introduction of single customs administration and VAT at the state level leads towards centralisation of BiH.</p>

<p>Grabovac's letter to Hrhdown</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg. 3 by 'You prevented development of domestic production' <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – claims to be in possession of a letter that former Federation Finance Minister, Nikola Grabovac, who was removed by the HR Paddy Ashdown, had allegedly sent to HR Ashdown last month. In it, Grabovac accuses the HR of decreasing collection of customs related revenues. Furthermore, Grabovac allegedly shows concrete figures that show a decrease in the collection of the revenues since the outburst of the 'AM Sped' affair, which resulted in his removal, which in turn, according to Grabovac, encouraged criminals to go ahead with their actions. Regarding the figures, Grabovac says that in the first ten months of 2002 the collection of customs revenues went down by 121,8 million KM when compared to 2001. "The Federation budget has 200 million KMs less than in the same period last year. You like to say it is the money for the schools, invalids, hospital, pensioners and similar, but you and your policy are at fault (...) You did not enable development of our production. You prevented it. I will write you a special letter about your role in stopping of macro-economic renewal of BiH," says Grabovac.</p>
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Eronet

Dnevni List pg. 1 and 7 by V. Soldo – an interview with President of the Union of Employees of HT (Croat telecommunications) and HP (Croat posts), Ante Orsolic. He talks about the Eronet issue. Orsolic reiterates statements that are being heard in the past few days about the plunder of BiH property and about the alleged back-stage games by the IC. He says the Union expects the BiH Council of Ministers and competent institutions to tackle the issue and stop all the back-stage games, thus showing there's justice and sovereignty in BiH. Orsolic also expects an answer from HR Paddy Ashdown whom they allegedly contacted on a few occasions. DL says Orsolic announces an organized march of HT and HP employees in front of the OHR building. "We will protect our national interest, otherwise, this would be an additional exodus of Croats from these areas," says Orsolic. According to DL knowledge, the Union hopes HR Ashdown will request his advisors to present him a more complete picture about the case because the Union believes HR Ashdown has not been comprehensively informed about the case.

<p>SDU on 'Aluminij'</p>	<p>FENA – the SDU calls on the new FBiH government, which will soon be formed, to urgently re-evaluate a project of the international arbitration of the 'Aluminij' Mostar combine. "We think," said SDU Acting President Sead Avdic, "that this is a bogus project and that 'Aluminij' should not have been extracted from domestic legislation and the constitutional-legal system in BiH. We request returning of 'Aluminij' under the local jurisdiction from the aspect of arbitration on participation of state capital in this company," said Acting President of SDU.</p>
<p>15 fictitious firms in Brcko</p>	<p>Blic pg. 8, Dnevni List pg. 5, Nezavisne Novine pg. 5, Jutarnje Novine pg. 3, SRNA – During a joint action of the Brcko District Tax Administration and the Public Prosecutor's Office, 15 fictitious firms have been revealed in the area of the Brcko District, as the Head of the Brcko District Tax Administration, Miodrag Trifkovic, stated.</p>
<p>Bankruptcy Law</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg. 9 'In principle the bankruptcy always means liquidation' – a statement by Enver Hovic, Judge at the Tuzla Cantonal Court, in charge of the bankruptcy issues. "The estimations of HR Paddy Ashdown about a number of workers who will lose job due to the bankruptcy procedures are not realistic and they are exaggerated. We expect the passing of the new Law on Bankruptcy, which will allow for the increased efficiency in settling debts of companies that have gone bankrupt," said Hovic.</p>

**SB magazine
on single
customs**

“Although the RS leaders still resolutely reject even to think about a single customs administration in BiH, it is quite clear that the international community, i.e. OHR, will not take into account too much these objections and protests,” Mirsad Fazlic and Adnan Buturovic wrote in this week’s Slobodna Bosna (‘Entity customs administrations should be abolished ASAP, and a single customs service should be introduced’). “It is possible to increase the budgetary income by raising tax rates, but the tax burdens are almost unbearable for the tax payers. The only possible alternative is an enormous increase in efficiency of the customs administration that will lead to a the significant widening of the tax basis. The efficiency of the tax administration can be improved by improving the work of the existing customs administrations or by creating a single customs administration at the state level,” read a confidential report prepared by a special task force. According to Slobodna Bosna, the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, has on the basis of this document made a decision on the formation of a single customs administration at the BiH level.

The Hague

<p>Prosper in Sarajevo</p>	<p>Avaz pg. 1 and 2, Oslobodjenje pg 1, 4 and 5, Vecernji List pg. 1 and 8, Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 1 and 15, Jutarnji List pg. 6 'Stronger measures for Karadzic arrest', Vjesnik pg. 2 'USA supports new measures for Karadzic's arrest', Dnevni List pg. 5 'Day of Karadzic arrest new beginning for BiH' – on Prosper's visit to Sarajevo. He called on SDS members and RS government leadership to publicly declare their views on the arrest of Karadzic and join the IC in his arrest. At yesterday's press conference, Prosper made it clear it was not enough to exclude Karadzic from the party, but that the party had to join in arresting and extraditing him to The Hague. "If the RS authorities fail to co-operate we will not consider them as partners in the process." He further announced a show down with a web helping Karadzic, but refused to give any details about it. "We know very well who has been helping Karadazic and we will contact those persons." Also reported on RS media. Nezavisne Novine pg. 5 'Single customs and taxes – a way to Europe', Glas Srpski pg. 3 'Reforms without a veto'.</p>
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<p>CoM delegation with Prosper</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 5 ‘Implement reform of BiH judiciary’, Avaz pg. 2 ‘How to ensure conditions for trying war criminals in BiH’ – on a meeting among Prosper, US Ambassador in BiH Clifford Bond and CoM delegates led by CoM Chair Adnan Terzic. They discussed the need of establishing BiH institutions for trying war criminals. They all agrees that both local and international bodies have to jointly ensure conditions for the establishment of local capacities for arresting and processing cases of persons indicted for war crimes in BiH.</p> <p>“The local courts can not currently give guarantees for processing war criminals in BiH. That takes the implementation of judiciary reform, of making it independent,” said Terzic. Prosper said the Us government was ready to financially support the project. Bond said that eh US government expected all BiH authority reps to be committed to arresting and processing cases of war criminals.</p>
<p>Ashdown meets Prosper</p>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 ‘The US supports OHR activities’ – on a meeting between HR Ashdown and Prosper. After the meeting, prosper stated that they agreed the IC was ready to use a number of methods to put Karadzic behind the bars. Talking about local courts taking over certain war crime cases, Ashdown stated that the establishment of the necessary bodies was of core importance for BiH.</p>

Political Affairs

<p>Election Commission on FBiH HoP</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 6 ‘The change of the FBiH Constitution necessary’ – a view of the Election Commission (EC) regarding the problem of the Serb caucus at the FBiH House of Peoples (HoP). “The Serb caucus at the FBiH HoP is possible to change with changes to this entity’s Constitution, and then continued with changes to the BiH Election Law in accordance with amendments already made to the FBiH Constitution,” is a view of the EC. According to a Commission member, Hilmo Pasic, the Commission is prepared to help in reaching a solution in order to appoint 17 members in the Serb caucus of the FBiH HoP.</p>
<p>Commentary in Oslobodjenje</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 2 by <u>Zija Dizdarevic</u> ‘Suspicious’ – on the election of officials in the new government and the vetting process. Dizdarevic thinks it’s incredible how easy it is for people to agree to be nominated in the authority bodies, and how easy it for them to give it up too. Twice in the text Dizdarevic points out that standards and principles of the vetting process are not known to anyone. “It is not accessible to us how un(suitable) candidates are established, who is behind the procedure and with what sort of intentions.” He goes on to say that we are witnessing again the usage of secret dossiers – always convenient for manipulating people. “The international authorities insist on the establishment of the police and judiciary dignity, and at the same time they use methods from police states. We are all simply ‘apriori’ suspects.”</p>

<p>CoM session</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 8 'Terzic requested from entities information on security', Avaz pg. 8 'Terzic: legal aspect of the Eronet privatisation determined by relevant institutions, not me', Dnevni List pg. 1 and 3, Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 'Still without Justice Minister' – the CoM did not, as planned, hold its first session due to the lack of quorum (absence of a number of Serb reps). Instead, CoM reps held the first working-consulting session. The issue of the Law on Ministries was discussed. "We established a Commission of reps from all ministries that will, beginning of next week, devise a text of the Law so that we could adopt it at the next session on Thursday and forward it for an urgent parliament procedure," said Adnan Terzic, CoM Chair. As for the Eronet case, Terzic stated he was not authorised to say whether something was or was not done legally. He said that relevant institutions could only make such assessments. According to Terzic, the CoM will stick to its authorities as outlined in the politics of telecommunications, which outlines the CoM would determine the time and manner of the issuing of license to the third GSM operator.</p>
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BiH HoR	<p>Avaz pg. 4 'The appointment of Slobodan Kovac to be confirmed on February 4' – agreed at yesterday's BiH HoR's Collegial that a regular session of the BiH HoR is to take place on February 4 this year. Sefik Dzaferovic, HoR Chairman, stated that at the following session they would confirm the appointment of the new justice minister and deputy and they would discuss the Law on Ministries. He added that they were informed the Law would be ready by the next HoR session.</p>
BiH HoP	<p>Avaz pg. 8 'A constituting session on 30 or 31 of January?' –that a constituting session of the BiH House of Peoples (HoP) should be held on 30 or 31 January this year. According to unofficial information, the biggest candidate for the new Chairman is Velimir Jukic, for the first deputy Mustafa Pamuk, while the second deputy should go to a representative of Serb people (to be nominated by the PDP). The article carried an insert entitled 'Who are the delegates in the state HoP'. It basically lists candidates from Bosniak, Croat and Serb people. Bosniaks – Mustafa Pamuk, Hilmo Neimarlija, Hasan Cengic, Osman Brka and Halid Genjac. Croat people – Velimir Jukic, Anto Spajic, Ilija Filipovic, Branko Zrno and Tomislav Limov. Serb people – Zoran Spasojevic, Bosko Siljegovic, Nade Radovic, Goran Milojevic and Vinko Radovanovic.</p>

<p>Dodik on BiH HoP</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 'The SDS elected Serb delegates to BiH House of Peoples'- SNSD leader, Milorad Dodik, stated yesterday that Serb representatives to the BiH House of Peoples were elected thanks to the votes of SDA delegates in the RS National Assembly. According to Dodik, out of 47 delegates who voted for, 6 were from the SDA. Thus any talk about a Serb majority is untrue.</p>
<p>HNZ on new Federation leadership</p>	<p>FENA – the Croat National Alliance (HNZ) does not support a list of candidates for the FBiH leadership – presidents and the two vice presidents. HNZ on Thursday stated that they have nothing against Desnica Radivojevic, but that formal and true obstacles for his nomination as the Serb Vice President of the Federation do exist. "Even though he is a Serb it is difficult to get the impression that he has the support of Serbs in the Federation and their representatives in the legislative authorities. HNZ thinks that the position of any of the constitutive peoples should not depend on anybody's good will, but on the democratic will of members of that people and their legitimate representatives in the authorities," HNZ stated.</p>

<p>Interview with Acting Serbian President Micic</p>	<p>Avaz pg. 1 and 5 – an interview conducted with the Acting Serbian President, Natasa Micic. Asked what she thought about ideas o chancing borders in Balkans, Micic stated the same issue started a number of tragic events in the near past. “I think the principle of not changing borders established by mid-90’s stopped the clashes and led to the increasing stability in the region.” As for Serbia arresting Mladic by March 31, Micic said the situation was very complicated and it was impossible to do things so quickly.</p>
<p>Disabled looking for HR’s help</p>	<p>Dnevni List PG. 8 ‘Invalids demand HR’s intervention’ – the Association of disabled workers of the Federation demanded from HR Paddy Ashdown to intervene in order to stop obstructions in the payment of compensations to disabled workers. The letter says that former High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch passed a decision on changes and amendments to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance of the Federation, which allowed them to regain their right to receive compensation for their disabled condition. The compensation however is not being paid out to disabled workers at all. According to the letter, they have to wait until the special law is passed and this procedure has been lasting for two years already.</p>

<p>140 Croats from Tax Administration to be dismissed?</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg. 3 by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> 'Scandalous – Sefika Hafizovic dismisses 140 Croats from Tax Administration' – Federation Deputy Minister of Finances, Sefika Hafizovic, will try to push a decision on systematization of the Federation Tax Administration at the last session of the Federation government. According to VL, the new organization will see 140 Croat employees, from cantonal tax offices and some branches, losing their jobs.</p> <p>Moreover, VL says Hafizovic, together with Director of the Federation Tax Administration, Midhat Arifovic, plan to hire 160 people in the central office in Sarajevo and in cantonal and municipal branches with Bosniak majority. Finally, VL also learns from sources close to the Federation government that Hafizovic will soon start working at the World Bank in the US. The post is, according to VL, a reward for 'excellent' co-operation with the World Bank, IMF and CAFA0, 'the real creators of customs and fiscal policy in BiH'.</p>
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<p>New appointments in the RS government</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 'Mikerevic appoints advisors' – the new RS Prime Minister, Dragan Mikerevic, appointed his team of advisors yesterday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Srdjan Vranic, Chief of RS government Cabinet</i> – <i>Stojan Todorovic, Advisor for Economic Issues;</i> – <i>Ostoja Sremac, Advisor for Financial Issues;</i> – <i>Vlado Simeunovic, Advisor for Military and Political Issues;</i> – <i>Branko Krsmanovic, Advisor for Transition</i> – <i>Branko Brkic, Advisor for relations with non governmental sector</i> – <i>Biljana Camur, Executive assistant for organisation of government's sessions.</i> <p>Mikerevic has not yet appointed the Head of the Information Bureau. NN quotes him as saying that this is a completely new group and that he expects good cooperation with them. Mikerevic also announced some more personnel changes, not only in the RS government, but also in other institutions if they fail to fulfil their tasks.</p>
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<p>SD on RS NA</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 15 by <u>M. Labus</u> – after noting that the RS National Assembly failed to appoint a Deputy Speaker from the line of the Croat people, today's SD carries a statement by President of the SDS caucus in the RS NA, Dusan Stojcic, as saying that the ruling coalition will not support NHI's candidate Tomislav Tomljanovic for the post because he's a member of the opposition that withheld support to Dragan Kalinic. "We could propose a Serb to this office, if there is not a Croat who could get the support. I presume that will take place", says Stojcic.</p>
<p>Tomljanovic</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 6 'I will be the Deputy Speaker of the RS National Assembly.' – claims NHI delegate to the RS NA, Tomislav Tomljanovic. In today's issue, NN brings a short interview with Tomljanovic, who explains the reasons why his candidacy was not supported either by the opposition or the ruling parties. Regardless of his failure to be elected at the 2nd session of the RS NA, Tomljanovic is certain that he will be appointed eventually, as any other solution (i.e. the appointment of a Serb to the post, as suggested by SDS, would not be in line with the constitutional changes) may result in political consequences.</p>

Srebrenica

Glas Srpski pg. 1 'Srebrenica – town of frauds' – the head of the Srebrenica municipality Department for Urbanism, Mujo Sirucic, says the town suffered the most severe demographic collapse in BiH in the last ten years. When it comes to the relations of any authorities towards Srebrenica, Sirucic says that Serbs, as well as Bosniaks in Srebrenica are endangered. According to Sirucic, the international representatives see Srebrenica as a place where they can gain few political points and publicity, and they do not even think to give some true help to this town and its people.

<p>Ashdown with young politicians</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg. 4 by <u>M. Stankovic</u> 'Creation of new political generation' – with regards to a recent meeting that HR Paddy Ashdown had with young politicians of different provenance. According to the daily, the conclusion of the meeting could be that 'stances of young politicians mostly match and they are all for an open dialogue'. The meeting organized by Konrad Adenauer Foundation was assessed as important because these meetings can create a whole new political generation. VL says HR Ashdown stressed the young people should assume their positions on the local political scene. Slobodna Bosna listed certain events related to Ashdown. First being the winning of the Personality of the Year award. "This is the truth and not what Slobodna Bosna is writing. Those reading Slobodna Bosna are fools," said Paddy Ashdown to young politicians in Sarajevo last Friday, according to an article published in this week's issue of the magazine ('Ashdown is right: Only in the country of fools he can be the High Representative'). "On Monday, Paddy Ashdown accompanied with his suite, numerous supporters and obedient local politicians received together with Mustafa Ceric the Personality of the Year Award in firstly illegally built and then illegally sold Dnevni Avaz building," the article read (no one signed the article).</p>
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Constitutional reforms	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 14 by <u>Marijan Sivric</u> ‘Constitutional reform – a pie in the sky’ – carries an editorial saying that Wolfgang Petritsch’s constitutional amendments have just strengthened divisions between entities. “The constitutional reform has shown its main omission, and it is that which has failed to offer equality of peoples even formally. Petritsch proclaimed constitutional reform, he said that it was his great success, but he left great inequality to peoples,” reads the editorial.</p>
Interview with Tihic	<p>“I am positively assessing the engagement of the High Representative (Paddy Ashdown) so far. Moves he has made are useful for BiH and in BiH interest, unlike his predecessor who was waiting for parties to reach agreement and who was accepting compromises at the cost of BiH,” the Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency and SDA leader, Sulejman Tihic, said in an interview for this week’s BH Dani (‘We can fight for BiH only with SDS’).</p>

Judiciary Affairs

<p>Commentary in Avaz</p>	<p>Avaz pg. 3 by <u>Husein Orahovac</u> ‘Bosniaks and judiciary authority’ – on the fact that there is not a single Bosniak in a leading positions in the BiH judiciary bodies. Orahovac goes on to list the leading position where only one has been given to a Bosniak (President of the Federation Supreme Court) who actually is just an Acting president. According to Orahovac, it is totally unacceptable for such distribution of positions in the judiciary to represent a model on basis of which the Dayton equality is ensured in practice.</p>
<p>Tunovic</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 3 Hundreds of complaints about judges and prosecutors’ – a statement by Sanela Tunovic, HJPC Spokesperson, that so far they have received hundreds of complaints about the work of judges and prosecutors on different accounts. She added that all complaints were being considered at the Department for Research and Verification. Even though statistics still have been presented on categories of complaints, Tunovic said it was known that people complained about incorrect behaviour of judges and prosecutors and process being conducted slowly.</p>

<p>Sarovic meets Fassier</p>	<p>ONASA – Chairman of the BiH Presidency Mirko Sarovic on Thursday met with SDHR Bernard Fassier and discussed the reform of the BiH judicial system and the need for the faster adoption of laws necessary for this system, the BiH Presidency said in a statement. The two officials agreed that the authorized local institutions must work on judicial reforms and independently adopt laws from this field. The remaining two Presidency members, Sulejman Tihic and Dragan Covic, held separate meetings with Pakistani Ambassador to BiH Tariq Azizuddin and discussed the continuation of Pakistani assistance to BiH.</p>
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<p>OHR/International Community</p>	
<p>Ashdown travelling to Brussels</p>	<p>ONASA – HRPaddy Ashdown on January 30-31 will attend a meeting of the political directors of the European Union (EU) in Brussels to discuss the further plans of the international community and the implementation of the OHR Mission in BiH, OHR Spokesman Mario Brkic told reporters in Sarajevo. His deputies Bernard Fassier and Gerhard Enver Schrömbgens will also attend the meeting.</p>

**DANI on
Ashdown**

Ivan Lovrenovic wrote in this week's DANI opening editorial that Dnevni Avaz needed only six months to declare Paddy Ashdown the Personality of the Year. In exchange, according to Lovrenovic, Ashdown needed just the recognition to say that the newspaper was an example how the life in this country should look like in the future. "It would be ridiculous to presume that Ashdown does not possess enough knowledge on the role and importance of media, as well as on the situation in our country. He very well knows both. And when we have this in mind, and know that the Avaz-like practice represents all the opposite of what Ashdown claims, and then his compliments to Avaz represent a very dangerous sign. A sign that something is deeply empty and false in his loud verbal commitment against the enrichment based on crime, and for reforms, democracy, 'jobs and justice'," Lovrenovic wrote.

DANI Editor-in-Chief Senad Pecanin wrote in this week's edition of the magazine an article entitled 'The voice of the Bosnian darkness'. "The existence of such Dnevni Avaz (primarily having in mind not its political orientation but its professional quality) in the situation in which the public broadcasters are occupied by small thieves and amateurs sitting in the editorial and managerial chairs, represents one of the key obstacles to the creation of a normal, democratic and legal state."

Police Affairs

<p>TK MoI</p>	<p>Avaz pg. 12 'Minister Causevic accused of alleged criminal actions' – a group of inspectors and other Tuzla Canton (TK) MoI employees sending recently a letter to several BiH media accusing the current TK MoI head Muhamed Causevic of alleged criminal actions. The letter warns that Causevic did everything to include 'BH Triglav Insurance' in the process of insuring TK MoI vehicles via criminal actions.</p>
<p>Milicevic case</p>	<p>ONASA, Dnevni List pg. 3, Nezavisne Novine pg. 2, Glas Srpski pg. 2, FENA, SRNA, ONASA, Oslobodjenje pg. 6 'Police head not appointed' – the Interim Assembly of the Brcko District, at the motion of Serbian delegates, today postponed again the discussion about giving consent to the nomination of Milenko Milicevic from Tuzla as chief of the District police. In spite of the fact that the appointment of police chief was on the agenda, Serbian delegates, after several hours of harmonization, asked to have a talk with Milicevic before declaring themselves. So the discussion was postponed for the next session of the Assembly.</p>