

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 24/2/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on February 24, 2005

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
BiH-SCG Inter-state Council	Gvero indicted for Srebrenica	Bosko Ceko at RS PIO Fund session
FBiH Govt session	FBiH Govt assists Agrokomerc	Radovanovic's interview to NN
BHTV1 on new indictments	17 killed in bombing in Iraq	Ali Hamad willing to testify on Delic

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<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Neum mtg finished today	Neum mtg ends	ICTY confirmed indict. against Delic
SDP on Neum meeting	Rehn's letter to Terzic	Report on El Mudzahid unit
HR on police reform	Indictment against Ramiz Delalic	Vozuca residents on Delic
Topcagic on Feasibility Study cond.	Milan Gvero leaves for Den Hague	Indictment against AID officers

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Indictment against Ramiz Delalic	Unsealed indictment against R. Delic	Neum meeting finished today
Milan Gvero leaves for Den Hague	Report on state border service	Rehn's letter to Terzic

Jovan Divjak's anecdote	Neum meeting finishes	No decision on RS Police Director
Indictments in "Pogorelica" case	No decision on RS Police Director	Trebinje financial crisis

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Ivanic and Ministers from PDP remain at BiH COM
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	We are conducting major check-up of RS Army
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Mostar: Person who reported bomb unveiled
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Process of constitutional changes has started
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Complete Bosniak military top in The Hague
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	RS MoI officials in scheme with Chinese Mafia
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Jihad sends to the Hague
<b>EuroBlic</b>	Scandal at Banja Luka town administration: they have forged diplomas

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>	
<b>ICTY seals off indictments against Gvero and Miletic</b>	<b>BH Radio 1</b> , News at 12:00 – ICTY has sealed off the indictments against RS Army generals, <b>Milan Gvero</b> and <b>Radivoje Miletic</b> , accusing them of crimes committed in Srebrenica and Zepa in 1995.

<p><b>FBiH Govt establishes draft law on police officers</b></p>	<p><b>BH Radio 1</b>, News at 12:00 – At the session held this morning in Sarajevo , the FBiH Government has established the draft Law on Police Officers, after voting on the amendments submitted in the previous parliamentary discussion. The draft law will be sent into the further procedure, with a suggestion to schedule the extraordinary session of the Parliament due to the importance of this issue.</p>
<p><b>BiH-SCG Inter-state Council session to take place</b></p>	<p><b>RHB</b>, News at 12:00 – President of Serbia and Montenegro, <b>Svetozar Marovic</b>, arrived together with SCG Foreign Minister, <b>Vuk Draskovic</b>, and SCG Human Rights Minister, <b>Rasim Ljajic</b>, to Sarajevo today to attend a BiH-SCG Inter-state Council meeting. It is expected that two sides will sign several agreements including an agreement on determining border crossings between the two states.</p>
<p><b>ICTY released detailed charges against Delic</b></p>	<p><b>Fena</b> – Today the ICTY released detailed charges against retired BiH Army General <b>Rasim Delic</b>. According to the indictment Delic is individually criminally responsible for the acts or omissions of his subordinates, pursuant to Article 7(3) of the Tribunal's Statute.</p>

## Political issues

<p>Neum meeting finished/Covic on mtg</p>	<p>RHB, TV PINK, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 3, announced on cover 'Covic: PDP Ministers remain at BiH CoM'', Oslobodjenje cover pg splash and pg 7' Ivanic and Ministers from PDP remain at BiH COM', Vecernji List front pg splash 'Process of constitutional changes has started', and pgs 2-3 'Domestic authorities start taking over the state', by Z. Kresic, Dnevni List, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Four leading parties assume responsibility' by NINA, Slobodna Dalmacija pg 6 'Negotiations on BiH entering EU – by end of year', by S. Soldo, Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover 'PDP remains at the authority' by V. Coric, EuroBlic pg RS2, announced on cover 'CoM survived' by V. Mihojevic – During an HDZ, SDA, SDS and PDP meeting in Neum, which finished on Wednesday night, it was decided that BiH institutions should work harder on the BiH's way towards Europe. HDZ Vice President Dragan Covic said <i>"The most important thing we wanted to do is to stress our determination to solve the issue of BiH's admittance to the Partnership for Peace during this year. When it comes to the Euro-Atlantic integrations, we have discussed all projects related to this issue. When it comes to the EU we decided that we had to start negotiations on the Association and Stabilization Agreement during this year, and according to some estimation it could happen by June 2005."</i> It was also decided that PDP representatives continue their work in BiH Council of Ministers (CoM), by which all problems in the CoM's functioning have been removed. RTRS also says that Covic stated that he is convinced that constitutional changes could be made until the next elections so BiH could become a more functional state.</p>
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Terzic, Tihic on  
Neum mtg

**TV PINK, Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Only in accordance with Dayton' by N. Diklic – Chairman of the BiH CoM **Adnan Terzic** said: *"Parties have agreed for PDP to stay within the Parliament majority and I think that it was a good thing to do. I have to take a stance regarding resignations by the end of this month, and now I have to discuss with PDP whether these Ministers are going to stay or PDP is going to propose new ones."*

**Dnevni Avaz** pg 3, announced on cover 'Covic: PDP Ministers remain at BiH CoM'' – **Sulejman Tihic**, SDA President, confirmed that during the Neum meeting they had also discussed the issue of constitutional changes, adding: *"However, representatives of SDS and PDP refused proposals claiming there has been no necessary atmosphere for constitutional changes provided in the RS. Hence, we did open the issue of constitutional changes but we have not agreed on anything."*

<p><b>Cavic, Ivanic, Radmanovic on Neum mtg</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> – Acting SDS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> feels that it is important that political parties held a meeting without the pressure from the International Community. Cavic stated that constitutional changes were mentioned but they were not discussed. PDP Chairman <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> stated that the parties agreed that they will take over running of the country from the international institutions. <i>“With that fact PDP has created conditions for its members to participate in the CoM and in the next few days it will be decided who will personally participate in the work of the CoM”</i>, says Ivanic. <b>Nebojsa Radmanovic</b> Chairman of the SNSD Executive Board stated for RTRS that SNSD does not agree with this stand since the BiH CoM will remain the same. He added that the CoM is not doing its job and therefore it should be changed. <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 ‘Ruling parties are just buying time’ <u>by V. P.</u> also carries Radmanovic’s saying that the stances of parties have confirmed that the opposition, which criticized them of not working in accordance with the Constitution, was right.</p>
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<p><b>Spiric, Djokic, Tesanovic, Popovic on Neum mtg</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'Ruling parties are just buying time' by <u>V. P.</u> – <b>Nikola Spiric</b> from SNSD says it would be too naïve to believe politicians in Neum discussed only resolving of the CoM crisis since RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> and outgoing Minister of Foreign Affairs <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> went to Neum to discuss constitutional changes. <b>Petar Djokic</b> (SPRS) thinks the talks in Neum were identical to Mrakovica meeting, which was dedicated to a discussion on constitutional changes. <b>Slobodan Popovic</b> (SDP) warns the ruling parties do not have the right to discuss the constitutional changes under cover of discussion on crisis of the executive authority.</p> <p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'Only in accordance with Dayton' by <u>N. Diklic</u> – <b>Zoran Tesanovic</b> (PDP) has stated the party was satisfied with conclusions adopted at Neum meeting.</p>
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<p><b>Limov, Milic, Bandur, HSP (Djapic-Jurismic) on Neum mtg</b></p>	<p><b>RHB</b> -SDP member <b>Tomislav Limov</b> commented on the meeting and stated that the right place for meetings and agreements is the BiH Parliament. An inset (entitled 'SDP: Meeting in Neum was absurd and comical') into <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 3, mentioned on front 'Four leading parties assume responsibility' by <u>NINA</u> also carries Limov as saying that the Neum meeting was absurd and comical, claiming that the authorities are pretending to be doing something by organizing the said meeting. Limov notes that a crisis is one constant thing that has marked the functioning of the current authority.</p> <p>Founder of Croat Christian Democrats, <b>Petar Milic</b>, notes the problem is that the SDA wants a unitary BiH with 5 regions without any authorities, the SDS and other Serb parties want to preserve the RS no matter the cost, whilst it is only the HDZ that is headless, i.e. it has no political position. Vice President of HNZ, <b>Mate Bandur</b>, believes the problem with the HDZ is that certain individuals have monopolized the whole of Croat people without discussions and agreements with other political parties. Similar like HNZ, the <b>HSP (Djapic-Jurismic)</b> expect that all Croat parties should gather in order to reach a consensus about important issues for the Croats.</p>
<p><b>FTV, BHT 1 on Neum mtg</b></p>	<p><b>FTV</b> by <u>I. Pavkovic</u> says that the Neum meeting did not bring any innovations and that HDZ, SDA, SDS and PDP agreed that they will continue work according to principles of Dayton Peace Accord.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> also says that the police and defence reforms should be subjects of the next meeting announced for March 22 and 23, which will be organized by SDS.</p>

<p><b>DL open edit. on Neum mtg</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Children's play', by <u>Erna Mackic</u> – Commenting results of the Neum meeting, the author says, among other issues, why the PDP ministers in the BiH CoM even bothered to submit resignations from the respective posts, when representatives of the other three ruling parties persuaded them in course of two days to give up on the resignations. According to the author, it all reminds of children's games, because of which the whole country is suffering.</p>
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**Bosniak and Serb  
Caucuses at CoP:  
Govt elected in  
accordance with  
Constitution**

**TV PINK** – The Bosniak Caucus in the RS Council of Peoples, while discussing on decisions of RS National Assemble on nomination of RS Prime Minister and representatives in the Government, has not reached the necessary consensus on starting the issue of protection of national vital interests of Bosniaks. Chairman of the Bosniak Caucus **Ramiz Salkic** believes that the constitutional procedure was violated while nominating the abovementioned persons. Salkic says that the issue of legitimacy of nominated ministers from Bosniak Caucus arises since they do not belong to any Bosniak party, which has its representatives in the RS National Assembly. Salkic said *“There was no consensus in the Caucus for the issue of protection of vital national interest to be started, and unfortunately we are not going to start the procedure.”* Serb Caucus has also discussed on nomination of RS Government and it was decided that the Government was nominated in constitutional way.

Also covered by **NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List**, pg 2 ‘Bosniaks will not raise issue of appointment of RS Government’, not signed **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 ‘RS Government was elected in accordance with the Constitution’ by V. P., **EuroBlic** pg RS2 ‘Bosniaks will not dispute the Government’ by E. B., **Glas Srpske** pg 5 ‘No veto’ by G. D.

<p><b>Belgrade round table on DPA</b></p>	<p><b>TV Pink, Dnevni List</b>, pg 4 'Dokic: Serb in Republika Srpska are afraid of changes to Dayton', by <u>De. L</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Dayton is the greatest failure of the West' by <u>Beta</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'From the Dayton to fall-apart?' <u>not signed</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS3 'Horrible war for poor peace' by <u>Beta</u> – Serb-American Center organized a round table discussion on Dayton Agreement Wednesday in Belgrade. Professor Professor of the Belgrade Faculty of Political Science <b>Nenan Kecmanovic</b> thinks ethnic cleansing is gradually being completed in peacetime as well. BiH Minister of Communications and Transport <b>Branko Dokic</b> has stated the main problem of BiH is that the population has no trust in those political representatives it had elected because High Representative <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> has greater authorization than any other ruler of any country, considering the fact he has the authority to impose both executive and legislative authority.</p>
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<p><b>DL: Ashdown out in beginning of summer</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 9, mentioned on front ‘Ashdown leaves in beginning of summer’, by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – DL notes that the current High Representative for BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, is more and more a target of criticism coming from both the domestic media and intellectuals and international analysts and that diplomatic circles in BiH are often discussing “<i>political misses of the British Lord</i>” among themselves and with leaders of opposition parties in BiH. In that context, DL says there was a private dinner, which was organized at an embassy of one of world powers and which hosted <b>Zlatko Lagumdzija</b> and <b>Milorad Dodik</b>, during which the “<i>wrong policy of the OHR and the need to urgently remedy it</i>” was discussed. DL goes on to say that Ashdown’s statement that the RS could not be abolished without the consensus of all three peoples has made Ashdown politically less important and powerful, because the SDS and PDP understood it as if they could, among other issues, block the state institutions and ignore constitutional provisions. This leads the author to say that because of this and other reasons, members of diplomatic circles in BiH believe that Ashdown is a “<i>worn down politician</i>” and that the Peace Implementation Council will thank Ashdown in beginning of summer, not in November as planned earlier, and appoint a new High Representative.</p>
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**War crimes**

<p><b>Delic: I will turn myself in</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Rasim Delic responsible for crimes committed by EL-Mujaheed' by <u>E. Sarac</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg4 4-5 'ARBiH Supreme Command HQ ordered establishment of "El Mujaheed' by <u>R.I.</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, front pg splash and pg 15 'Complete Bosniak military top in The Hague', by <u>Zlatko Tulic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg splash 'Jihad sends to the Hague' by <u>G. K. and N. Z.</u>, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 17 'He led slaughtering of Serbs' by <u>D. Stojakovic</u>, <b>Nacional</b> Belgrade daily pg 3 'Delic admitted the existence of Al-Q'Aida in Bosnia' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'F BiH MoI prepares Delic's departure to the Hague' by <u>M. Cubro</u> inset 'Delic ordered establishing of "El Mujahid" unit', <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS1 'Evidence on Ozren' by <u>Marija Jandric</u> – Retired BiH Army General <b>Rasim Delic</b> said that he was informed about the ICTY indictment issued against him and that he decided to voluntary surrender to the ICTY.</p>
<p><b>Terzic on Delic's indictment/Hadzipasic does not want to comment</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, FTV, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Equalizing the guilt' by <u>N. N.</u> – Chairman of the BiH CoM <b>Adnan Terzic</b> said <i>"When it comes to General Delic, I have to admit that I feel sorry for the General, since he used to be the BiH Army Commander, which I belonged to, and which defended BiH, but my party and I believe that the justice should be proved in The Hag and that is why I welcome Delic's decision to surrender."</i> <b>TV PINK</b> carries that neither FBiH Prime Minister <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b> nor his Deputies wanted to comment on the indictment.</p>

Dukic, Jovicic, BHT  
1: Indictments to be  
issued against  
Silajdzic, Ganic,  
Mahmuljin and  
Godinjak?

**TV PINK, RTRS** – President of the RS Association of former detention camp inmates **Branislav Dukic** said: *"What has happened was done by us, being the witnesses, and holding evidences on 536 detention camps in FBiH. The BiH authorities, led by **Alija Izetbegovic**, were in charge of the mujahedines and they ordered them to commit the war crimes in the northern BiH."* Dukic also added that there was a possibility for three new indictments to be issued, and according to some allegations the indictments are against **Ejup Ganic, Sakib Mahmuljin** and **Haris Silajdzic**.

**Vecernji List**, pg 4 'Jovicic: Three more indictments from The Hague have arrived to Sarajevo', mentioned on front 'Ganic, Silajdzic and Mahmuljin to follow R. Delic' by Branka Stevandic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'Crimes against Serbs too have been committed' by N. M. carry Vice President of Association of RS POWs, **Slavko Jovicic** as saying that the FBiH authorities should be soon revealing additional three indictments that have arrived to Sarajevo. VL reminds that the RS POWs were saying earlier that the indictments could be raised against Ganic, Silajdzic and Mahmuljin.

**BHT 1** found out unofficially that the indictments against Mahmuljin, Ganic and wartime Tarcin Police Chief, **Edhem Godinjak** should be delivered in coming days to Hadzipasic, through the BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Hadzipasic and FBiH Minister of Interior, **Mevludin Halilovic**, stated that they did not receive those indictments yet. Delic himself expressed belief that the indictments against Ganic and Mahmuljin exist.

**Dnevni List**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Indictments against Ganic and Mahmuljin to follow', by De. L. also covered this information from BHT 1.

<p><b>Delic on El Mudzahid/Silajdzic and Ganic did not want to comment on El Mudzahid</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> also brings report on history of El Mudzahid unit formed in August 1993 at the Delic's order. <i>"That unit had its place in BiH Army's hierarchy and it is known, when it comes to responsibility, whose responsibility this is. I think that it is absurd to pull out things from the context and to bring that responsibility to the Army commander,"</i> said <b>Rasim Delic</b>. Political leaders from that period, <b>Haris Silajdzic</b> and <b>Ejup Ganic</b> didn't want to speak on this subject, commented BHT reporter.</p>
<p><b>Inmate in Zenica prison willing to testify against Delic</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 6, mentioned on front 'Al Qaeda's officer ready to testify against Rasim Delic', by <u>N. Bise</u> – An inmate in the Zenica prison, <b>Ali Ahmed Ali Hamad</b> was attacked yesterday (Wednesday) by several other inmates, who used to be members of the 'El Mudzahedin' unit, after he was labelled as the most dangerous witness of crimes the unit had committed during the war. According to Ali Hamad's lawyer, <b>Dusko Tomic</b>, his client is willing to go to The Hague to testify about the crimes the unit had committed, about roles of late <b>Alija Izetbegovic, Rasim Delic, Sakib Mahmuljin, Nezim Halilovic Muderiss</b> and Al Qaeda's operations in BiH, which is, according to Ali Hamad, still active in BiH. DL notes that Ali Hamad, originally from Bahrein, is a former Al Qaeda officer. (also in <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, back pg 'Author on crimes of mujahiddin in BiH attacked in prison', by <u>B. Kristo</u>)</p>

<p><b>Reactions against indictment issued against Delic</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Equalisation of aggressor and victim is unacceptable' by <u>M. Kukan</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'A sign of slackening of Court in The Hague', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 5 'Indictments against defenders of BiH', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Drekovic: He tried to prevent crimes' by <u>M.K.</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 5 'Delic will prove his innocence!', <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Equalizing the guilt' by <u>N. N.</u> carry comments of The FBiH association of war veterans, SDA Presidency, SDU President <b>Miro Lazovic, Munira Subasic</b> President of the Association "Mothers of Enclaves of Srebrenica and Zepa", <b>Safet Halilovic</b> President of the SBiH Presidency etc. all criticising the indictment against <b>Delic</b>.</p>
<p><b>Head of State Border Service: RS MoI gave no useful information for arrest of war criminals</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 'RS MoI gave no useful information' by <u>N. Krsman</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 'SBS gets useless information about Karadzic and Mladic' by <u>Az. Kalamujic</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 12 'We were looking The Hague fugitives on ground of our own information' by <u>L. Sinanovic</u> – The Head of State Border Service, <b>Mile Juric</b>, Wednesday stated SBS never received any useful information from RS MoI with regard to arresting war crimes indictees. He rejected speculations saying war crimes indictees are crossing over border between BiH and SiCG and said: <i>'If RS is accusing us of not fulfilling our tasks with regard to cooperation with the Hague, then we can raise counter-question: It takes maximum five minutes to cross over the border – what were MoI bodies doing for the remaining 23 hours and 55 minutes, where were indictees sleeping, eating or walking?'</i> Deputy SBS Director <b>Nijaz Spahic</b> expects cooperation would improve in the course of this year after Work group for cooperation with Hague Tribunal is established and after memorandum on understanding is signed between police agencies.</p>

<p><b>DA: ICTY demands Perisic, Mandic, Miletic, Tolimir, Haradinaj and Buckovski'</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Tribunal demands Perisic, Mandic, Miletic, Tolimir, Haradinaj and Buckovski' by <u>S.N.</u> – DA has learnt that the list of people, whose arrest of extradition the Hague Tribunal demands from Belgrade, Pristina and Skoplje, includes the following names: <b>Momcilo Perisic</b> (former JNA General charged with destruction of Mostar in 1992), <b>Momcilo Mandic</b> (former RS Interior Minister charged with the crimes committed in BiH by para-police units), <b>Zdravko Tolimir and Radivoje Miletic</b> (close associates of Ratko Mladic charged with crimes Serbs committed in BiH during the war), <b>Ramus Haradinaj and Vlado Buckovski</b>. The sealed indictments against these six persons are on the way to respective cities.</p>
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<h2>Reforms</h2>
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**New RS  
Police  
Director has  
not been  
nominated  
yet**

**TV PINK** – New RS Police Director has not been nominated yet. Chairman of the independent board for nomination of new RS Police Director **Ilija Lukic** said that another session had to be held in order to re-discuss details related to the interviews with the candidates and then the board should state its final decision.

The board has also analysed the documentation, which was missing, including the criminal report on a candidate, which was sent anonymously. If the board nominates the new Police Director, RS Minister of Interior **Darko Matijasevic** should state his opinion, as well as the RS Government. Also covered by **BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje** pg 5 'Another session before decision' by O. Vukovic **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'Appointment of RS Police Director was postponed' by D. R., **EuroBlic** pg RS3 'Decision on police director was postponed' by R. R., **Glas srpske** pg 2 'There is still no director' by J. Novkovic

**Radovanovic  
on PfP,  
check-up of  
RS Army**

**Dnevni Avaz** cover pg splash 'We are conducting major check-up of RS Army', pg 5 'If we fail to fulfill conditions by April, we should withdraw application for admission into PfP' by Edina Sarac – In an interview to *Dnevni Avaz*, **Nikola Radovanovic**, BiH Defence Minister, says that if BiH authorities in March assess that BiH has failed to fulfill conditions for admission into PfP, it would be the best thing to ask NATO members at April session not to discuss our application, adding: *"I am of the view it would be far more politically legitimate and credible than to keep insisting on that. Firstly, because of negative image of BiH being created in the world after each rejection we get."* He confirms all persons from RS Army are going through check-up process, especially individuals or units who were connected with **Ratko Mladic** during the war. Namely, check-up is to determine whether these persons are still working within defence structures or outside it. He expects to see first pre-liminary report from RS Army by 28 February.

<p><b>Gregorian on defence reform</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5 'Commission does not have mandate to solve destiny of entity armies', by <u>D. Polovina-Mandic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 'This year is crucial for approach of BiH to NATO' by <u>Srna</u> – Reports that the Co-Chairman of Defence Reform Commission, <b>Raffi Gregorian</b>, was giving a lecture to the staff of the FBiH Defence Ministry and FBiH Army, when he noted that this year was crucial for the defence reform and meeting conditions that NATO had set out before BiH. Apart from pointing out the fact that the BiH Defence Ministry is yet to be fully staffed, a process which is eight months late, Gregorian spoke about the future of entity armies: <i>"Entity armies are built in the Law on Defence of BiH. My mandate does not say anything that concerns talks about the future and destiny of entity armies (...)</i> One of NATO's requests is creation of a single military force in BiH, but that is not in the mandate of the Defence Reform Commission".</p>
<p><b>HR on police reform</b></p>	<p><b>RHB</b>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Politics must not interfere in police work', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Key importance of police reform in BiH', <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'The key is police reform' by <u>N. Z.</u> – HR to BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, on Wednesday stated that the key component of BiH efforts to get prepared for negotiations on Association and Stabilisation Agreement with European Union is the existence of the police, which is able of combating crime in an efficient manner.</p>

<p><b>Topcagic on meeting Feasibility Study conditions</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, TV PINK, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4 'All conditions from Feasibility Study soon to be fulfilled' – Director of the Direction for European Integrations <b>Osman Topcagic</b> stated significant progress was made in fulfilling 16 priority tasks defined in the Feasibility Study. He couldn't state when will all 16 conditions be fulfilled but believes it will happen soon.</p>
<p><b>SBS pc: SBS should employ 6 000-7 000 police officers to become more efficient</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK</b> – State Border Service (SBS) Deputy Director <b>Robert Peric</b> states that, in order to prevent illegal border crossings and for BiH borders to be supervised all the time, SBS should employ 6000-7000 police officers, which BiH cannot afford at the moment. SBS points out that the number of illegal entrances was reduced during 2004. SBS has also established special working group in charge of arrestment of war crime indictees, but due to lack of information, the service cannot be efficient. That is the reason why cooperation between BiH SBS and other BiH intelligence institutions should be improved. Also covered by <b>BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, Dnevni List</b>, pg 4 'More people needed to watch over borders', by <u>Arijana Beus</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 21 'Around 200 members of SBS in BiH fired', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u></p>

## Judicial proceedings/Crimes

<p><b>FBiH Supreme Court confirmed indictment against AID officers</b></p>	<p><b>TV PINK, NTV Hayat, FTV, BHT 1, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Alispahic, Ljevakovic, Veladzic, Mujezinovic and Ikic charged with attempted assassination of Abdic' by <u>E. Sarac</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3, announced on cover 'Inciting to terrorism rejected, murder <u>remains</u>', <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Charges in 'Pogorelica' case dismissed', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 3 'Alispahic will not be tried for terrorism', by <u>dja</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, back pg 'Indictment on instigating murder, not for terrorism, adopted,' by <u>B. Kristo</u> – FBiH Supreme Court confirmed part of the FBiH Prosecution indictment against former AID officers, <b>Bakir Alispahic, Irfan Ljevakovic, Enver Mujezinovic, Edhem Veladzic</b> and <b>Ejub Vikic</b>, accused for inducing A murder of <b>Fikret Abdic</b> in Rijeka (Croatia) in 1995. The FBiH Supreme Court rejected part of the indictment in relation to inducing of terrorism through organisation of training camp on Pogorelica. Also covered by</p>
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<p><b>BiH Court confirmed indictments for "Sugar affair" case</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, Oslobođenje</b> pg 2, announced on cover "“Laundered” money returned to wholesalers’ by <u>A.N.</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 ‘BiH Prosecutor’s Office brought indictment against Hugo Santa and Bozo Mandic’ – The BiH Court confirmed indictments for so-called “Sugar affair”. <b>Bozo Medic</b> and <b>Hugo Santa</b> were indicted for committing criminal acts of tax evasion and falsifying public documents in year 2002. They are also suspected of founding fictitious company “Rakic Prom” in Bijeljina, by using false identification. The investigations on the others suspects are underway.</p> <p>BHT 1 also carries Head of the European Commission in BiH, Michael Humphreys as saying: “Since the measures that should prevent illegal trade and corruption have been undertaken, the BiH authorities and citizens will benefit from this, because trade is one of the most important parts of the agreement on Stabilisation and Association.’ Indirect Taxation Administration Director, Kemal Causevic, said that with better analyses of the quantity of goods, similar affairs will not be possible in future.</p>
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<p><b>Salkic/Osmanovic:</b>  <b>IC wants to stop</b>  <b>compensations to</b>  <b>robbed refugees</b>  <b>from RS</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 8 'International community wants to stop compensations to robbed refugees from RS' by <u>Az. Kalamujic</u> – Chairman of the Bosniak Caucus at RS NA <b>Ramiz Salkic</b>, and <b>Adil Omsnaovic</b>, RS Vice President, believe that the international community is exerting pressure against Bosniak Caucus at RS NA to accept the Law, which would stop further payments from the budgets of municipalities and cities in RS as compensation to Bosniaks and Croats for damaged property.</p>
<p><b>SNSD on Trebinje</b>  <b>financial crisis</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9, announced on cover 'Money paid to Alijagic brothers will be paid back to Trebinje' by <u>V. Duka</u> – The SNSD Caucus in the RS National Assembly called upon RSNA Speaker <b>Dusan Stojicic</b> to schedule an urgent session that will discuss the changes to the Law on the RS internal debt. SNSD Chairman <b>Milorad Dodik</b>, who spoke with municipality officials in Trebinje, stated that with this law problems regarding the Trebinje bank account would be resolved. With the changes to the Law postponement of the payment for the war caused damages would be extended to 40 years. Dodik says that SNSD will support the changes but he is not sure whether SDS and PDP will do the same. Head of the Trebinje Municipality <b>Dobroslav Cuk</b> feels that Dodik has done a lot in order to help Trebinje. Members of Peace Implementation Council also called upon the RS authorities to resolve the financial crisis in Trebinje.</p>

<p><b>Mostar: Police identifies one person responsible for making phone threats</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front pg splash and pg 49          ‘Mostar: Person who reported bomb unveiled’, by <u>N. Dedic</u> – The Mostar Police Administration filed with the competent Prosecution a report against a minor, initials <b>E. Dz.</b>, who is suspected of phoning the High School of Mechanical Engineering in Mostar on February 18, 2005, when he warned the school that there was a bomb planted in it. It turned out to be a hoax. Police is also investigating other incident, when anonymous person made a similar phone call to the Canton 7 Government.</p>
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**NN: RS MoI in  
scheme with  
Chinese Mafia**

**Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash and pgs 4-5 'RS MoI officials in scheme with Chinese Mafia' by S. Karic – the article reads illegal entering of Chinese citizens to BiH is in increase in the past two years. Many Chinese citizens are issues "H" visas (*used only for a business visit to a country*) but either stay in BiH or use BiH as a transit country for Europe. The article lists names of a number of firms registered in BiH that issue "H" visas for Chinese citizens and reads **Zhu Yine** aka **Chu** is the person usually linked with illegal entering of Chinese citizens to BiH. The mentioned person was granted BiH citizenship in 1997 by RS MoI and he, reportedly, helps Chinese citizens to come to BiH and then exploits them as slaves. Sources close to RS MoI claims so called "Laus group" is helping Chu in realizing his activities and one of the leading persons of this group is a son of a high official of RS MoI. RS Administration for Legal, Personnel and Foreign Citizens' Matters of RS MoI in August 2003 forwarded information to Department for Foreign Citizens, warning of the possibility that a number of Chinese citizens might attempt to enter BiH to get a job or to use BiH as a transit country but former Head of the Department for Foreign Citizens of RS MoI **Sinisa Karalic** has attempted to hide this information from Banja Luka PSC inspectors.

<p><b>Forged diplomas of Banja Luka town administration employees</b></p>	<p><b>EuroBlic</b> cover pg splash and pg RS4  ‘Scandal at Banja Luka town administration: they have forged diplomas’  <u>by S. Vujanovic</u> – Inspectors of RS Ministry for Education and Culture have found out that diplomas of ten employees of Banja Luka town administration have been forged. Diplomas of all employees of the town administration have been forwarded to the inspection service of the competent Ministry for verification.</p>
<p><b>Investigation on conducting of ‘BP Trade’ firm</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5, announced on cover  ‘Investigation on establishing and business conducting of “BP Trade” firm’ <u>by M. Cubro</u> – Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor’s Office is investigating circumstances of establishing and business conducting of “BP Trade” firm, jointly established by “Bosnaplod” and BIO – firm under control of <b>Hasan Cengic</b>. “BP Trade” was established in 1997, BIO invested 6,500 KM and “Bosnaplod” invested 3,500 KM of initial capital in this firm. “Bosnaplod” gave business premises (1,160 square meters) in Sarajevo at disposal of “BP Trade” firm, after which BIO transferred an obligation of paying out a loan in the amount of 0,5 million KM to “Bosnaplod” firm. In the meantime, “BP Trade” rented the above mentioned business premises. <i>NN</i> claims “BP Trade” firm’s only purpose was to enable BIO firm to earn money from renting business premises.</p>

**Djeretic  
announces  
lawsuit  
against FBiH  
PIO MIO/ FBiH  
PIO/MIO:  
There is no  
ground for  
lawsuit**

**TV PINK, Dnevni List**, pg 7 'Lawsuit against FBiH MIO/PIO announced', by Arijana Beus – RS Minister of Labour and Veterans **Miodrag Djeretic** announces that an indictment is going to be brought if the FBiH Pension-Invalid Insurance rejects to carry out the decision of the Human Rights Committee, according to which, it has to pay pensions to persons who earned their pensions in the FBiH. Djeretic said that he had to meet with the competent FBiH Minister as soon as possible in order to resolve the issue. Djeretic said: *"If we fail to solve the issue through the discussion, I will be the one to bring the indictment."* On the other hand, the RS Pensioners' Association announces protests in front of the OHR in Sarajevo, if the issue is not to be resolved by 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Chair of Banja Luka Pensioners Association **Nenad Ratkovic** said *"We are criticising **Paddy Ashdown**, an international representative, who did not use the instruments to make representatives of the FBiH Pension-Disability Insurance Fund (FBiH MIO/PIO) to accept those pensioners who earned their pensions there."* On the same issue **Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'FBiH does not have legal obligation to take over pensioners from RS' by L.S. carries Spokesperson of the FBiH MIO/PIO **Zarif Safic** stated that Djeretic does not have a single argument on the ground of which he could sue the FBiH MIO/PIO.

<p><b>FBiH HoR postponed disc. on Law on privatisation of companies</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, TV PINK, FTV</b> – During its session held on Wednesday the Federation of BiH House of Representatives postponed discussion on changes and amendments to the Law on privatisation of companies.</p>
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<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p>	
<p><b>Former RS Minister Savanovic still acts as Minister</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 ‘Savanovic traveled to Germany as a Minister’ <u>by N. Moraca</u> – Former RS Minister for Education <b>Gojko Savanovic</b> went to a seminar to Germany despite to the fact he is no longer the Minister. The seminar is organized in frame of a discussion on history and geography textbooks between entity Ministers. Advisor to RS Minister for Education <b>Dane Milesevic</b> says Savanovic went to the seminar because it was scheduled during his mandate. ‘<i>The current Minister for Education, <b>Milovan Pecelj</b>, was not in a position to attend the seminar because we have not managed to get all necessary papers in order in such a short period of time</i>’, Malesevic has stated. The Spokesperson of the Ministry, <b>Duska Golic</b>, on the other hand, has stated she did not know whether Savanovic went on a business trip, explaining it is not her duty to know this considering the fact Savanovic is no longer the Minister.</p>