

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 24/6/2006

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
PIC session ends	OHR closes on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	PIC: OHR to be closed in June 2007
RS police Director appointed	Allegations on Mladic's stroke	Paravac threatens PBS
October elections, update	Exhumation in Kamenica	Former RS PM arrested in Serbia
Kran-Montana Forum in Monaco	Nikolic serves sentence in Italy	The sale of Telekom Srpske

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Ex RS PM Gojko Klickovic arrested	Former RS PM arrested in Belgrade	Klickovic arrested
OHR closes on June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Tuzla Court on Cavic's accusations	Indictments in Vitol-refinery case
Public poll on OHR's closure	War crimes committed in Kalinovik	ElektroHerzegovina write offs debts
RS Govt on 'Telecom Srpske'	Exhumations completed in Kamenica	OHR closes on June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2007

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	OHR to be closed down on 30 June next year
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	[Dragan Covic] BiH would disappear without Croats as equal people
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Exclusive: Islamisation has commenced
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Church to recognize miracle of Medjugorje

<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	OHR to close down in June 2007
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Household budget growing

<b>PIC session: OHR closing down on 30 June 2007</b>
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<p>PIC Steering Board decides on closing down OHR end of June 2007; final decision depending on BiH progress at beginning of 2007</p>	<p><b>Hayat</b> by <u>Lejla Gutlic</u> – The Office of the High Representative in BiH will be closed on June 30, 2007, was announced on Friday following two-day meeting of the political directors of the PIC [Peace Implementation Council] Steering Board countries. <i>“We have decided that the OHR in BiH should be closed on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, while the preparations for the closure should start immediately... I will remain the EU Special Representative, continuing the work of coordinating [the IC activities], facilitating progress and seeking solutions. I think that this is a good path for BiH’s future”</i>, said High Representative <b>Christian Schwarz-Schilling</b> who noted that in the role of EUSR he would have lesser authorities.</p> <p>PIC made it clear that the ongoing reform processes had to be implemented and that BiH politicians had to make an agreement on police reform, based upon the three EU principles. PIC Steering Board emphasized that the Police Reform Directorate was a legitimate, technical body, established to create a plan on implementation in line with the political agreement passed by all Parliaments in BiH, on October 5, 2005. The HR pointed out that BiH politicians had a number of tasks to complete by the October elections, such as to bring some crucial reform laws. <b>FTV</b> by <u>Zeljko Tica</u> – FTV notes OHR closure does not mean the withdrawal of the International Community; on the contrary, IC will remain fully engaged in BiH, with a larger presence of the European Union, and through EUFOR, EUPM and other countries’ diplomatic missions. PIC also discussed the necessity of the full cooperation with ICTY. <b>BHT 1</b> by <u>Vanja Furtula</u> – PIC announced it would reassess its decision on OHR closure at the beginning of 2007, in February; Schwarz-Schilling explained the implementation of this decision would depend on the reform processes and overall situation in BiH and region. BHT 1 says HR on Friday was not ready to answer certain questions, such as – what would happen in case the work of domestic institutions is blocked due to politicians’ inability to reach an agreement. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pgs 4-5 ‘OHR to close down on 30 June next year’, inset ‘Without undermining Dayton’ – PIC stressed that no attempt to undermine Dayton Peace Agreement would be tolerated either before or after 30 June 2007. <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘OHR leaves BiH on 30 June next year’, mentioned on cover, by <u>T. Lazovic</u> – PIC also called on BiH authorities to solve the issue of allocation of public revenues from the single ITA account. RS Prime Minister, <b>Milorad Dodik</b>, was asked to withdraw charges filed against leaders of Indirect Taxation Administration, <b>Joly Dixon</b> and <b>Kemal Causevic</b>. <b>Nezavisne novine</b> cover splash, pg 3 ‘OHR closing down in June 2007’, inset – PIC expressed a disappointed with the failure of constitutional reform. <b>RTRS, PINK, Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 ‘Responsibility over to domestic authorities’, <b>Vecernji list</b> pg 2 ‘OHR ceases to operate on 30 June 2007’, <b>Dnevni list</b> pg 5 ‘OHR is to be abolished’, mentioned on cover – also carried.</p>
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<p>SDAs Tihic, Dzaferovic: BiH is not ready for OHR closure; transition should depend on processes, not dates</p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> – Commenting the announced closure of the OHR, BiH Presidency member and SDA leader <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> called upon International Community not to close Office of the High Representative. In fact, SDA believes that the situation in BiH still does not guarantee that politicians will be able to make some agreements by themselves, without interference from OHR. <i>“I think that it [OHR closure] would encourage those radical, anti-Bosnian forces in BiH... and I think the change of International Community’s mandate in BiH should depend on processes, not deadlines”</i>, stated SDA’s <b>Sefik Dzaferovic</b>. <b>RTRS</b> – Tihic feels that OHR’s withdrawal might lead to blockade in work of BiH institutions and that the local institutions are not yet ready to take upon themselves responsibility for the situation in the country. Dzaferovic noted it would be good if constitutional reform as well as police reform were completed before OHR’s closure. He also stated that it would be ideal if BiH was to sign the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and join Partnership for Peace before closure occurs. Council of Ministers Chair <b>Adnan Terzic</b> shares Dzaferovic opinion. <b>RHB</b>– Tihic also presented his stances to the PIC. <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3’RS in favor, FBiH against abolishment of OHR’ – carries Dzaferovic and Tihic.</p>
<p>SBIH Halilovic says he is sceptical of OHR closing down</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘Counter-productive move’ – SBIH’s <b>Safet Halilovic</b> said he is skeptical about the PIC decision on terminating OHR next year, adding that before this happens <i>“appropriate structures must be installed”</i> [he did not elaborate further.] <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3’RS in favor, FBiH against abolishment of OHR’ – carries similar statement.</p>
<p>CoM Chair: This could be another mistake of IC, previous one resulted in hundreds of thousands of dead</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘It seems they do not understanding what kind of obstructions we are faced with’ – In a statement to DA, CoM Chair, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, says it is extremely dangerous to close down OHR before SAA is signed. Disappointed with PIC decision, Terzic said that setting up a date to abolish Bonn powers is entirely counter-productive. He addressed the PIC on Friday asking them <i>“not to make another mistake of the IC.” “One of such mistakes of the IC resulted with hundreds of thousands of dead. It seems to me it is not clear to them with what kind of problems and obstructions this countries is faced with.”</i></p>

<p>PDPs Ivanic welcomes OHR closing down</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4 'Ivanic welcomes decision on abolishing OHR' – PDP leader <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> welcomed the termination or transformation of the OHR into an Office of the Special Representative of the EU deeming it is <i>"extremely good for BH"</i>. <i>"This process will end soon. This means that domestic institutions can stop counting on the OHR passing decisions on our behalf,"</i> he explained. In that context, Ivanic said the statements of BiH Presidency chairman <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> that the withdrawal of the OHR should be delayed until at least after the October elections are <i>"very counter-productive"</i> and <i>"absurd"</i>. <b>BHT 1</b> – <i>"It will be a great challenge, especially for certain parties from Sarajevo who believe that international institutions will fulfil all their wishes. The time of such politics and political framework is definitely behind us. The OHR closure can only be a good thing for this country"</i>, said Ivanic. <b>RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Others will not decide on our behalf anymore', <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3 'RS in favor, FBiH against abolishment of OHR', <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Useful for BiH'- also reported.</p>
<p>RS President Cavic: Decision on closing down OHR was expected</p>	<p><b>RTRS, Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Expected decision', <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3 'RS in favor, FBiH against abolishment of OHR'- RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> stated on Friday that decision on OHR's closure next year was nothing unexpected and that it clearly showed that from 2007 BiH was entering an integration phase in which everybody would have to learn that all solutions in B-H have to be sought in partner relations. <i>"Without this BiH will not be able to build its future and that is the best message to all in BiH,"</i> Cavic said, adding that in BiH nobody would be able to expect the international community to work instead of others, but that decisions would have to be made jointly. Cavic told journalists that the international community was clear about having B-H as a partner, not a disciplined child who is unable to make decisions on its own.</p>
<p>SNSD welcomes decision on OHR closing down</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'They were an alibi for domestic politicians' – Commenting announced transformation of the OHR, SNSD Vice President <b>Krstan Simic</b> said he was also advocating for the BiH politicians to take over the responsibility for the future of this country. He noted that all politicians <i>"had certain alibi in IC institutions, so they believed they could afford to be radical and unrealistic in their demands, as there is some to 'do it.'"</i> <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3 'RS in favor, FBiH against abolishment of OHR' – <b>Nikola Spiric</b>, member of SNSD's main board, said the decision was entirely logical and it means an obligation for local political to take over responsibility.</p>
<p>HDZs Raguz, SDPs Krizanovic: process to be monitored</p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> – <i>"I think that previous role of High Representative will be included in the function of EUSR in BiH, with a high-quality monitoring over the whole process, and expert help to domestic institutions"</i>, said <b>Martin Raguz</b>, member of HDZ 1990 Croatian Unity. <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3 'RS in favor, FBiH against abolishment of OHR' – <b>Jozo Krizanovic</b>, SDP Main Board member, says that if the politicians continue to act alike now, than the OHR's termination would be counter-productive.</p>

<p>Int with CoM Chair Terzic: IC has accepted nothing will happen in police reform before elections, that is wrong; tidying OHRs closure to date is wrong; Brussels doesn't want rapid progress in BiH; SAA will be delayed</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> 'Pogled' supplement pgs 4-5 'There is a crematorium in SDA to burn down people they previously placed at executing positions' by <u>Senka Kurtovic</u> – In an lengthy interview to daily, the BiH Council of Minister Chair, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, admits he is skeptical of closing down OHR and abolishment of the Bonn powers:</p> <p><i>"It seems that what I was most afraid is exactly what is happening. My idea was that the exit strategy must not be tied to date, but process... of signing the Stabilization and Association Agreement. If we say that OHR is to leave the BiH on 17 July next year, that is a certain way of ensuring nothing happens in BiH, as all will just sit and wait for the date to come."</i> Commenting journalist's remark that OHR termination is being discussed despite the fact that main reforms have not been implemented, Terzic says: <i>"I am afraid that IC has accepted the fact that nothing would happen in police reform before elections. That is a wrong way... I assume that the IC is mistaken showing an understanding for those with a problem about police reform because of elections. Nevertheless, I am certain everything will be accepted after elections."</i> However, CoM Chair also claims it may be in Brussels' interest to slow things down in BiH: <i>"I am afraid that even Brussels would love for us not to make rapid progress to avoid making distinction between processes in BiH and Serbia... I have a feeling Brussels would love to cease negotiations with BiH."</i> Asked to elaborate why he feels this, Terzic explains: <i>"Because we are a millimeter away from walking through European doors. We need an impetus from Europe. But, there is none. Europe sticks to 3 principles [on police] ... without stating precisely what do those are... I will meet [EC] Commissioner <b>Ollie</b> <b>Rehn</b> soon and I will try to get to clear position. It is impossible that European standard means drawing up a map of police regions, design of uniforms, HQ... Why do we deal with this? Those are internal issues of every state."</i> Terzic also thinks that signing of the SAA would be delayed: <i>"EU Council of Ministers could give approval in October in order to sign [SAA] in November. But, we'll certainly fail to meet that deadline... Problem is in political situation... Elections change everything."</i> He notes that there probably would not be more talk before March next year. Finally, he commented the fact that SDA did not include him in its elections list for any of important positions: <i>"I am 15 years a member of SDA and I know very well that inside SDA there is a crematorium to burn down people they previously place at executing positions... [so] this doesn't surprise me."</i></p>
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RHB commentary slams IC in BiH	<p><b>RHB</b>– In its weekly comment, RHB wonders whether the announced transition in the OHR is going to launch true changes in BiH. The announced transition has once more opened the issue of the International Community’s impact on BiH events, states RHB. RHB condemns all IC’s activities in BiH, since the beginning of the war, saying that it would be much better if it had not acted at all. RHB furthermore states that every appointed <b>High Representative</b> to BiH brought along it his own way of solving political misunderstandings. While some of them imposed with ease extremely difficult decisions, some of them acted cautiously. HRs all brought their visions on BiH’s future. The visions depended on the state HR was coming from. While some supported the idea of centralization, some supported divisions in entities. Reporter concludes by saying: If we want to mark the IC’s work in BiH this could be the result: The Dayton Peace Agreement, along with imposed laws, makes any improvements impossible; it is still unknown what should be established on state and what on entity level.</p>
Hayat: Citizens believe OHR should remain	<p><b>Hayat</b> – Report brings feature on public poll, taken in Sarajevo , on whether the OHR should be closed. Most of the featured citizens said that the OHR should remain, since no positive results would be reached due to incapable BiH politicians.</p>

## War crimes and security

<p>Former RS PM Klickovic arrested, awaits detention to BiH</p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> – Serbian Ministry of Interior arrested former RS Prime Minister <b>Gojko Klickovic</b> on the basis of Interpol arrest warrant. Klickovic is indicted before the Main Court in Sokolac for abuse of office and embezzlement regarding the funds of 'Privredna' Bank East Sarajevo and their use to finance war crimes suspects. Former RS PM is currently in detention awaiting for extradition; competent BiH authorities have 18 days to file the request for extradition, and deliver it to the Serbian Ministry of Justice, along with all necessary documentation.</p> <p>Klickovic's attorney <b>Dusko Tomic</b> confirmed that his client is currently being investigated by the BiH War Crimes Prosecutor as well; however, he stressed that Friday's apprehension had nothing to do with that investigation. <b>RTRS</b> by <u>Nada Arlov</u> – Klickovic was indicted in 1998. RS Minister of Interior <b>Stanislav Cadj</b> confirmed the arrest and stated the competent BIH institutions are required to submit an extradition request to Serbian authorities. Tomic said his client doesn't possess Serbian citizenship which would disable extradition. <b>Hayat, FTV, Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Gojko Klickovic arrested', mentioned on cover, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Gojko Klickovic arrested', mentioned on cover, by <u>N. Diklic</u>, <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 2 'Gojko Klickovic waits in detention', mentioned on cover, <b>Vecernji list</b> pg 2 'Gojko Klickovic arrested' also reported.</p>
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<p>SDS Cavic: I don't know why Klickovic was arrested; SNSD Dodik: Klickovic should had been arrested earlier</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 2 'I don't know why Klickovic was arrested', <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Gojko Klickovic arrested', mentioned on cover, – RS and SDS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> said in Banja Luka on Friday that <b>Gojko Klickovic</b>, arrested in Serbia on Friday, would have an opportunity to answer to allegations against him before judicial institutions. Cavic refused to comment on the arrest of Klickovic, a former member of the SDS, claiming that he does not know all the reasons, i.e. on whose orders he was arrested, but added that the RS Prosecutor's Office earlier ordered his arrest and that he was then out of reach of RS law enforcement agencies. <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Gojko Klickovic arrested', mentioned on cover, by <u>N. Diklic</u> – Commenting the arrest of <b>Gojko Klickovic</b>, RS Prime Minister <b>Milorad Dodik</b> said he was sorry <i>"Klickovic was not arrested even earlier."</i></p>
<p>Belgrade daily says Mladic dying</p>	<p><b>FTV</b> – According to Belgrade-based daily Kurir, war crimes suspect at large, <b>Ratko Mladic</b>, is in a critical condition after a stroke he suffered last Friday. Citing well-informed source(s), Kurir claims that there is a little chance of Mladic surviving. <b>PINK, Hayat, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'Mladic dying after stroke', mentioned on cover, <b>Vecernji list</b> pg 18 'Mladic dying', mentioned on cover– also reported.</p>

<p>DL publishes details of "Islamisation of BiH", lists possible suspects of 'terrorism' activities</p>	<p><b>Dnevni list</b> cover splash, pgs 2-3 'Islamisation has started' <u>not signed</u> – DL carries "exclusive story" on presence of the mujaheedins in BiH, grounding its story on information which is apparently confirmed by FBiH Interior Ministry and other security services. Thus, DL alleges that the "Islamisation" commenced in 1992 by conference of extremist organization Hesbollah, whose representatives met in Zagreb in April '92.</p> <p>According to the FBiH MoI and intelligence findings, mujaheedins arrived in BiH under the cover of humanitarian workers, using traveling channels between Croatian and former Croat Union Herceg Bosna. Furthermore, they would find "trustworthy" people in SDA or other recommended people, to establish and establish meeting points, checked routes and ways to transfer people to BiH. Through Split, mujaheedins would be transferred to BiH in collective centres in Zenica and Travnik, where they <i>"systematically...conducted Islamic fundamentalist indoctrination of the local Muslim population."</i> As war progressed, they allegedly were more trained and organized, soon having their own units within the BiH Armies. Bosniak leadership, says DL, was publicly claiming it had no authority over these fighters. Meanwhile, <i>"during the exodus of Croat people, mujaheedins but also BiH Army members committed terrible crimes."</i> DL claims that the first "terrorist" unit comprised of mujaheedins in BiH was established in 1998. It also publishes the list of organizations allegedly suspected [without noting by whom] for terrorist activities: Bbi Bank, Bedr-Bosna, BIO Bank, Mos, Naba radio, settlements in Gornja Maoca, former municipality of Mostar South, company Vitezit, NGO 'Women to women', etc. It announces publishing the full list in next issue of weekly 'Danas'. The daily also says Air Bosna company was transferring these fighters to BiH, at which time the company office in Istanbul was lead by close associate of <b>Haris Siljadzic</b>.</p>
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## Elections and other political issues

<p>Uros Pena new RS Police Director</p>	<p><b>RHB, FTV, RTRS, BHT 1, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3  ‘Uros Pena RS police Director’, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg ‘Uros Pena appointed to RS Police Director’, <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 5 ‘Uros Pena appointed RS police director’, <b>Vecernji list</b> pg 2 ‘Uros Pena new RS Police Director’, <b>Dnevni list</b> pg 6 On Friday, <b>Uros Pena</b> was appointed as RS Police Director, the RS government announced after its session. Pena was the only successful candidate among five applying for the position of police director. Pena is replacing <b>Dragomir Andan</b> who tendered his resignation on April 7 this year.</p>
<p>Registration of candidates lists starts</p>	<p><b>FTV, PINK, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 ‘Registration of list of candidates has commenced’, <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 4 ‘Registration of candidates lists started’ – The certified political subjects, political parties and coalitions as of Friday can present the lists of their candidates for those election units and government levels for which they have been certified for participating in the forthcoming elections in October, said the BiH Central Election Commission (CIKBiH). Parties and coalitions have a deadline of ten days to present the candidate lists, including the candidates for BiH Presidency. After this, the Central Election Commission will have 20 days to vet the candidates and then certify the candidates that fulfill the conditions.</p>

<p>Cavic SDS candidate for RS President</p>	<p><b>PINK, RTRS, Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Cavic for President', <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 4 'Cavic a candidate for RS President' – SDS Main Board on Friday decided that SDS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> would be this party's candidate for the RS President, while SDS Vice President <b>Mladen Bosic</b> would run for the BiH Presidency. Cavic made this statement at the SDS Main Board session in Banja Luka on Friday and said they also identified candidates for the BiH House of Representatives and the RS National Assembly. SDS will not have candidates for the BiH Parliament.</p>
<p>PDP negotiates possible coalition with SNSD</p>	<p><b>RTRS, Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Negotiations than decision' – PDP also determined the list of its candidates for all levels of Government, but would not reveal names of candidates for RS President and BIH Presidency member since as they say that depends on possible coalition with SNSD. Party NSS (Nova Snaga Srpske) appointed <b>Dragan Krstic</b> as candidate for RS President. SRS Vojislav Seselj member <b>Mirko Blagojevic</b> stated that he is against constitutional reforms.</p>

<p>SNSD slams SDP for braking BiH</p>	<p><b>RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 10 'SDP is trying to carry out democratic process by complaining and setting up others', <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Set ups', <b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 4 'Lagumdzija and SDP breaking down BiH' – SNSD on Friday accused SDP of trying to brake down the BiH through its political program which prioritizes the changes of the BIH Constitution. Noting that SDP is denying Dayton Agreement with its stance, the SNSD also commented the letter SPD leader <b>Zlatko Lagumdzija</b> sent to the Socialistic International [in which he urged expulsion of the SNSD] was one more in line of <i>"cheap political moves of unified Sarajevo... political scene."</i></p>
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**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash 'BiH will disappear without Croats as equal people', pg 5 'Stories on fight with Cardinal are nonsense' by Husein Orahovac – In an interview to DA, the HDZ leader, **Dragan Covic**, explains that his decision not to be party's candidate for a position in the authorities is not a result of the current trial against him but of *"established political marketing of the party... which is among other things based on nominating young and educated people."* Commenting a number of parties with prefix Croatia running at the elections, Covic notes that he expects his party to win not less than 60%. However, he warns that the real problem is the fact that Bosniaks could vote a Croat member of the Presidency, estimating such scenario would mean a crisis in the authorities. In light of this, he says that the constitutional reforms which failed in the Parliament would be a step in right direction. Finally, Covic denies there was a fight between and the Cardinal **Vinko Puljic** as speculated by media lately.

<p>PDPs Ivanic: Current method of PRD work is useless</p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'RS cannot accept being over voted' – PDP leader, <b>Mladen Ivanic</b>, told the press conference on Friday that no body in RS would accept the agreement or proposal by the Police Reform Directorate which would be a result of the over-voting. He added that the current method of the PRD work is "useless." He also criticized <i>"the latest attempt of political set up when the report on PRD without no one to stand behind it appeared before the Council of Ministers."</i> Ivanic claims there were two versions of the report, one stating that the decision would be made by over-voting while the second excluded this option; nevertheless the author of the report remained unknown. Ivanic concluded that the police reform should be carried out by further strengthening SIPA and leaving Public Security Centers in the authorities. <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Enough of setting up'</p>
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<p>DA op-ed on police reform: RS PM wants to keep police to deal with his political opponents</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'RS fights for its police' op-ed by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – Noting that Brussels was once again clear about the fact it expects BiH authorities to carry out police reform, the editorial is critical of the RS Prime Minister <b>Milorad Dodik</b> for obstructing the process. Reminding of Dodik's claims his priority is to fight crime, author notes that if this was really his plan <i>"he would certainly not object the police reform as required by European. However, what he really needs is entity police to keep it under his absolute control in order to do same thing his predecessors did: fight his political opponents for their own personal interests."</i></p>
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## Economic and judicial issues



RS Govt sets up Telekom Srpske privatisation plan; 65% of state capital to be offered through tender

**BHT 1** by Zoran Sarenac – RS Government will announce at the beginning of July an international tender for the sale of 65 percent of state capital in Telekom Srpske.

According to BHT reporter, only telecommunication companies with at least 800,000 fixed telephony subscribers, 1.5 million mobile line subscribers and €500 million of revenue in 2005 will be able to apply on the tender. *“RS Government has adopted a decision on a special privatisation programme for Telekom Srpske company from Banjaluka, and forward it to the RS National Assembly”*, explained RS Assistant Minister of Transport and Communications **Vlado Prpos**. Representatives of BH Telecom and HT Mostar deem that BiH Council of Ministers or BiH Parliament should have approved the individual privatisation of telecom operators in BiH; however, they claim that the privatisation of Telekom Srpske will not harm their companies. *“I don’t think that the privatisation is such an easy job. In fact, I think that this privatisation of Telekom Srpske will be prolonged, and possibly carried out along with the privatisation of two F BiH telecom operators”*, stated HT Mostar Director **Stipe Prlic**. Financial advisers have estimated that Telekom Srpske is worth approximately €340 million; however, representatives of RS Government want at least €400 million for the 65 percent of state capital funds in this company. **PINK, Hayat, FTV, Oslobođenje** pg 5 ‘65% of state capital up for sale’, **Nezavisne novine** pg 5 ‘65% of state capital up for sale’ also reported.

<p>RS Govt harmonizes law to enable established of Special Prosecutor IMF delegation meets</p>	<p><b>RTRS, PINK, FTV</b> – RS Minister of Justice <b>Omer Visic</b> stated that the RS Government on Friday adopted changes to the Law on fight against organised and economic crime which would enable establishment of the Special Prosecution for organised crime under Banja Luka County Prosecution. Visic explained the amendments refer to harmonizing the Law with the remarks made by the BiH High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) regarding the appointment of the Chief Special Prosecutor and other Special Prosecutors in the RS Special Prosecutor's Office, which should be established in RS following the adoption of the law. RS Government decided that the salary of the Chief Special Prosecutor would be in the rank of Chief RS Prosecutor due to risks involved. Visic concluded that the vacancy for RS Chief Special Prosecutor might be announced in August if changes are passed in RS NA during July.</p>
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<p>RS PM Dodik on allocation of public revenues: agreement to be reached soon</p>	<p><b>BHT 1, Nezavisne novine</b> pg 5 'Problems of public revenues allocation', <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Agreement and than allocation of money', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4 'Agreement on allocation of revenues', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Soon agreement on allocation of public revenues?', <b>Dnevni list</b> pg 6 'Dodik with IMF delegation' – At the meeting, Dodik said that the agreement on the allocation of these revenues could be expected soon adding that – RS Prime Minister <b>Milorad Dodik</b> and the delegation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Friday in Banjaluka discussed the problems regarding the distribution of revenues collected through the indirect taxes. Dodik stressed that the harmonisation of the Law on National Fiscal Council is currently in progress, adding that this Law should soon make it into the parliamentary procedure. <b>RTRS</b>– Dodik told IMF officials it is necessary to reach an agreement on allocation of income from ITA's single account.</p>
<p>GS cover story: Household budget growing</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover splash 'Household budget growing' by <u>D. Vrhovac-Mihajlovic</u> – RS Consumers Movement estimates that average budget for a household to ensure basic needs are meet requires 1.345 KM or 2.65 average salaries in RS. The Chair of the Movement, <b>Dragutin Boskovic</b>, says tat the prices are in constant increase since October last year, especially of utilities and other monopolistic services. Boskovic concludes that VAT introduction also brought down to increase of living standards of all BiH citizens, claiming that only 30% of RS families were intact by this.</p>

