

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 25/4/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 25 April

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LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

**IFIMES:
Political
parties to
boycott HR
Ashdown?**

RHB – Referring to the Vlastic talks on police reform which gathered leaders of 11 political parties, RHB reported that according to the Ljubljana-based IFIMES institute claims to have at its disposal data that at the mentioned meeting a part of the representatives of political parties will talk about an eventual joint boycott of the cooperation with the HR **Paddy Ashdown** as long as he is on the top of OHR.

**Dodik on
Vlastic
meeting**

RTRS – Milorad Dodik, SNSD President, told the members of the press that no meeting of working nature had taken place last night at Vlastic, noting that today's meeting would focus on some concrete issues. He noted the invitation addressed indicated the Agreement on police Reform should be signed during Vlastic sessions. He is of the view that political agreement on this issue should have been reached earlier before the PRC started to work, not now. He said: *"This is a matter of political bodies, not leaders of political parties, to make decisions."* Dodik further stressed his view on this issue remains unchanged. No other official gave any comment.

BH Radio 1 by Vanja Ilcic – According to the reporter, it is still very hard to presume what will be the outcome of these talks bearing in mind differences between political parties from two BiH entities.

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| <p>SRPS: Pressure on RS parties on Vlasic possible</p> | <p>FENA news agency – The SRPS President Milanko Mihajlica has judged today that there might be pressure on the Serb side to accept the solution for the police reform at the meeting in Vlasic.</p> <p>Mihajlica, who was not invited at the talks in Vlasic, believes that the Serb parties should show political unity and work in the interests of the RS. He stressed that earlier solutions do not serve interests of the RS.</p> |
| <p>EUFOR searching houses in Pale</p> | <p>BH Radio 1, RTRS – The members of EUFOR and NATO have this morning launched the action of collecting documentation from the business premises owned by Zeljko Maljukan. The EUFOR Spokesperson, Franck Cowborn, confirmed that the action launched at 08:00 hrs this morning is aimed at collecting intelligence info on war crime suspects. Derek Chappel, NATO Spokesperson, confirmed action is ongoing.</p> <p>PSC East Sarajevo confirmed police is providing “passive support” to the action.</p> |
| <p>BiH HoP in session</p> | <p>BH Radio 1, RHB – BiH House of Peoples is in session today. The MPs will be declaring themselves about the BiH Council of Ministers’ information regarding the realization of the Feasibility Study requirements in light of the EU Enlargement Commissioner’s letter.</p> |

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| <p>ICMP, BiH officials discuss MPI establishment</p> | <p>RHB, BH Radio1 by <u>Lejla Hodzic-Suzanj</u> – Chairman of the International Commission on Missing Persons James Kimsey and BiH Council of Ministers Chairman Adnan Terzic met in Sarajevo today to discuss establishment of the BiH Missing Persons Institute. The meeting is also attended by FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic, RS PM Pero Bukejlovic and Brcko Mayor Mirsad Djapo. The participants agreed the activities to establish the institute should be accelerated.</p> |
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| <p>Vlastic talks / police reform</p> | |
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| <p>IC, reps of 11 parties gather on Vlastic to discuss police reform</p> | <p>RTRS, FTV, BHT1, Dnevni List pg 2, mentioned on front ‘Negotiations on police reform started’ by <u>NINA, Slobodna Dalmacija</u> pg 14 ‘Vlastic: Meeting on police reform’ by <u>A.M.</u> – The Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, the leaders of 11 of the leading parliamentary parties in BiH [SDS, SNSD, PDP, DNS, SDA, HDZ, SPRS, the Centre Club, SBiH, NHI and SDP], the High Representative, the EUPM Commissioner and the Chair of the Police Restructuring Commission have gathered in the Hotel Pahuljica on Mount Vlastic to hold three-day negotiations on police reform in BiH. The aim of the negotiations is to produce a draft Political Agreement on the future of Policing in BiH that is to be adopted by Entity Parliaments in May. OHR stressed before the meeting that they will not impose this reform but it is up to political parties to decide on the future of BiH. At the beginning of the talks, the EC representative to BiH, Michael Humphreys, reminded the participants on three key conditions set by the EC that must not be compromised in negotiations on police reform: control and financing of the police at the state level; police in service of citizens and extradition of political influence over police. All media noted that the Hotel is under heavy security, and that no journalist is allowed to approach.</p> |

Solana: There will be no SAA negotiations without police reform

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Solana: without police reform BiH cannot enter EU' by A. Malagic – **Christina Galjak**, the spokeswoman for the EU High Commission on Foreign Police, **Javier Solana**, stated on Solana's and EU's stance on police reform and current Vlasic talks: *"In the past few months we saw very important progress in BiH... However, the police reform is the field in which the progress is yet to be seen otherwise BiH cannot expect the beginning of negotiations on the Stabilization and Accession Agreement to join EU. EU deems this even as very important because we want to see this progress. I repeat, that is necessary to carry out in order to even start the talks on SAA."*

**Blic int. with
Javier
Solana: We want
efficient
state that
respects EU
principles**

EuroBlic cover pg splash 'Nobody is talking about abolishment of entities' and RSpG 2 'We want efficient state that respects EU principles' by Marija Milic-Velimir Ilic – In a page long interview to daily, **Javier Solana**, EU High Representative for foreign affairs focuses on police reform in BiH, saying that BiH is decentralised state and EU does not demand its change. He says: *"Nobody is talking about the abolition of the entities. Instead, what is required is for those minimal institutions that exist at state level to be effective and affordable. So, for example, if the EU is negotiating with BiH on a policing matter it must be confident that the interior minister with whom it is talking wields sufficient power within the country to deliver results."* Solana explained why it was necessary to implement police reform and he explained what would be results of the police reform. Asked to say if the current influence of OHR is really necessary, Solana rejected common accusations that BiH is a protectorate, explaining that the position of the High Representative and the Bonn powers were designed to meet a specific need in a specific time. *'Without the High Representatives' interventions BiH would not have been able to achieve the progress it has already made'*, he added. He also said: *'If you want to get into the EU then you must do so without the High Representative. This means adopting and implementing the necessary reforms for starting a Stabilisation and Association Agreement – the first step in the EU accession process. Among these is police restructuring'*.

**BHT1 on police
reform:
Politicians
stance differ
very much**

BHT 1 by Svjetlana Topalic – BHT 1 comments that unlike the EU representatives, BiH politicians have different positions when it comes to the process of the police reform. On its last session, RS National Assembly supported RS Government conclusions on the police reform, which includes the future existence of the RS Ministry of Internal Affairs as a minimum acceptable for politicians from this BiH Entity. *“There is no way we can talk about the disappearance of the RS Ministry of Internal Affairs, or the RS Police”*, stated RS Interior Minister **Darko Matijasevic** earlier. Even parties from FBiH have different opinion on the police restructuring process, says BHT. *“We are not satisfied with the existing organization of the police forces, because the results of that organization are not as we expected”*, said HDZ spokesperson **Pero Pavlovic** in a statement for the BHT. *“We want the police at the state level, than we can discuss the other issues”*, added Pavlovic. BiH Presidency expressed its certain that politicians will find the right solution on the police reform meeting at Vlasic.

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| <p>Colak optimistic; SDA not ready to make unprincipled compromises; SBiH, NHI: reform w/out entities MoIs; SDP will not accept 'rotten' compromises</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 8, mentioned on cover 'Reform or legalization of existing police' by <u>A. Omeragic</u> – The representatives of both position and opposition parties in BiH and the international community on Sunday evening gathered at Vlasic to hold the negotiations on police reform. Daily notes that while a number of participants emphasized its optimism regarding the success of the talks, there are still plenty of doubts. <i>"We have no much time... We have to reach an agreement that EC demands,"</i> stated the BiH Security Minister Barisa Colak upon arriving to Vlasic. <i>"After statements of the politicians in RS and RSNA decisions I am not an optimist. I will do everything to have an agreement reached, but I am not ready to make some unprincipled compromises that would... legalize the current situation in the police,"</i> commented Sulejman Tihic. SDA, he added, will not accept the division into regions within the entities border lines and the financing of police through entities. SBiH President, Saftet Halilovic, hopes that the agreement will be reached stipulating modern police without limitations of the entities. SDP leader, Zlatko Lagumdzija, announced this party will not sign the agreement which would be a <i>"rotten compromise made to be used by the HR to show he did something."</i> He added that by calling on Vlasic meeting, the HR Paddy Ashdown admitted that he could not reach an agreement on the reform <i>"with his licenced reformists."</i> NHI leader Kresimir Zubak, also believes that no compromise around three EC principles can be made, while the division of the police regions could be further negotiation. SDS leader, Dragan Cavic, refused to make any comments [Note: all media reported Cavic's refusal to give any comment, except Glas Srpske].</p> <p>FTV – also carries comments by Colak, Tihic, Zubak, Lagumdzija.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Everything will occur behind closed doors', mentioned on cover 'Paddy 'locked' BiH politicians' – DA carries statements by Halilovic, Tihic along the same lines as in the article above.</p> |
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| <p>Cavic to protect RS NA conclusions at Vlastic mtg; SNSD: Constitution not to be encroached</p> | <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Playing by their own tunes' by <u>N.Diklic</u> – Dragan Cavic, RS President, claims that he would not give up on Agreement on harmonised political activities at Vlastic meeting, neither on conclusions of the RS NA, that obligate him not to accept any proposal to the detriment of RS. Cavic says: <i>"I will support only that reform, that stipulates the existence of the RS MOI and preservation of the constitutional order of RS."</i></p> <p>Cavic brings Darko Matijasevic as his advisor to Vlastic meeting. Krstan Simic, SNSD Vice President, says: <i>"We can fulfil basic principles IC is demanding from us without encroaching the constitutional order and seizure of authorities of RS, which belong to it according to Dayton Agreement."</i> GS concludes it is clear that Serb parties share the views, but without unified strategy. GS inset 'Dodik' reads that Milorad Dodik, SNSD President, went to attend Vlastic meeting, although it was announced he would not attend it.</p> |
| <p>Ivanic: PDP will not make problems but we will not give up on minimum requirements</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Everything will occur behind closed doors', mentioned on cover 'Paddy 'locked' BiH politicians' –PDP leader Mladen Ivanic stated that Vlastic should be about talks, not blackmailing and that there will be discussions without imposed or forced solutions: <i>"We have got used to such atmosphere, but I think that in these conditions we should reach a solutions that is good for all. PDP... will not make problems, but we have our minimum on which we are not ready to given up, which is some form of police and RS Ministry."</i></p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Playing by their own tunes' by <u>N.Diklic</u> – Velimir Sakan, Advisor to Ivanic at Vlastic meeting, says: <i>"We oppose regionalisation of police forces in BiH, since they lead to creation of a sort of social and political society, which RS Constitution does not recognise and does not need either."</i></p> |

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| <p>Gligoric: Minimum is survival of RS MoI</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 3 “Historic” negotiations on police commence’ by <u>R.Cengic,D.Risojevic</u> – Tihomir Gligoric, SP RS Vice President, says that minimum of SP RS demand is survival of RS MOI, but also offered concept on 10 regions but inside entity boundaries.</p> <p>FTV – RS Socialist Party representative Petar Djokic said that it is still too early for any statements about the outcome of the meeting at Vlastic.</p> |
| <p>Bukejlovic: Vlastic talks to give some answers</p> | <p>Dnevni List pg 9 ‘Solution to be reached on Vlastic!’ by <u>De.L.</u> carries that RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic stated in Nevesinje that next talks on Vlastic ‘perhaps, would give more answers to the police reform issue in BiH’.</p> |
| <p>Halilovic: solution is centralization of admin.</p> | <p>BHT1, FTV – FBiH Minister of Internal Affairs Mevludin Halilovic said that he will attend this meeting as an expert, and that, from that position it seems that the best solution is to centralize the administration and the budget of the BiH Police.</p> |
| <p>Lagumdzija: SDP will speak out in Vlastic</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 4 ‘SDP will speak out in Vlastic’ – Prior to the beginning of the Vlastic talks, the president of SDP Zlatko Lagumdzija said that he expects from ruling parties taking part in negotiations to reach an agreement together with the HR Paddy Ashdown on police reform. “Reformists and the one who issued them a licence of being reformists should come out with the joint proposal,” said Lagumdzija adding that SDPA will speak out its stance on police reform.</p> |
| <p>Lazovic: RS MoI is under SDS influence and should be abolished</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘RS MoIS is political branch of SDS and it should not exist’, Oslobodjenje pg 4 ‘RS blocks defence and police reforms more and more’ – The leader of SDU, Miro Lazovic, stated that RS increases its resistance on the defence and police reforms in BiH. “The scandals in Manjaca and Bileca only confirmed that uncontrolled and chauvinist military structure of RS which doesn’t accept BiH’s should not exist. RS Interior Ministry, which is more of the SDS political service than professional police, should not exist,” underlined Lazovic.</p> |

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| <p>Oslobodjenje analysis on RS stances in police reform: nothing clear!</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Europe or isolation' by <u>Orijana Vukovic</u> – Referring to the talks being held in Vlasice on police reform, the author reminds on the last week's session of the RS National Assembly on police <i>"which did not conclude with clear image on whether [politicians] were ready to take out the young, unemployed... and depressive citizens of RS towards the progress, or even whether they understood how much the words and threats by the HR [Paddy Ashdown during the address to RSNA] were serious."</i> As for the RS Government, daily refers to its conclusions on the police reforms agreeing with SNSD Leader Milorad Dodik that those conclusions did not tell to an ordinary citizens whether politicians in RS should support the proposed model for police reform or not. Talking about other misconceptions, author also says that it is not clear to citizens whether the report by the Police Reform Commission is the final or working paper. But, it is clear that all parties will support the three EC conditions with, as PDP and SDS told, certain changes to the proposed solutions. Or perhaps, concludes the author, the model has already been agreed, just like Bileca and Manjaca incidents, but the citizens were not informed referring to the comment by DNS representative, Drago Kalabic [who denied stating this] that <i>"certain things were already agreed on earlier. Only implementation is being waited for."</i></p> |
| <p>RS NGOs call on boycott of proposed police reform solutions</p> | <p>FTV, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Model for disappearance' by <u>G.K.</u> – The Coordination Board of the 11 NGOs in RS called on all leaders of the political parties in RS to reject the offered reorganization of the police forces. The vice president of the Board, Slavo Jovicic told that the model of the police restructuring, prepared by the international community and FBiH authorities, is <i>"the end to the existence of the RS Institutions and, soon, its disappearance."</i> The NGOs fully endorse the reorganization as proposed by the RS MoI, Darko Matijasevic.</p> |

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| <p>Ashdown: If you want bring future, than reform police</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Police reform important for BiH future', Dnevni List pg 2 carries in its 'Statement of Day' High Representative Paddy Ashdown as saying: <i>'If you want to have bright future reform the police.'</i></p> |
| <p>DL op-ed on police reform: political parties will not reach consensus easily</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 9 'Simulation of changes', by <u>Slavo Kukic</u> – Carries an op-ed in which the author, whilst talking about the ongoing police reform, doubts that the political parties will easily reach a consensus at the Vlasic meeting. To back his claim up, Kukic says the recent session of the RSNA clearly showed the position of the smaller entity's parliament because the parliament wants that the reform be done within the framework of the RS and BiH constitutions. Moreover, Kukic says that people have noticed that the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, has evolved, as seen in parts of his address to the RSNA, when he stated among other things that the police reform does not necessarily mean the abolishment of the RS Interior Ministry. In that context, Kukic says that calculations, which say that the "party on Vlasic" has a goal to persuade national leaders from the FBiH to acknowledge the proposal from Banja Luka, cannot be ruled out. This in turn will satisfy Dragan Cavic and his people's appetites, and Ashdown's need to justify the money invested in him.</p> |
| <p>Oslobodjenje op-ed says unofficial talks in Vlasic indicate official channels do not work</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Dayton in Vlasic' op-ed by <u>Ibrahim Prohic</u> – Noting that it is highly critical of current situation in BiH that there is even a need to schedule negotiations around the topic such as police ten years after the end of the way, the author notes that the talks in Vlasic resemble Dayton gathering. <i>"Is it just the tactic without the strategy or strategy with suspicious goals? Is it a preparation for another... [unprincipled compromise] that occurred in the mandate of current High Rep?... If informal models of communications were needed as well as the high level of secrecy,... than it means the admitting that the formal, officials channels do not function. That, what the hell you do here for past ten years?,"</i> reads the editorial.</p> |

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| <p>NN op-ed on Vlastic mtg: Opposition to make it easier to position to reach decision</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Wind from Vlastic' by <u>Natasa Krsman</u> – Writing about Vlastic meeting, the author stresses that <i>“those who are not on power – do not make decisions, but are still invited to attend the meeting of such an importance. Hence, somebody (smart from Europe) invited them to make it easier for those making decisions to rule and reach decisions.”</i> She expressed expectation that the <i>“peak of the ice-berg will start melting at Vlastic and our leaders would then make it public to us what they have known for a long time, but it was not the time to state it”</i>. She ironically concludes by saying that after the meeting, politicians would resume their duties, with extra wind and sport of new police and army.</p> |
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Political issues

**Lagumdzija:
HR has
outlived his
functionality**

Dnevni List pg 5 'HR has outlived his functionality' by E. Mackic – At the session of independent intellectuals 'Krug 99' held in Sarajevo on Sunday, SDP President **Zlatko Lagumdzija** presented a report of the Commission for Balkan in which the strategic orientation of the International Community towards the Southeast Europe has been defined. DL says that as far as BiH is concerned, Lagumdzija stressed necessity of the constitutional changes. Apart from the constitutional changes, Lagumdzija stressed defining of the High Representative's role as the second important element and he added: *'The HR in BiH has outlived his functionality and it is necessary to transform the OHR in some sort of office of the EU negotiator.'* According to Lagumdzija, the Commission for Balkan proposes an approach of so-called individual performance, which means that BiH, Serbia, and Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania should resolve the basic, status issues by autumn 2006, while the EU in coordination with the USA would organize a summit at which each of these countries bi give a clear instruction and map for the fast joining the EU.

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 3 'BiH Constitution is not for a normal country',

Glas Srpske pg 2 'Constitution as a brake', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5 'BiH is closer to EU without HR' by D.Mu. – also reported.

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| <p>VL criticizing HDZ and HDZ relations with IC</p> | <p>Vecernji List cover pg splash ‘HDZ, party that pulls down itself’ and pg 2 ‘Life on infusion’ <u>by M. Vasilj</u> carries a harsh commentary on the current situation in HDZ and the author says that, among the other things, divisions and personal interests within HDZ contributed to a difficult position of the Croat people in BiH. The author also says that although HDZ leaders claim that they have the solution for the constitutional changes, this claim is not true. The author concludes that in case that HDZ is not able to make changes then it should leave the political scene and give an opportunity to those who can respond to the challenges that the representatives of the Croat people in BiH will be faced with soon. In an inset to VL under headline ‘From accepting to strong conflict’ the author qualifies HDZ relations with the International Community in the last few years as flirting. According to VL, only after the removal of Croat member of the HDZ Presidency Dragan Covic, HDZ President Barisa Colak strongly opposed High Representative Paddy Ashdown before the UN General Assembly however many people judged that such reaction was too late. The article also says that according to some unwritten rule, the IC representatives were making moves to the damage of the Croat people before the elections and this used to unite the Croat electorate around HDZ.</p> |
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| <p>Petition for Croat channel signed by 8000 people</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 3 'Petition for Croat TV channel signed by more than 8000 citizens', by <u>NINA</u> – The organizer of petition aimed at establishment of a Croat channel with the Public RTV service in BiH, Stjepan Jurkic from Livno, stated that the petition had so far been signed by more than 8000 people, including top Croat officials in the legislative and executive authorities.</p> |
| <p>GS int. with Mirsad Djapo: Partial changes of Brcko Award possible</p> | <p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Agreement instead of accusations' by <u>M. Djurdjevic</u> – In an interview to GS, Brcko District Mayor Mirsad Djapo has stated the District was losing a part of its authorisations. <i>'EU demands for reforms from BiH and this, most probably, includes partial changes to the Final Award'</i>, Djapo said. He added the District wishes to establish such mechanisms that would enable Brcko to participate equally in changes and protect its position and Final Award. With regard to police reform, Djapo said: <i>'We support establishing of a single police in BiH, single law and single budget. However, the minimum, beyond which Brcko cannot go in frame of this reform, is that the Brcko police should be regional, in frame of the District or wider. This would guarantee a complete personal and property security of all citizens in this area'</i>.</p> |

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| <p>RS Veterans' Association warns: To protect RS institutions</p> | <p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'An end to acquiescence!' by <u>B.Topic</u>, EuroBlic RSpG 3, announced on cover 'Soldiers demand resignations and extraordinary elections'— The RS Veterans Association has demanded from the authority officials to halt a process of destruction of RS, especially of its pillars of police and army. This was the conclusion of Saturday's extraordinary session of the Association held in Teslic. The RS institutions are requested to clearly present reasons and goals of BiH admission to EuroAtlantic relations, and how much that is going to cost BiH. All NGO's were called to defend RS, its bodies and war heritage.</p> |
| <p>VL on mujahiddins who received BiH citizenship</p> | <p>Vecernji List pg 5 'BiH humanitarians played host to humanitarian workers with blood-stained hands', mentioned on cover 'Citizenships to persons with blood-stained hands' by <u>M. Relota</u> carries that one of crucial reasons because of which one cannot enter any European country with a BiH passport without a visa is the fact that Bosniak officials used to issue BiH personal documents to the persons of an African and Asian origin since most of them use to be members of mujahiddins' units, which committed war crimes in BiH. VL also says that many mujahiddins received the BiH citizenship in an irregular and illegal manner.</p> |

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| <p>NN op-ed critical of Dodik</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 ‘Dodik case’ by <u>Sead Feteahagic</u> – The author gives his personal opinion of Milorad Dodik, who was a sort of author’s illusion. The author admits that after all, Dodik is too much obsessed with nationalism to be a socio-democrat.</p> |
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| <p>Defence reform</p> | |
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| <p>FBiH Defence Minister Nikolic: Conscription must be abolished</p> | <p>Dnevni List, front pg splash ‘Conscription is being abolished’ and pg 3 ‘Abolishment of conscription is inevitable’, by <u>Marko Karacic</u> – Carries the FBiH Defence Minister, Miroslav Nikolic, as commenting the course of the defense reform: <i>“We are going into the second phase of defense reform. One of the issues is the mandatory conscription. As far that issue is concerned, it is absolutely clear. The Presidency has opted for NATO and that is a done deal, the mandatory military service has to be abolished”</i>. Nikolic notes that one of the main reasons is to cut costs, since the costs for mandatory military service in the FBiH in 2005 will amount to some 33 million KMs.</p> |

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| <p>VL: ‘Defence Ministers not interested in reforms?!’</p> | <p>Vecernji List, pg 3 ‘Defence Ministers not interested in reforms?!’, by <u>kj</u> – Reports that the Co-chairman of the Defence Reform Commission, Raffi Gregorian, stated at a round table on defence reform, which was held in Sarajevo during the weekend, that BiH had to fulfill NATO standards if it wanted to join the Partnership for Peace, reminding of the recent scandal that occurred during the oath ceremonies (at Manjaca and Bileca). Gregorian noted that BiH urgently needed a “<i>demilitarization of brains</i>”. VL concludes that it is worrying that none of defence ministers showed up at the round table despite being invited.</p> |
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War crimes

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| <p>RS Interior Ministry should be blamed for incomplete Srebrenica report</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 7, mentioned on cover ‘RS Interior Ministry should be blamed for incomplete Srebrenica report’ <u>Sanita Rozajac</u> – Member of the Srebrenica Task Force Smail Cekic on Thursday supported High Representative Paddy Ashdown’s decision requesting the Task Force to reconvene and complete its final report.</p> <p>The Task Force is charged for implementation of the Srebrenica Commission conclusions. <i>“I am not surprised with the HR’s decision since the report we delivered to him also states that the results of the Task Force’s investigation are incomplete and not final. Moreover, the reasons for that were stated. The RS Interior Ministry was not sufficiently cooperating with the Task Force given that they did not submit to us all relevant data we were asking for,”</i> said Cekic.</p> |
| <p>Dodik reiterates accusations against Karadzic</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 6, announced on cover ‘If he were not charged with war crimes, he would have been tried for crime’ by <u>S.Gojkovic</u> – Daily brings extracts from Sunday evening statement Milorad Dodik, SNSD President, gave during the RTRS programme “Under the carpet” on topic “Radovan Karadzic – criminal or a hero”.</p> <p>Dodik reiterated his claims regarding transfer of large amounts of money from Narodna Banka, stressing that if Radovan Karadzic had not been charged with war crimes before ICTY, he would have been sued for crimes before local courts.</p> |

Economic issues

BiH Trade Unions Ass. leader Biber:
If there is no privatization review, there will be protests of workers

Dnevni Avaz cover page, pg 4 ' If there is no privatization review, there will be protests of workers' E. Plecic – *"If there is no privatization review, uncontrolled protests of workers will follow throughout the country,"* said BiH Trade Unions Association leader **Edhem Biber** in a statement for the daily. *"(FBiH Industry) Minister **Izet Zigic** is the only persons trying to do something but I am afraid that everything (including the adoption of the privatization review law) is being delayed through too long discussions within working groups,"* said Biber.

VL on RS internal debt

Vecernji List pg 4 '5000 KM to parents for death of their child' by B. Stevandic carries that out of the RS internal debt, which amounts 1,7 billion KM, 600 million KMs or 35 % goes for material or unmaterial damage made between May 1992 and July 1996. The article also says that in case that interest rates were added to this amount than it would be 6 billion KMs. VL also says that such possibility has been excluded by the Law on defining and way of meeting internal RS debt. VL also brings the amounts of compensations that members of a family receive for death of their spouse, child, brother, sister etc. on the ground of new Law on compensating war damage, which was adopted in a form of a draft only.

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| <p>Update to privatisation of Brod Oil Refinery</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Strategic partner of Brod Oil Refinery be known soon' by <u>D.Risojevic</u> – Zdravko Milovanovic, Assistant to RS Minister of Energy, Economy and Development, stated that the future strategic partner of Brod Oil Refinery will be most likely known in a month and-a-half time. Several foreign firms, including British firm "Vitol", are interested in investing in Brod Refienry, according to Milovanovic.</p> |
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