

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 28/11/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 28 November

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)
HR on rehabilitation [today's press]	Zvornik war crimes trials in Belgrade
PDP goes into opposition	Trial of Saddam Hussein continues
Elections in Chechnya	Weather

TV news broadcast on 27 November

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Komarica on school centre in Livno	OHR on moving FBiH ministries	Three children buried in Janja
Ney's letter to Hadzipasic	OHR on State property	OHR: 5 ministries to be moved to Mo
HNZ Youth supports SAA neg.	VAT impact on municipalities	Storms caused power failures
Jurcevic on war crime cases	Integration of related faculties	Troubles with weather in Europe

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Bad weather caused damage in USK	War crimes suspects in Brcko District	Funeral of 3 children killed in fire
Storm caused power failures	Increase of utilities price in Sarajevo	2 drug trafficking arrests

Troubles with weather in Europe	OHR on moving FBiH ministries	Bad weather problems in Pale
Meeting on gender equality	OHR on State property	RS urbanism plan

Oslobodjenje	Five ministries should immediately be moved to Mostar
Dnevni Avaz	Ashdown's important test for BiH authorities
Dnevni List	HT Mostar getting mass cancellations?! (article about collection of RTV tax)
Vecernji List	I am cancelling sanctions to removed politicians (interview with HR Ashdown)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Nezavisne Novine	90 removed persons will be rehabilitated
Glas Srpske	Roofs and trees were swept off <i>[report on a bad weather in south-western RS]</i>
EuroBlic	Furnace set hut on fire, three children died in fire
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbia related titles
Oslobodjenje	Five ministries should immediately be moved to Mostar

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Trail of Zvornik group for war crimes commences in Belgrade	BH Radio 1 <u>by Slavisa Numic</u> – The War Crimes Chamber of the Belgrade District Court has launched a trial against 7 members of ‘Yellow Wasps’ group suspected of committing war crimes in Zvornik region. The group has been charged with murder of at least 22 and expulsion of over 1800 Bosniaks civilians from the municipality in 1992.

BiH HoP in session	<p>BH Radio 1 by <u>Mustafa Karahmet</u> – BiH House of Peoples have commenced the session this morning which will mainly discuss the set of the fiscal laws necessary for implementation of the VAT. The delegates will in first reading consider the draft law on procedure of indirect taxation, draft law on forcible collection of indirect taxes and law on customs offences.</p>
RHB: PDPs withdrawal could cause crisis in RS authority	<p>RHB– Following the announcement of the PDP President, Mladen Ivanic, that his party would go into opposition, RHB notes that political analysts believe that the news should not endanger the majority in the RSNA that's controlled by the SDS, however it could cause crisis within the authority and re-shuffling of the RS political scene 10 months prior to elections.</p>

Political issues

<p>SDHR Ney urges FBiH authorities to immediately move 5 ministries to Mostar</p>	<p>PINK, BHT1, PINK, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje cover splash, pg 3 'Five ministries should immediately be moved to Mostar', Dnevni List, pg 4 'Move to Mostar, or leave Government', <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List, pg 4 'OHR warns it will move five ministries on its own', by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Seats of five ministries must be in Mostar' by <u>S. Gojkovic</u> – The Senior Deputy High Representative, Martin Ney, sent a letter to the FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic stating that the FBiH Government must fulfill, without further delay, <i>"its long standing constitutional obligation"</i> to move five ministries to Mostar. <i>"If the situation remains unchanged and the constitutional requirements are not respected, the High Representative may consider any appropriate action to complete this process before the end of the year,"</i> warned Ney. The five ministries are: Trade and Tourism; Development, Entrepreneurship and Craft; Transport and Communication; Energy, Mining and Industry; and Education and Science Ministry. In his letter, Ney reminds the Prime Minister of his earlier commitment that he will invite any minister who is unwilling to implement the relocation to leave his Government. The Government Commission charged with organizing the move has already rented appropriate office space in Mostar, but responsibility for the move itself rests with individual Ministers.</p>
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<p>Pasic: We'll move as soon as conditions for that are met</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Pasic: We'll move to Mostar as soon as conditions are met' by <u>A. Dedajic</u> – SDHR's letter also reads that the Ministries of Trade and Development have each completed the move. The Ministry of Transport has only three staff members still based in Sarajevo. However, the Ministry of Energy and especially Ministry of Education still have to move the substantial remaining portion of their administrative capacity to Mostar. In particular, Education Minister Zijad Pasic has even suggested maintaining a "branch office" in Sarajevo that would be much bigger than the ministry in Mostar. Pasic answers that this request has been wrongly interpreted. He adds that the Ministry requested this for purpose of meeting needs of teachers and students especially those wanting to verify their foreign diplomas. <i>"As for moving to Mostar, it is not up to up us but the Commission established by the Government,"</i> Pasic concludes adding only four people would be working in this branch office.</p>
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<p>DL on Ney's letter to Hadzipasic: Will HR make another forcible decision?</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 2 'No agreement!', by <u>Arijana Beus</u> – Commenting on the SDHR Martin Ney's letter, <u>Beus</u> wonders whether the issue will be wrapped up by another forcible decision (by the High Representative), and the author goes on to say that it would not be a surprise since it is the HR who is deciding about majority of issues. <u>Beus</u> also notes that the issue of constitutional changes cannot be solved by domestic forces solely, expecting an outside intervention i.e. that the Americans will decide about the changes.</p>
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<p>OHR calls on State property Comm. to exempt property in East Ilidza form temporary ban so work on building BiH Court's detention can be started</p>	<p>PINK, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 3 'Property in East Ilidzia to be exempted from Ashdown's decision', mentioned on cover, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Allow construction of BiH Court's detention unit in Kasindol', Dnevni List, pg 2 'Help construction of state Court detention', <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List, pg 3 'Help in construction of BiH Court's detention unit', by F— OHR expects the State Property Commission to grant the exemption for property in East Ilidzia from the HR's temporary prohibition of the disposal of BiH state propertyso that work can begin on building a detention facility for the Court of BiH. The request for the exemption was filed by the the BiH Justice Ministry and will be discussed at the session the Commission is to hold today [Monday]. This week, the Commission is also expected to develop general criteria for the identification and distribution of state property among BiH, the Entities, and Brcko. This State Property Commission will, during the coming weeks, draft legislation that will reflect the foundation for an inter-governmental agreement on the division of this property, and provide a mechanism for resolving transfers that are judged to undermine the interests of the State. OHR calls upon all commission members to ensure that the swiftest possible solution to these issues is found.</p>
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Ivanic to demand from PDP cause to be opposition in RSNA

RTRS by Momcilo Ostojic – Following the PDP conference on Sunday in Banja Luka, the leader of the party **Mladen Ivanic** announced he will ask the PDP caucus in the RS National Assembly to become an opposition. Ivanic added that PDP decided to do so since SDS has entered into open fight with this party. He also stated that PDP will deal with economic reforms in the future as well as reform of pension system and development of agriculture. Member of PDP Main board **Slobodan Nagradic** stated that PDP is ready to discuss constitutional changes with other parties. PDP member **Dragan Mikerevic** stated that PDP had exceptional results in executive government in the last period. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 ‘Since January SDS cares more about itself than about reforms’ by N.D. – In a statement to DA, Ivanic added that PDP will also reconsider to withdraw its support to the RS Government and possibility of breaking up the coalition with SDS, party they have supported for past 4 years. *“Since January when SDS took over full authorities and RS Government, there has been the a halt in reforms and we think that this party spends more time thinking of their own than RS interests. We’ll make a distance now and independently lead our politics,”* said Ivanic. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 ‘PDP crossed over to the opposition’ by D. Risojevic, **Glas Srpske** pg 5 ‘From now on, we’ll go our way’ by Z. Markovic – also carried. **ATV** – Ivanic added that PDP had a lot of problems especially with “international friends” because of relationship with SDS.

Cavic: It is time to get rid of political parasites from PDP

ATV, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'It is time to get rid of political parasites from PDP' – SDS leader, **Dragan Cavic**, said that he was surprised with the statement by PDP leader, **Mladen Ivanic**, which announced PDP to act as opposition in the RSNA in a future. Cavic added that he was under constant PDP pressure to place certain people to certain "CEO positions" adding SDS will not be a slave of PDP anymore. *"It is time to get rid of political parasites from PDP,"* said Cavic in an interview to ATV Sunday's News.**ATV** – Ivanic' statements are humiliating, to say the least, says Cavic. He adds that PDP demonstrated political cowardice not entering the Government in January, when doors were open to them. That was only a result of their lack of readiness to deal with a complicated situation. *"I do not mind at all PDP distancing from us",* says Cavic, *"but if it was not for us and our constant support to their politics and their members, PDP would never even get the chance to be in power at all."* He denies this means that SDS will get closer to SDS .

<p>HR to rehabilitate 90 persons</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash '90 removed persons will be rehabilitated' and pg 3 'Rehabilitation of 90 removed persons today' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – HR Paddy Ashdown told <i>NN</i> he would today (Monday) rehabilitate most of persons he had removed except for the highest ranking persons and those who had been removed from their positions over obstructions of cooperation with the Hague Tribunal. <i>'The decision, with certain restrictions, includes approximately 90 officials'</i>, HR Ashdown stated. He added all rehabilitated persons would be allowed to file their applications for posts at public services with certain restrictions – officials removed over obstructions in cooperation with the Hague Tribunal will not be in the position to apply for jobs at public services and will be able to do so only after Karadzic and Mladic are arrested. HR said he had decided to reach such a decision in light with the EU decision to launch SAA talks with BiH.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash and pg 2 'Ashdown's important test for BiH authorities' by <u>I. Catic</u>, Vecernji List, front pg splash 'I am cancelling sanctions to removed politicians', and pgs 2-3 'Rehabilitation because of start of talks with EU!', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – also carries.</p>
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<p>VL analysis on removal of officials in BiH</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pgs 2-3 'Serbs punished because of The Hague, Croats because of 'self-rule', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – carries an analysis in which the author says that when it comes to politicians/officials who have been removed by the High Representatives, majority of them come from the line of the Serb people, mostly because of obstruction of implementation of DPA and support to war crimes suspects, that Croats were second in number of removed officials (mostly because of implementation of property laws and 'Croat self-rule' case) and that Bosniak officials were mostly removed because of obstruction of implementation of property laws.</p>
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Covic and Martens to meet on Monday; HDZ spokesman says HDZ refuses to deal with issue of HDZ Convention

Dnevni List, pg 2 'Covic and Martens about Convention today', by Ivana Rozic – Commenting on today's (Monday) meeting between the HDZ President, **Dragan Covic**, and European People's Party President (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, the HDZ spokesman, **Miso Relota**, underlines that the whole campaign that is being led regarding the election of HDZ President has one aim: *"Namely, the aim is to weaken the negotiating position of the Croat people and HDZ in talks on constitutional reforms"*. Relota however notes that the HDZ refuses to deal with the issue of HDZ Convention any more. **Vecernji List**, pg 4 'Covic and Martens for better cooperation', by Vlatko Ivankovic – announces the Covic-Martens meeting and learns that the EPP's delegation will also meet with **Bozo Ljubic**, **Josip Merdzo** and **Martin Raguz**, who were recently expelled from the HDZ. (NB:article in VL defends the 'legally elected HDZ BiH leadership')

<p>UNDP Early Warning System: SNSD enjoys biggest support in BiH</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje, pg 2 'Dodik's SNSD enjoys biggest support in BiH', by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni Avaz, pg 5 'SNSD would win most votes at state level at this moment', by <u>Fena</u> – According to results of an opinion poll conducted in November for the needs of the UNDP's Early Warning System, if elections were held today, it is the SNSD that would win most votes at level of BiH, some 10%. They are followed by the SDA (9,1%), SDP (8,5), SDS (5,6), SBiH (4,9) and HDZ (3,9). In the FBiH, the SDA is still the strongest party with 14,8%, however it is a decline when compared to results from September (17,8%). In the RS, it is the SNSD that is the strongest party with 24%, followed by the SDS with 14,2%, which is also on decline (17,7% in September).</p>
<p>Novakovic: removal of Minister Pecelj additionally complicated situation at ES Faculty of Laws</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Lukic holds keys' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u> – Head of University of East Sarajevo Mitar Novakovic warned that the removal of the RS Minister of Education, Milovan Pecelj, had additionally complicated the situation at the Faculty of Laws of East Sarajevo. He added that neither the Faculty nor University were in the position to remove professor Radomir Lukic and said Lukic must understand this situation and he must understand everything depends on him, otherwise RS authorities <i>'will have to use some kind of a force'</i>. Professor Lukic refused to comment on his situation and he refused to confirm whether he still teaches students at the Faculty.</p>

<p>Simic: If Mladic not arrested by 15 Dec, SCG to face grave consequences</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, Hayat – The Serbian president’s adviser on the cooperation with the ICTY, Jovan Simic said that “if general Ratko Mladic is not arrested by December 15 and extradited to The Hague, Serbia will face such consequences that will put the country 15 years back.” In a statement to Belgrade daily Vecernje novosti, Simic adds: <i>“Big problems would arise in further European integrations, talks with the IMF and the country would face such a decline in credibility that would have a direct impact on the talks on Kosovo’s future.”</i> FTV by <u>Zinaida Hamidovic</u> – Simic was not able to confirm the RS Police information that Mladic is protected by some active members of RS and SCG Army, but he added that it sounds very realistic and possible. Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘Impossible to arrest Mladic without assistance of foreigners’ -He added that Mladic’s arrest is not possible without assistance of the international community.</p>
<p>Andan: There are good operative information about Karadzic and Mladic</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 4 ‘Republika Srpska MoI has information on Karadzic and Mladic’, <u>not signed</u>– RS Police Director, Dragomir Andan, told the press at the opening of the ‘Balkans as western gate of terrorism and new anti-terrorist technologies’ gathering that is taking place in Belgrade that ‘there were good operative information about ICTY indictees Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic’ and that ‘one should expect some results in the future’. Andan did not go into details, however he noted that police forces of the RS and Serbia were constantly working on arrest of former BiH Serbs’ leaders. Glas Srpske pg 5 ‘Hot at the “western gate”’ by <u>Agencies</u> – also carries that regional conference on terrorism was held in Belgrade.</p>

<p>Brcko Association of missing Bosniaks claims names people allegedly involved in war crimes, still working in public institutions</p>	<p>Hayat <u>Asim Beslija</u> – Association of families of missing Bosniaks from Brcko District presents the list carrying names of persons who work in District's public institutions who apparently have information about missing persons and are involved in the war crimes. About 500 persons are still regarded missing in the Brcko District. Dragan Bozic works for the OHR's office in Brcko, and according to Hayat, the ICTY has issued an "A" mark from him, meaning he is suspected for involvement in war crimes. According to witnesses, Djordje Ristanic was head of crisis headquarters in Brcko and among first who called on division of Brcko. Today, he works for "Ital project", company involved in large projects like Arizona market, supported by District Government. According to witnesses, Aleksandar Ostojic, who allegedly had taken a part in heavy beatings, now works in District's Income Administration. Representative of the Brcko Association families of missing Bosniaks, Sead Zahirovic, says there are testimonies that link police officers Luka Vasiljevic, Branko Pudic, Simo Gavric and Zeljko Stupar, to carrying out war crimes. Stako Stakic is currently Democratic party delegate in District assembly and during the war he was manager of company "Bimeks", whose refrigerator trucks were allegedly used for transportation of victims' bodies to the mass graves. Reporter comments that those testimonies are not so useful and that hard evidences are needed, without which there are no indictments, says Brcko District Chief Prosecutor, Zekerija Mujkanovic. Even though the ICTY conducted investigations and gave "A" marks for certain cases, prosecutors' office have to conduct new investigations. Out of 13 such cases, there are processed, while ten are not yet and suspects are free citizens of Brcko. <i>"In all of these cases, statements and proves are not collected in a way that is valid before the courts in BiH and we practically have to renew investigations in all of these cases,"</i> said Mujkanovic. With regard above-mentioned police officers, District Police Chief Milenko Milicevic says there are no grounds for suspicion. <i>"Suspicion itself or statements that are not given officially are not enough to process anyone, and this is in the prosecution hands,"</i> he said. Until criminal report is filed against those officers, they will continue to work in police, with UN IPTF certificate, concluded reporter. He added that, according to some testimonies, one mass grave is located on the city waste dump since 1992, which was constantly covered by waste for years.</p>
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<p>Jurcevic: BiH Court 's sentences too mild</p>	<p>RHB– Chief BiH Prosecutor Marinko Jurcevic declined speculations that BiH Prosecution is not equally treating the sides damaged in the war in BiH. Jurcevic stated that all war crimes are treated equally. Hayat – He also said that public often have a wrong perception on speed of the court proceedings and often expects indictment or verdict as soon as somebody's name is mentioned in media as a suspect in case or person on trial. Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Courts' verdict are too mild' by Fena, Dnevni List, pg 4 'Sanctions must be stronger', <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List, pg 3 'Jurcevic: Sanctions in BiH must be stronger', by E, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 13 'Sanctions must be stronger', by E – Jurcevic also said that the BiH prosecution has filed appeals to the verdicts of the BiH Court, deeming them as too mild. He also appeals to prosecutors in BiH to influence more harsher verdicts by increasing the number of appeals.</p>
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Constitutional changes

<p>ATV int. w/ Cavic</p>	<p>ATV 'Nedjeljne vijesti' by <u>Dragan Stegic</u> – Commenting the initiatives to change the name of the Republika Srpska, RS President Dragan Cavic stated in an interview for ATV that there are no legal or constitutional arguments for such demand to be realized. Cavic adds that the initiatives all come from Sulejman Tihic and his followers, adding Tihic simply cannot accept the reality of Dayton and constantly attempts to change it. Cavic underlines that Tihic doesn't consider if such behaviour could cause instability or further complicate the relations among the three constituent peoples. On the constitutional changes, Cavic says: <i>"Not just I, but also other representatives from the RS who participated at the negotiations, explicitly rejected the proposal about on having one BiH President, because that is impossible."</i> He explains that the election principle of "one person one vote" would lead to majorization of one people, meaning that all future presidents would be Bosniacs. RS president concludes that RS parties would accept one President and two deputies with 4-year mandate during which each member would rotate at the position of the President.</p>
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<p>DA int. w/ Clark: It is time to abolish entities in BiH</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5, announced on cover 'It is time to abolish entity organization of BiH' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – carries an interview with former candidate for US President and former Commander of NATO troops for Europe Wesley Clarke who, inter alia, stated it is time to abolish entities, three armies, three members of BiH Presidency and he says election system must be changed so that voters vote for representatives of their election units, not for representatives of parties.</p>
<p>VN int w/ Hays: it is up to BiH peoples to decide how many entities there will be in future</p>	<p>Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'Only consent preserves a country' by <u>Dubravka Savic</u> – carries an interview with Donald Hays, in which he commented on the most recent talks on constitutional changes. Asked whether it was acceptable to have entities in BiH in future, Hays said he thinks a level must exist between municipalities and the state and he added: <i>'I cannot specify how many entities there will be in the future – three, four, five...it is up to BiH peoples and their elected leaders to decide on this'</i>.</p>

<p>Spiric on Tihic initiative: Pre-mature pre-election campaign move</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 7 'Tihic endangers constitutional reforms', by <u>Dario Pusic</u> – commenting on the initiative launched by BiH Presidency member, Sulejman Tihic, (contesting name of RS before BiH Constitutional Court), Deputy Speaker of BiH House of Representatives, Nikola Spiric (SNSD), notes that Tihic, instead of running a policy that would lead to constitutional changes, has made the move that will slow the changes. Furthermore, Spiric reckons it is about a premature pre-election campaign move that will cause negative reactions by the 'other side', which gives an alibi to some politicians from the RS not to talk about constitutional changes.</p>
<p>Bandur (HNZ): US will stay engaged in constitutional reforms process</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 3, mentioned on front 'America will take part in further negotiations', by <u>Arijana Beus</u> – carries an interview with Mate Bandur (HNZ), who took part in the Washington talks. Commenting on the talks, Bandur mostly underlines the letter signed by the US Undersecretary of State, Nicholas Burns, in which he promised that the US administration would be following and taking part in the process of constitutional reforms in BiH.</p>

<p>Topcagic: European standards are core of negotiations</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Topcagic: the core of negotiations is in implementation of European standards' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – The Head of Directorate for European Integrations, Osman Topcagic, has confirmed that EC will, by the end of the year, forward Draft Agreement on Association and Stabilization to BiH. He stated that domestic authorities still have not adopted a negotiating platform since it is a common practice that EC sends its version of the agreement first, which is later used to develop a platform.</p>
<p>Dukic: no const. changes before referendum; Cvjetinovic: if Kosovo become independent, RS should ask for separation from BiH</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 3 'Same for Srpska as for Kosovo' by <u>S. R. T.</u> – The Chairman of Serb movement of NGOs "Spona", Branislav Dukic, has stated that the movement will not allow realization of constitutional changes without prior referendum. He added that "Spona" will demand for a special RS NA session to be held at which leaders of political parties would explain what they have signed in Washington. The Chairman of RS Veterans' Association Savo Cvjetinovic said is Kosovo is granted independence, then RS too should ask to be separated from BiH.</p>

<p>DA editorial says const. changes are inevitable</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Why EU wants a state for its partner' op-ed by <u>Edina Sarac</u> –</p> <p>Following the confirmation that the constitutional changes are not necessary to lead the talks on the Stabilization and Association Agreement, editorial reads, it was expected that RS parties will resist even stronger to changing of the Dayton agreements. Author adds that while it was expected for Serb parties to strongly support DPA as it has guaranteed the RS, it is also clear that the constitutional changes are to inevitable. <i>"If in this moment Europe says this doesn't have to happen, that doesn't mean it would not request so in several months. Regardless of who is the BiH Prime Minister, chief negotiation, chief of diplomacy – whether they are Bosniak, Serb or Croat – for Europe, that person is from BiH. They will not be addressed as the members of the constituent peoples, but as BiH officials representing the state and not the entities or cantons,"</i> concludes the editorial.</p>
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Other issues

<p>HT Mostar's Prlic: RTV tax via phone bill could destroy HT Mostar</p>	<p>Dnevni List, front pg splash and pg 5 'HT Mostar getting mass cancellations?!', by <u>Tanja Dragic</u> – According to the CEO of HT Mostar (Croat telecommunications Mostar), Stipe Prlic, the collection of RTV tax via phone bills could be causing big damages to the HT Mostar. Prlic fears that the way of collection of the RTV tax could result in mass cancellations by the company's customers, however Prlic says the laws must be observed. Still, he notes that the HT Mostar will try to find a compromise solution with the RTV service (NB: Prlic does not explain what kind of compromise). (similar article in Vecernji List, pg 50 'TV tax will destroy HT Mostar', by <u>Milan Sutalo</u>)</p>
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PINK: VAT introduction to jeopardize municipalities as system of transferring collected taxes has not be set up

PINK by Milka Mrdja – RS Ministry of Finance have spent months working to establish an efficient system of distributing tax incomes from the entity to municipal level. Economists warn that the VAT introduction could bring functionality of municipalities into question, unless an efficient system of transferring the funds from accounts is established. *“If we don’t manage to adopt amendments to the law on budgetary system by the end of the year, we will go with back up plan and that is for the RS municipalities to get same funds in 2006 as they did in 2005,”* said the RS Finance Ministry’s Spokesperson, **Radmila Mihic**. In order to establish the system, RS Ministry of Finance needs information from the Indirect Taxation Administration (ITA) on the amount collected in each municipality. The information isn’t available for unknown reasons, comments reporter, adding that situation is even more complicated because funds from the joint account will be distributed in line with the previously defined rate. This way, RS is damaged for 30 and Brcko District for about 5 million KM, reports TV PINK. ITA explains that department for macro-economy analysis is established with a task to create contact with municipalities.

<p>SBS Director Dumancic: SBS needs more staff and money</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pgs 6-7, mentioned on front 'We are checking records in SBS', by <u>Valentina Rupcic</u> – carries a 2-page interview with the BiH State Border Service Director, Vinko Dumancic, in which he talks about the situation in the SBS. One of his key claims is that the SBS should be hiring additional 500 employees and that the additional hiring should be covered with extra money to properly equip the agency.</p>
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