### OHR BiH Media Round-up, 29/1/2005

RADIO HERCEG-	BH TV 1 (19,00	FED TV (19,30	RT RS (19,30)
<b>BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	hrs)	hrs)	
Laws on national	Drivers stuck	Issue of revision	Snow problems in
symbols	in snow	reports	RS
Tihic on fascist	Snow storm	Problems in	Laws on national
orgs	inEurope	"Gumitehnika"	symbols
Tihic met	Lazarevic to	Laws on national	Bijeljina
Auschwitz surv.	surrender	symbols	kidnapping threat
HR on police	US	FBiH Supreme	BL doctor
reform	intelligence in	Court	reported
	ВіН		

Oslobodjenje	Paddy Ashdown: Map with most regions rejected; SDA will
	be in opposition in RS; BiH Constitutional Court :
	Assistance of BiH public, Venice Commission and OSCE
	needed; Klas: With VAT, bread will be 70 pfenings
Dnevni Avaz	Gregorian: BiH can enter NATO in five years; Tihic:
	Bukejlovic doesn't have our support; BiH Constitution
	Court : Investigation against two justices because of
	receiving bribe; Zigic: We will end difficult agony in
	Energopetrol
Dnevni List	Meningitis in Mostar?
Vecernji List	Interview : Wolfgang Petritsch : Dayton is
	straightjacket
Slobodna	Mostar: Education Unions: Salaries by Wednesday or big
Dalmacija	strike

Nezavisne	BiH needs a single police divided in five or ten regions;
Novine	The Court did not get an indictment for "Pogorelica"
	terrorist camp; General Vladimir Lazarevic departures to
	the Hague Tribunal; PDP indicated its return to CoM
Glas Srpske	They have written off Serbs; Publicly on symbols
EuroBlic	Prime Minister convinced Lazarevic to surrender, Pavkovic
	awaits for Kostunica's invitation; Adnan Terzic:
	Executive authority is not in crisis
Vecernje	Honourable general departures
novosti	
Nacional	President, I have decided to serve my homeland to the end

#### **RS** Government

SRS will
support
Bukejlovic
if SDA
doesn't
participate
at new RS
Government

RTRS - PM-designate Pero Bukejlovic met with SRS representativesFriday. SRS promised to give Bukejlovic their support if SDA doesn't participate in the new RS Government. "Mr. Bukejlovic stated that he doesn't want the support of SDA and that he doesn't want SDA Ministers in his Government", says SRS Chairman Radislav Kanjeric.

RTRS by Nada Arlov — RTRS comments that since Bukejlovic doesn't answer journalist question it remains to be seen what those open options that he mentioned yesterday are.

FTV — Kanjeric reminded RS Prime Minister designate Pero Bukejlovic on the agreement, signed between 6 RS political parties, and which referred to perseverance of RS institutions.

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Radicals will support the Government without SDA' by J.S.,

Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 "Everybody can participate in the Government" by O.

Vukovic, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Kanjeric opposes the Government that includes SDA' by V. P. —also reported on Kanjeric's statement.

Stojicic:
there would
be no SDA
Ministers at
new RS
Government

BHT1, FTV, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Only in accordance with Agreement' not signed — SDS Presidency member Dusan Stojicic said that there would be no ministers from the SDA in the new Pero Bulejlovic's Government, adding that new RS Government will be formed by mid February. Stojicic said that there are a number of options for unblocking the work of the BiH Council of Ministers.

RTRS — Stojicic also said that every party including SDA has the right to support the Government.

Tihic: SDA
will not
participate
RS Govt, nor
will it give
its support

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'SDA will not participate in RS Government, nor will it give its support', mentioned on cover, by A.M. -The SDA leader, **Sulejman Tihic**, confirmed for DA that this party will not support or participate in the RS Government established by PM-designate Pero Bukeilovic. "That is clear and definite stance. That was also said by the RS Vice President, Adil Osmanovic, after the meeting with Bukejlovic. Perhaps he was not clear enough, which left possibility for that statement to be interpreted in entirely different way," said Tihic. Commenting to the meeting with Bukejlovic, Tihic said it was only a 'courteous' discussion, concluding that Bukejlovic, as SDS candidate, cannot implement needed reforms.

Osmanovic:
SDA will be opposition party in RS if
Bukejlovic sticks to Agreement

Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 'SDA will be opposition party in RS', mentioned on cover, by <u>S. Rozajac</u> — the RS Vice President, Adil Osmanovic, stated for daily that SDA be opposition party in RS unless RS Prime Minister-designate, Pero Bukejlovic, gives up the Agreement on harmonized political action signed by the leaders of Serb political parties in RS. Daily comments that even though Osmanovic stated on Thursday that "all options regarding SDA participation in RS Government are open", he now says that Bukejlovic abandoned their agreement making the situation entirely different. "Bukejlovic told us on Thursday that he did not signed that Agreement which was also put in question due to everything that happened lately," said Osmanovic explaining that while this was positive, Bukejlovic stated later in the day that there is no place for SDA in the Government.

PM designate
Bukejlovic:
economic and
social
matters as
priorities
of new
Government

RHB, Glas Srpske pg 5 'First place for the republic' by N. Diklic - PM-designate Pero Bukejlovic spoke with representatives of several NGO's Friday. Bukejlovic stated that priorities of new RS Government will be economic and social matters that will improve general standard. He stressed that one of his priorities will be the implementation of principles from the agreement on coordinated political acting. RTRS - Branislav Dukic Chairman of RS POW Association stated that they informed the future PM that they will seek the responsibility of the former Government. RS Association of family members of killed, missing persons and war victims expects from Bukejlovic to accept them as reality and not a burden.

#### Other political issues

BiH
Constitutional
Court : public
debate on
national
anthems, flags
and holidays
must be held

FTV, RHB, BHT1, RTRS, Glas Srpske cover 'Publicly on symbols' by G. D., Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Public discussion on Tihic's demand' by N. N., Oslobodienie pg 6 'Assistance of BiH public, Venice Commission and OSCE needed', mentioned on cover, by Az. Kalamujic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'To carry out public consultations on FBiH and RS' by Fena, EuroBlic RSpg2 'Tihic's proposal must be sent to a debate' by T. V. - BiH Constitutional Court held a preliminary discussion upon the issue raised by BiH Presidency member **Suleiman Tihic**. The Court decided that public debate should be held regarding laws on national anthems, flags and holidays in RS and FBIH. The Court has also decided to ask from Venice Commission and OSCE to suggest individuals that would give their expert opinions to the Court regarding these laws.

Politicians'
reactions on
the issue of
symbols and
holidays

RHB, RTRS — BIH Constitutional RS National Assembly Speaker Dusan Stojicic feels that RS arguments regarding its right to have its symbols are so strong the initiative to change them will not be adopted. Stojicic stated that RS NA wasn't notified on the discussion in BIH Constitutional Court so RS representative wasn't present at it.

RTRS — RS representatives agree that there is nothing in RS symbols that endangers other people. Krstan Simic from SNSD feels that this matter negates the right of Serb people to have their historic symbols.

Desanka Radjevic member of RS Council of Peoples stated that RS symbols do not endanger any national interests.

BHT1 — "There were several attempts of adoption of the State Law on holidays, two official ones, as far as I remember. Due to lack of political will, that Law is still not adopted," stated BiH Minister of

Constitutional Court will adopt decision on those two issues in the coming two months.

Civil Affairs, Safet Halilovic.

EC Delegation
welcomed
scheduling of
CoM session for
Feb 1

BHT1 — Delegation of the European
Commission (EC) in BiH welcomed scheduling
of the BiH Council of Ministers (CoM)
session on February 1. There are several
important laws and decisions are on the
agenda, relevant to fulfilling of
conditions form Feasibility Study. EC
underlined importance of the adoption of
the Law on Public Broadcasting System and
of the realisation plan of European
partnership.

PDP to reach decision on PDP Ministers at CoM on Sunday RHB, RTRS — PDP stated that it never wanted to block the work of BIH institutions. PDP Presidency will make final decision regarding PDP Ministers in CoM at a session scheduled for Sunday.

Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'PDP indicated its return to CoM' mentioned on cover by V.

Popovic, Glas Srpske pg 5 'The key is in someone else's hands' by J. N. — also report that PDP has conditioned its participation at CoM with strong guarantees from International Community on cease of anti-Dayton activities.

RS politicians criticise PDP's announcement re possible comeback to CoM

Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'PDP indicated its return to CoM' mentioned on cover by V. <u>Popovic</u> - SDS Main Board member Slavko Pivasevic says such a development of events regarding PDP's return to CoM was expected since this is the party that has participated at executive authority since it was established. He also thinks PDP was in favoured position due to pressures of International Community against SDS. SNSD Secretary Igor Radojicic thinks the return of PDP Ministers to CoM, after they have already resigned, would mean a complete failure of the Agreement on Harmonized Political Activities. Drago Kalabic (DNS) says PDP return to CoM would be the top of hypocrisy of Mladen Ivanic. SRS President Milanko Mihajlica thinks the only solution is election of new CoM, not the return of Ministers. Slobodan Popovic (SDS) thinks withdrawal of PDP's resignations would represent a political manipulation.

HR Ashdown:
events did not
 stop reform
 processes

Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 3
'BiH needs a single police divided in five or ten regions' by M. Cubro, inset
'Reforms were not stopped' — Interview on police reform with HR Paddy Ashdown also carries a statement of HR with regard to crisis of the authority in BiH: 'What has been happening has not influenced the reform processes and I would not call this a crisis. It would be completely different situation if this continued'. HR Ashdown did not want to comment statement of PDP President Mladen Ivanic on possible comeback of PDP Ministers to CoM.

DA reactions to Terzic's proposal to establish two new ministries in CoM

Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Two new ministries will reach national balance' by <u>F. Cardzic</u> - DA brings reactions to the statement by the Chair of the Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, that the restructuring of the CoM demands establishing two additional ministries —for Agriculture and Energy, and Ministry for Social and Health policies, and Employment. The Head of SDS Caucus in the BiH House of Representative, Momcilo Novakovic, says that while restructuring can be carried out without this, establishment of the Defence Ministry breached the even national distribution of ministers positions which could be fixed either by abolishment or establishment of two ministries. The BiH HoR Speaker, Sefik Dzaferovic, and leader of SBiH, Safet Halilovic, says that they supports Terzic's proposal, which is also an opinion of the Deputy Speaker of BiH HoR, Martin Raguz, who added that Terzic's proposal is along HDZ's demands for restructuring. SNSD delegate in BiH parliament, Milorad Zivkovic, comments that this proposal is just a political game.

PDHR Hays introduced his successor to Hadzipasic RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Hays to be replaced by Larry Butler', Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Larry Butler succeeds Hays' — Principal Deputy to HR Donald Hays introduced his replacement Lawrence Butler to FBIH Prime minister Ahmet Hadzipasic. Butler will take over from Hays in mid March.

#### Roberts Owen visited Brcko District

RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Arbitration Commission can meet again' by E.R,
Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Arbitration decision not being implemented' by Fena — Chairman judge of Brcko tribunal Roberts Owen visited Brcko Friday upon invitation from Supervisor Susan Johnson. He met the highest officials of the District and they discussed the issue of protection of Brcko District's position in ongoing reforms in BiH.

## Wolfgang Petritsch: "DA is straightjacket"

Vecernji List, front pg splash and pg 'Dayton is straightjacket', by Ruzica <u>Cigler</u> — Carries an interview with former High Representative for BiH, Wolfgang Petritsch, who, when asked to assess the current political processes and future of BiH, says: "Dayton was back in 1995 a 'life-saving belt' for BiH, however it turned into a straightjacket a long time ago. The jacket should be first of all 'undone', and then the Dayton-BiH should turn into a multi-ethnic and democratic state that functions normally. Only that kind of BiH has the future. Both politicians and citizens have to work hard on that with support of Europe. We are ready for it, but I am not sure all the people in BiH want it too".

Lord David
Oven: Dayton
Agreement
exists to
remain

Glas Srpske pg 5 'Dayton was written in order to remain' by <u>NIN</u> - *GS* re-reports on the interview Lord David Oven gave to the Serbian magazine "NIN", where he says that the issue of Dayton Agreement should not be re-opened, adding "whether we like it or not, DA exists to remain. I do not claim that some corrections of DA should be completely excluded, but just that it must result from the agreement of the opposed sides. If the international community makes corrections by itself, it will not succeed." He expresses his personal view that one of the biggest mistakes IC has made, especially EU, happened in 1991, when it firmly rejected the principle of change of borders. On possible voluntary surrender of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, Oven expresses his view that Mladic would never surrender, while **Karadzic** is a completely type of person — a gambler.

Mirko Sarovic:
HR eliminated
certain persons
to bring PIWFCs
to justice

Glas Srpske inset PLUS pg 2 'High Representative is the gravedigger of the rule of law' by Boro Maric-Goran Mihajlovic - In a lengthy interview to GS, Mirko Sarovic, the former RS president and the member of BiH Presidency, reluctantly speaks of events two years ago, which he finds to have been extremely unpleasant. He notes that if the RS authorities had more firmly defended the position of RS president Nikola Poplasen six years ago, the position of the RS at the present time would have been different. On HR Paddy Ashdown, he says that "HR, as the real power centre in BiH, in collaboration with those proving that power to him, decided to eliminate certain number of people — or should we say pass the verdict without trial on the basis of suspicion those people are assisting war crimes suspects, and all in order to weaken the network of assistance and bring PIWFC's to justice". He notes that the goal of some reforms, including police reform, is to strengthen the centralised position of the state.

#### Police / defence reforms

HR Ashdown:
police model
with most
regions
rejected;
decision on
accepted
model next
week

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 3 'The map with most regions rejected' by A. Prlenda — In a statement for daily, the HR Paddy Ashdown stated that following discussions with all interested parties, a proposal for the police restructuring according to which there would be 10+1 police regions in BiH was rejected. Ashdown added that other two options — of five, and 9+1 regions — can meet demands for effective police reforms. He added that public will be presented with the proposal of the future police organization in the beginning of next week: "The chair of the [Police Reform Commission], Wilfred Martens, asked me to take over further discussions with both experts in the police field and political leaders, and to chose one map on base of those talks. At the beginning of the week I will publicise results of the discussions attended by EUPM Commissioner Kevin Carty and me." Asked whether chosen map will stir negative reactions, Ashdown reminds that RS is not willing to accept anything that would destroy entity jurisdiction over police. "There is no dilemma that some will find chosen map difficult to accept. But, we cannot go to Europe unless police is in accordance with European standards," concludes Ashdown.

Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 3
'BiH needs a single police divided in five or ten regions' by M. Cubro — also carries the interview with HR Ashdown on police reform.

RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Ashdown to decide on police reform next week' — also carries announcement that HR will present chosen model next week.

Gregorian:
DRC aim is
BiH's
admittance
to PfP this
year; BiH
can enter
NATO in 5
yrs

Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 5 'BiH can enter NATO in given years' by Sead Numanovic - "My aim is to have BiH admitted to the [NATO's] Partnership for Peace [programme] by the end of this year," states Raffi Gregorian, the Chair of the Defence Reform Commission, in an interview to DA. He adds that BiH could also become the member state of NATO in five years. Asked what are other DRC's goals for this year, Gregorian answers: "I hope that entities [defence] ministries will merge into one at the state level, that there will be decrease of people in military structures in BiH, and that BiH Armed Forces will be filled out adequately. Finally, that appropriate measures will be carried out after [BiH] Defence Ministry publicizes report [on army cooperation with ICTY] on 14 February. I hope DRC will be handed over to BiH authorities this year. And of course, precondition for PfP members is to see Karadzic and Mladic in the Hague." Asked about abolishment of the entities defence ministries, Gregorian explains that majority of employees will continue with their jobs, and that the only change will be establishment of the single administrative chain of command in BiH. "I don't think that Serb politicians strictly oppose that... they also lobby for profesionalisation of the army," says Gregorian adding DRC will see to this issue. He concludes that as for entities Armies, they will most probably continue to exist this year.

### DRC to hold meeting on Monday

Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'DRC meeting scheduled' by
Fena - Defence Reform Commission will hold an
inaugural session on January 31 (Monday) in
Sarajevo , in frame of its new mandate for
2005, as NATO HQ Sarajevo announced.

#### War crimes

### SiCG retired General Lazarevic surrendered

RHB, BHT 1, FTV, RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Lazarevic goes to the Hague' by Beta, Nacional cover 'President, I have decided to serve my homeland to the end' and pg 4 'Lazarevic goes to the Hague honourably' by U. Mrdic, EuroBlic cover and pgs 4-5 'Prime Minister convinced Lazarevic to surrender, Pavkovic awaits for Kostunica's invitation', Vecernje Novosti cover pg splash and pgs 2-3 'Honourable general departures' - SiCG retired General Vladimir Lazarevic, indicted for war crimes in Kosovo in 1999, decided to voluntarily surrender to ICTY next week, after talks with Serbian Prime Minister, Vojislav Kostunica.

FTV — Lazarevic said that by doing so, he wanted to help his country, Serbians and Kosovo. Kostunica said that the Government and the state were going to support his defence.

US State
Department:
the Balkans
was not
forgotten
over Iraq
and
Afghanistan

BHT 1 - State Department has issued a message saying that US didn't forget Balkan because of Iraq and Afghanistan when it comes to danger from terrorists' and criminal networks. Media close to USadministration claim members of the secret US military unit are working for some time on arrests of the ICTY indictees in BiH, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. According to intelligence agents, BiH is intelligence crisis area. State Information and Protection Agency (SIPA) and BiH Defence Ministry have no comments on this, reports BHT. NATO HQ in BIH confirms three reasons why US forces stayed in BIH. "Besides defence reform, our tasks are arresting of war crimes indices and fight against terrorism. When it comes to intelligence operations, we shouldn't interfere with Washington's things," said NATO HQ spokesperson, Dwight Mood.

#### **Judiciary**

Supreme
Court Chair
says the
Court still
has not
received
indictment
re
Pogorelica
case

BHT1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'State prosecutors launched investigation against two judges of FBiH Supreme Court because of bribe' by H. Orahovac, Oslobodienie pg 2 'Doubts on bribe insufficient to suspend two justices' by A. Omeragic, Dnevni List, pg 2, mentioned on front 'Judges working despite being under investigation', by Erna Mackic, Vecernji List, pg 2 'Two judges suspected of taking bribe in Lijanovici case', by <u>Dejan Jazvic, Ana</u> Drmac, Nezavisne novine pg 3 'Judges suspected of accepting bribe were not suspended' mentioned on cover 'The Court did not get an indictment for "Pogorelica" terrorist camp' by R. Cengic - Chair of FBiH Supreme Court Amir Jaganjac held a press conference on Friday. He confirmed that two judges, who are under an investigation for possible corruption with regard to customs frauds in Lijanovici case, were still working. The Court still has not received the indictment regarding Pogorelica case.

#### Social and health issues

Returnees
claim F BiH
is not
helping the
return

Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'They have written off Serbs' by J. N. — GS claims the Federation of BiH authorities are not helping the return process of Serbs to F BiH, and quotes Chairman of Drvar Assembly Velimir Kunic as saying that Serb returnees to Drvar, Grahovo and Glamoc were written off. The article lists difficulties returnees to F BiH must face.

#### Meningitis in Mostar?

Dnevni List, front pg splash 'Meningitis
in Mostar?' and pg 13 'Children and staff
under therapy because of meningitis', by
Sanja Bjelica, Vecernji List, pg 2 'Boy
 carrying bacteria in kindergarten in
Mostar', by Ivana Brkic Cubela — A boy who
 attends private kindergarten 'Prijatelj'
in Mostar has been diagnosed with bacteria
 naisseria meningitis. According to
relevant health authorities in Mostar, the
boy is not ill, however as a pre-caution,
 all the children and staff of the
 kindergarten have received injections
 against the disease.

# HNC education Unions announce protests

RHB, Slobodna Dalmacija, front pg splash and pg 17 'Mostar: Education Unions: Salaries by Wednesday or big strike', by Zoran Zekic, Dnevni List, pg 14, mentioned on front 'Big protest in beginning of February', by Mile Maslac — HNC Unions of elementary and high school education held a press conference in Mostar Friday. They stressed that they will organise protests unless Mostar authorities issue written guarantees for payment of December and January salaries.

#### **Economy**

Zigic
announces
solving
Energopetrol
issues by
end of March

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Solution for
Energopetrol by the end of March',
mentioned on cover, by M. Kukan — FBiH
Minister of Industry, Mining and Energy,
Izet Zigic, has been appointed as the
chair of the FBiH Government's commission
tasked to chose new partner for
restructuring of 'Energopetrol' company.
In an interview to DA, Zigic says that the
Commission will meet on Monday and discuss
offers, establish criteria and prepare
recommendations for further action. He
says that the strategic partner needed to
solve the problems of this company should
be found by the end of March.

Bread price to increase after VAT introduction

FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 17, mentioned on cover, 'With VAT, bread will be 70 pfenings', Dnevni Avaz pg 15 'Klas' bread will be 10 pfenings more expensive after introduction of VAT' - "Klas" company from Sarajevo announced that prices of bread were going to be increased by KM 10 pf, due to law on VAT. After VAT starts being implemented, monthly expenses are going to be increased by KM 1.1 per person. Klas Director said that he hoped that those who were sitting in the Parliament and who represented BiH citizens were aware of the decisions they had brought regarding VAT. He especially stressed the possibility for the grey market to develop.