

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 30/6/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 30 June

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)
BiH HoR and HoP's session today	BiH Parliament's plenary session
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TV news broadcast on 29 June

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BIH HoP adopts law on RTV system	Slavko Roguljic's premises raided	BiH HoR/no resolution on Srebrenica
BIH HoR session	RS MoI on arrestments in Bijeljina	Srebrenica commemoration issues
EUFOR & NATO search in Banja Luka	Cengic acquitted of all charges	Matijasevic on Bijeljina arrests
Cengic released of all charges	Lijanovic case, update	RTV system law still in question

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Cengic acquitted of all charges	Hasan Cengic acquitted of charges	HR on BiH membership in EU
Lijanovic case, update	Main hearing in Lijanovic case	EUFOR search in Banja Luka

BiH HoR in session	BiH HoR in session/Srebrenica resol.	Matijasevic on recent arrests
USA Congress thanks Bosniaks	BiH HoP in session/RTV system law	Srebrenica commemoration security

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	[Terzic]: Authorities never had joint politics
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	[Mufti Cerić]: Victim has a right to seek punishment
<b>Dnevni List</b>	New trials for murder of Blasko Knezovic
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Water pipes cause cancer (information from Tomislavgrad)
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Capljina fears for its water (debate on corridor Vc)
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	New leader of Al-Q'Aida is BiH citizen
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	20 persons were arrested
<b>EuroBlic</b>	280 EUFOR members "assisted" to RS police
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	<i>Features Serbian related titles</i>
<b>Srpski Nacional</b>	<i>Features Serbian related titles</i>

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>
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<p><b>BiH Parliament holds plenary session on economy</b></p>	<p><b>BH Radio 1</b> <u>By Mustafa Karahmet</u> –The delegates of the BiH House of Representatives and BiH House of Peoples have commenced the plenary session this morning with a focus at the economic issues. They will discuss the draft of the social program aimed at reducing the consequences of the VAT introduction. They are also expected to consider the first annual report covering period from August 2003 to March 2005 on implementation of the BiH Mid-Term Development Strategy, according to which 399 out of 597 planned measures are being implemented. BiH Prime Minister, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, requested from the Parliament to postpone the discussion on temporal suspension of Free Trade Agreements with Croatia and SCG, as the documents are not yet ready.</p>
<p><b>RSNA in session</b></p>	<p><b>BH Radio 1</b> <u>By Brana Markovic</u> – RS National Assembly started the regular session this morning. The agenda includes the discussion on the draft law on war compensation, report on the RS Budget's execution for 2004, information on RS internal debt and changes to the law on Pension and disability insurance. The most disputable is the law on war compensation, strongly opposed by SDA who believes that the law is unconstitutional. Under the law, pay out of the war compensation to war invalids, families of killed and missing persons, and prisoners of war would be limited to period of 40 years, with payments made in securities and without any interest.</p>

<b>CoM in session today</b>	<b>RHB</b> – The BiH CoM to hold a session today. Among the other things, they would discuss the report on execution of the BiH institutions' budget for 2004.
<b>Olli Rehn on enlargement and Western Balkans</b>	<b>BH Radio 1</b> – European Union will continue the enlargements and the recent failure of its Summit will not be an obstacle to the realization of the European perspective promised to the Western Balkans countries, stated the EU Enlargement Commission <b>Olli Rehn</b> addressing the international conference on the Western Balkans in Brussels.
<b>Mtg Mesic/Assoc. of BiH Croats</b>	<b>RHB</b> – Croatian President <b>Stjepan Mesic</b> received the delegation of the Associations of BiH Croats who demanded from Mesic to use his authority in order to improve the position of BiH Croats. They also warned that the IC in BiH has double standards at the cost of the Croat people. Mesic promised that in a proper way he would make topical the issue of the status of the Croat people in BiH and stand for achieving constituency of the Croat people in BiH.
<b>Labus on Draskovic's statement</b>	<b>RHB</b> – Serbian Deputy Prime Minister <b>Milorad Labus</b> stated that the recent statement of the SCiG Foreign Minister <b>Vuk Draskovic</b> on the future status of Kosovo is not an official policy of the Serbian Government.

<p><b>SIPA's financial intelligence dept. invited to joint Egmont group</b></p>	<p><b>BH Radio 1</b> – SIPA's Financial Intelligence Department has been invited to joint the Egmont Group, worldwide network of law enforcement agencies comprising 85 countries. In this way, BiH has become the active participant in the fight against terrorism and international crime.</p>
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<p><b>Searches / arrests/ security / judicial processes</b></p>
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<p><b>Roguljic's facilities in Banja Luka searched, documentation confiscated, no person arrested</b></p>	<p><b>BHT1, RTRS, Hayat, FTV, Oslobođenje</b> pg 2 'Restaurant and motel of Karadzic supporter searched', mentioned on cover, by <u>O. Vukovic</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'Facilities owned by Slavko Roguljic searched' by <u>A. Arnesic</u>, <u>J. Stojanovic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 4 'Breaking of war crimes support network', by <u>Arijana Beus</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 4, mentioned on front 'Was Rogulic hiding and feeding The Hague fugitives?', <u>Branka Stevandic</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 9 ''Shelters' inspected', by <u>A. Macanovic</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> cover pg splash and pg RS1 '280 EUFOR members "assisted" to RS police' by <u>Mirna Soja</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Chef too is suspicious' by <u>M. Mihajlovic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'House and business complex of Slavko Roguljic was searched' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – During a search of facilities in ownership of <b>Slavko Roguljic</b> ("jezero" motel, "Bomi" motel and gas station in vicinity of "Bomi") in Banja Luka settlement of Trn, EUFOR soldiers confiscated certain documentation and arrested no person. Chief Commander of this action, <b>Simon West</b>, has stated EUFOR reacted on basis of intelligence information that the searched facilities are used for supporting the indicted war crime suspects and said the aim is to break the support network to war criminals. He said 280 EUFOR soldiers, who only "assisted to local police", participated in this action. During the search, Roguljic was not present in the facilities, and his daughter stated that he is away on a business trip.</p> <p>Inset 'Who was an observer' – Spokesperson of Banja Luka PSC <b>Rade Mutic</b> has stated EUFOR Wednesday informed the police of the "Harvest" action in Trn and they asked for a presence of Banja Luka PSC members. '<i>Policemen were there as observers and they have undertaken no measures</i>', Mutic said. <b>RHB</b> – EUFOR Spokesperson <b>Robbie Baillie</b> stated that the soldiers found a small amount of weapons during the search. <b>PINK</b> – No one was arrested during the action. "<i>After we collect information, we will act and destroy the nets. EUFOR and NATO will support local authorities in any actions they are intending to carry out, which are directed towards destroying all war crime indictees nets. Such operations are necessary so to preserve safety in the state</i>", said Baillie.</p>
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**BiH Court  
acquits Hasan  
Cengic of  
charges**

**PINK, RTRS, FTV, Hayat, RHB, Oslobođenje** pg 7 'Hasan Cengic acquitted', mentioned on cover, by L.S., **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Hasan Cengic acquitted of charges' by A. Delic, **Dnevni List**, pg 3 'Cengic acquitted of all charges', by E. Mackic, **Vecernji List**, pg 5 'H. Cengic acquitted of charges', by D. Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 17, mentioned on front 'Hasan Cengic innocent', by D. Pasic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 8 'Cengic was acquitted of charges for abuse of office' by A. Durmo – BiH Court's Trial Chamber, presided by judge **Steven Swanson**, acquitted BiH House of Peoples' delegate **Hasan Cengic** of all charges accusing him of misusing the position at the time when he performed the duties of the FBiH Defence Minister in 1996. Judge Swanson stated Prosecutor failed to prove the key accusation that Cengic signed the memo authorizing BIO company to produce weapons and explosives. Prosecutor **Drew Engel** told journalists he is disappointed with the verdict, adding that the Appeal Council will most probably have to reconsider some facts in the process of appeals. **BHT 1 Boris Grubesic** – *"We believe that the available evidences supported the indictment,"* said Engel. Cengic expressed his satisfaction adding the Court's verdict proves the process was politically orchestrated. *"Unfortunately, we still have unprofessional police, which attempts to, thorough orchestrated documents, prosecute those that are not suitable to certain political structures,"* said Cengic. The travel documents, confiscated at the beginning of the trial, will be returned to Cengic. Reporter commented that this is the third acquitting verdict issued by the Court of BiH in past month.

**Lijanovici  
case update:  
Additions to  
indictments  
possible?**

**RJB, PINK, BHT1, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje** pg 3  
‘Possible change of indictment against Covic and others’, mentioned on cover, by **A.N., Dnevni Avaz** pg 12  
‘Extending or issuing of new bill of indictment follow’  
by **A. Delic, Vecernji List**, pg 5, mentioned on front  
‘Seized documents are useless to prosecution’, by **Dejan Jazvic, Dnevni List, Dnevni List**, pg 3, mentioned on front  
‘New evidences in 15 days?!’, by **Erna Mackic, Nezavisne Novine** pg 2  
‘Process against Covic and others in Lijanovici case commenced’ by **A. D.** – At the continuation of the proceeding in the ‘Lijanovici’ case, the prosecution has been obliged in the next 15 days: to provide the Trial Chamber of the BiH Court and defense attorneys with a summary of reviewed evidence material seized during the inspection of the Lijanovici business complex in Siroki Brijeg; to state whether there is any material they intended to lean on in the future procedure; to inform the Court and defense whether they intend to change the indictment or whether there will be any additional indictments. Chair of the Trial Chamber, **Paul Garlic**, made this statement on Wednesday at the debate before the Court of BiH. Defence attorney **Marko Martinovic** requested from the Court to order the prosecutors to conclude the investigation, because the indictment has already been confirmed and it is unclear how come two days before beginning of trial, the relevant bodies are taking action to seize enormous financial documentation, whose reviewing would take several months. He also requested a decisive interpretation on whether the seized documentation would be used as evidence in this process, because the trial cannot begin until defense have been provided will all documents the prosecutor intends to use as evidence. Prosecutor **Jonathan Ratel** says the document that were seized during the recent inspection are related to regular financial operations of the ‘Lijanovici’, saying he would be surprised if he found something new in the documents. He noted that he would provide the BiH Court with any new document. Both **Oslobođenje** and **Dnevni List** carry insets reporting that the BiH Court has rejected a proposal of the BiH Prosecution that employees of ‘Lijanovici’, namely **Zdenka** and **Ljubo Simunovic**, who got arrested the other day, be kept in a one-month detention.



<p><b>Danas: More arrests in Herzegovina?</b></p>	<p><b>Danas</b>, front pg splash and pgs 12-15 'Arrests of thirty tycoons being prepared', by <u>Zdenko Jurilj</u> – Danas learns from an anonymous senior source from the FBIH Interior Ministry that the FBIH MoI SWAT unit could arrest, upon order of the BiH Court, any of the indictees from the 'Lijanovici' case (<b>Covic</b> and others) if there is an assessment that the indictees could be affecting witnesses. On top of this, Danas learns that the Special department for organized and economic crime has started procedures against some 30 Croat companies from Herzegovina and central Bosnia, which are charged with various illegalities, such as tax evasions, customs frauds and money laundry. Apparently, in fear of ending up like the 'Lijanovici' (sudden raids), owners of these companies asked for the help from the OHR and Croat officials. Danas goes on to say that the whole story has an unavoidable political connotation to it, since majority of owners of the companies under investigation believe it is all part of bigger scheme by which leaders of SDA and SBiH want to dominate the 'Croat' areas.</p>
<p><b>BHT 1 examines the role of international law practitioners in BiH judiciary</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> by <u>Suzana Stambol</u> –BHT report looks into the cases, stating that a number of legal experts believe that the reason for large number of acquitting verdicts are large differences between BiH judiciary system and systems of the international prosecutor's country. BHT also carries that a number of experts speculate on large level of intolerance between US prosecutors and European justices. Reporter stated that the Special department for organized and economy crime and corruption within BiH Prosecution, lead by the international prosecutors, have lost its second case. After BiH Interpol Deputy Director, <b>Asim Fazlic</b>, was acquitted of charges, the Court of BiH acquitted on Wednesday of charges BiH House of Peoples' delegate <b>Hasan Cengic</b>. <i>"It is not realistic to expect, in conditions of any judiciary system, that indictments will be successful in every case that we process,"</i> said Prosecutor <b>John McNair</b>.</p>

<p><b>Domestic judges, lawyers doubt in quality of work of foreign prosecutors</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 7 'Foreign prosecutors 'do not have a clue' ' by <u>L. Sofradzija</u> – Osl. says that after charges against former FBiH Deputy Defence Minister <b>Hasan Cengic</b> and former Deputy Director of the BiH Interpol Asim Fazlic were not proved, BiH lawyers, judges etc. who agreed to comment on the work of the Special Department for organized crime, economic crime and corruption with the BiH Prosecution unofficially expressed reserve towards the way in which foreign prosecutors do their job. Spokesperson of the Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecution <b>Oleg Cavka</b> stated that state prosecutors have their support and that the results of the judicial reform cannot be achieved over night. Osl. says that those on whose behalf Cavka gave the aforementioned statement told this daily that they are very skeptical about the way in which foreign prosecutors do their job and some of them even stated that foreign prosecutors do not have a clue.</p>
<p><b>DL op-ed: Prosecutors making clowns of themselves</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Prosecutors as buffoons', by <u>Erna Mackic</u> – Commenting on the raid of 'Lijanovici' company and apartments of <b>Zdenka</b> and <b>Ljubo Simunovic</b>, the author argues that prosecutor Jonathan Ratel ordered the operation because he does not have evidence to support the current indictment against <b>Covic</b> and others, which is evident in the fact that the Simunovics got released from detention because they would have been kept in, had the prosecution found new, incriminating evidence. Finally, the author says that the prosecutors, by preparing extensive indictments many parts of which they usually drop, are making clowns of themselves.</p>
<p><b>20 persons, including one policemen, were arrested in Banja Luka</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg splash '20 persons were arrested' by <u>O. M.</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS3, announced on cover 'Three policemen too were arrested' by <u>Srna</u> – Banja Luka police have arrested 17 persons, including police officer <b>Bosko Bilic</b> from Banja Luka, suspected of trafficking and production of drugs, and another 3 persons suspected of being linked with car thefts were too arrested. Banja Luka PSC Deputy Chief <b>Luka Perica</b> told a special press conference in Banja Luka that a quantity of drugs and four luxury vehicles were seized. <b>PINK, BHT1, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5, announced on cover '17 drug dealers were arrested' by <u>S. Karic</u>, inset 'Three car thieves were apprehended' – also report on the action</p>

<p><b>DL: New trials for murder of Blasko Knezovic</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front pg slash and pg 48 'New trials for murder of Blasko Knezovic', by <u>I. Popovac</u> – According to a judge of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton's Cantonal Court, <b>Nurko Pobric</b>, the FBiH Supreme Court has annulled the acquitting sentence to <b>Sanja Vuleta, Oliver Jakešević</b> and <b>Emir Hadžić</b>, who were freed by the Cantonal Court in Mostar in the case of murder of <b>Blasko Knezovic</b>. (also reported by <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 23, mentioned on front 'Acquitting sentence to Vuleta cancelled', by <u>Robert Soldo</u>) (<b>NB:</b> this is a high profile murder case, which was widely covered by the Croat press in the past. Knezovic was brother-in-law of a local Mostar businessman <b>Dinko Slezak</b>)</p>
<p><b>New leader of Al-Q'Aida in Saudi Arabia is BiH citizen</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> cover pg splash and pg 2 'New leader of Al-Q'Aida is BiH citizen' by <u>D. Muminović</u> – Saudi Arabia MoI published a new list of 36 most wanted militants suspected of numerous attacks in Saudi Arabia and other countries. According to anonymous source, the most dangerous terrorist is 36-years old <b>Junuz Muhamed Ibrahim Al-Hajari</b>, who was trained in BiH, married with a woman from BiH, has BiH passport and, according to some assessments, is a new leader of Al-Q'Aida in Saudi Arabia . A source from BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs Wednesday confirmed Al-Hajari is a BiH citizen.</p>

## Political issues

**Croats reject  
law on public  
PBS system**

**Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Croats reject law on public RTV system', mentioned on front 'Croat Caucus invokes vital national interest', by **Mensud Zorlak** – The Croat Caucus in the BiH House of Peoples has invoked the vital national interest clause, thus preventing the adoption of Proposal of law of Public Broadcasting system of BiH. DL says that as one could have predicted this before the session even took place, since the Croat Caucus expressed dissatisfaction with the principles of the law. The issue now rests with the BiH Constitutional Court. Only **Tomislav Limov** from SDP opposed the procedure and supported the draft law. **BHT 1** – Croat Caucus decided to take this step after none of the amendments to the law that they'd proposed was accepted by the HoP. Those amendments proposed the existence of three channels in languages of constituent peoples in BiH or establishment of another broadcasting service in FBiH. Croat Caucus Chairman, **Ante Spajic**, says there are many arguments on their side, including European conventions and BiH Constitution. *"I believe that the Constitutional Court will issue positive decision,"* he said. This is the second law on PBS system that didn't get parliamentary support. According to BiH Ministry of Transport and Communications, this draft law guarantees equality to all peoples. *"I can guarantee that this draft law is prepared in accordance with European conventions and all international regulations in defining public PBS system,"* said the BiH Deputy Communications Minister, **Haris Basic**. BiH CoM claims that the Constitutional Court will adopt its decision on this issue shortly, and that will ensure adoption of RTV system law by November, when BiH authorities believes that negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU will begin. **RHB, RB, PINK, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Croat Caucus proclaimed law on public RTV system damaging for national interests' not signed, **Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'PBS law before the Constitutional Court' – also reports.

<p><b>Terzic address BiH HoR on crisis in CoM; Lagumdzija walks out of HoR session</b></p>	<p><b>BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Hayat, Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Faster from crisis' by V. Bu, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Terzic was asked to fill in vacant posts' by M. Cubro– Addressing the delegates of the BiH House of Representatives, CoM Chair <b>Adnan Terzic</b> said that that attempts would be made to find the solution for the crisis in the CoM at the next meeting between the ruling parties and the Presidency next Monday, adding that this includes the possibility for reconstructing the Council of Ministers. Terzic ascertained that in line with the legal opinion of the OHR, a minister whose resignation is accepted performs this duty in technical mandate until a new minister has been appointed, and stressed that the new session of the CoM is scheduled for June 30 [to be also participated by <b>Mladen Ivanic</b>]. After a long debate, the HoR accepted Terzic's report, but decided to stick by its conclusion from the last session that requests Terzic to continue working to resolve the crisis. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pg 3 'Authorities never had joint politics' by V. Zivak, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5 'Terzic called on to submit resignation', by M. Zorlak – <b>Tihomir Gligoric</b> [SPRS] called on Terzic to resign. Inset 'Lagumdzija left the session' – Representative in the BiH HoR <b>Zlatko Lagumdzija</b> on Wednesday left the session after Speaker <b>Sefik Dzaferovic</b> refused to put his proposal of conclusions on situation in the CoM on the agenda. Namely, Lagumdzija proposed that the CoM by July 15 comes out with a plan of urgent reforms in the three-month period and a new convocation of the CoM. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'Ril instead of Topic' – BiH House of Representatives confirmed the decision on appointing <b>Anton Rill</b> as BiH Deputy Foreign Minister.</p>
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<p><b>Oslobodjenje: Terzic frustrated with opposition calling on him to report on CoM</b></p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 3 'Authorities never had joint politics' by <u>V. Zivak</u> – Article reads that after his address to the BiH House of Representatives on the crisis in the CoM, the Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, "admitted" to journalists that <i>"ruling parties never had clear political harmonized political direction of acting."</i> Oslobodjenje says that Terzic was very frustrated with the proposal by the opposition, and supported by the parliamentary majority, to call on him to address the HoR and explain the situation in the CoM as it opens possibility for opposition to point out at him as being the biggest problem in the state. <i>"Instead of having parliamentary majority being behind me and pushing me forward as the Chair, until it was me behind and pushing the parliamentary majority. I am sorry to see representatives wasting their time and money of citizens to talk about things that are not even remotely important as discussion on the police reform or the legislation on public broadcasting system,"</i> stated Terzic.</p>
<p><b>SDA Presidency criticized Terzic</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Harsh criticism at cost of Adnan Terzic' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – DA learns that Chairman of the BiH Presidency <b>Adnan Terzic</b> was harshly criticized at the SDA Presidency session which took place 2 days ago especially by <b>Sefik Dzaferovic, Adil Osmanovic</b> and <b>Bakir Izetbegovic</b>. The internal conclusion was made according to which SDA members who perform duties in the legislative and executive authorities must consult within the SDA Presidency for all their future moves and stands. DA says that the cause for such conclusion was Terzic's statement about early elections and the decision on resignation of BiH Foreign Minister <b>Mladen Ivanic</b>. DA inset under headline 'Terzic believes that what he did is good for BiH' carries that during the aforementioned session Terzic himself realized that his decision on the Ivanic's resignation was haste but he still believes that he did what is good for BiH and SDA.</p>

<p><b>HR in Brussels : 'It is up to RS to decide whether BiH would join EU'</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4, mentioned on cover 'It is up to RS to decide whether BiH would join EU' <u>not signed</u> – The High Representative, in a role of the EU Special Representative to BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> attended on Wednesday a meeting chaired by the EU High Representative for a Common Foreign and Security Policy <b>Javier Solana</b> in Brussels. The meeting was also attended by all other EU Special Representatives. At the meeting, Solana reaffirmed earlier statements that the EU remains committed to BiH and the region, but underlined that it is up to the BiH Government, and particularly the RS, to create the circumstances necessary to start the Stabilisation and Association process. At the end of the meeting Ashdown stated: <i>'The message is clear. Brussels wants the Balkan countries to join. However, the question lies less with Brussels and more with Banja Luka. Is Banja Luka ready to start with implementation of the reforms that are necessary for SAA talks to begin?'</i> <b>RHB, Hayat, PINK, FTV, RTRS, Glas srpske</b> pg 2 'Banja Luka has the key' by N. Z., <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Key to accession is in Banja Luka' by N. N. – also reports on HR's visit to Brussels .</p>
<p><b>Solana on Kosovo status</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> – Office of the EU High Representative <b>Javier Solana</b>, commented to the statement by SCG Foreign Minister <b>Vuk Draskovic</b> linking Kosovo and RS status, by stating that <i>"the status of Kosovo is an open issue that has to be resolved through a political process, in which the Kosovars, Belgrade and the international Community all have to play an important role."</i></p>
<p><b>BiH Presidency: salaries to Covic stopped</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> – BiH Presidency send a letter to the OHR, informing the High Representative, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, that payouts of salaries to former member of the Presidency, <b>Dragan Covic</b>, are stopped. Also, Covic has to return salaries received from the period after he was removed from position in Presidency.</p>



<p><b>Current and former heads of OSCE on elections, political situation in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 9 'Politicians trapped in status quo', by <u>Ambassador Robert Beecroft</u> – Carries an op-ed about the current situation and prospects of BiH in which a former Head of OSCE Mission to BiH, Ambassador <b>Robert Beecroft</b>, says the real problem of BiH is not in the Dayton Peace Accord, it is in fact in heart and minds of the people. Beecroft argues that the problem lies in the fact that there are three visions in BiH, which all exclude each other and which are all directed into the past and not the future. <i>"There are too many politicians who do not see a political interest in the reconciliation of the visions. The status quo is a trap they found themselves in"</i>, writes Ambassador Beecroft. <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'Great day for BiH' by <u>Head of OSCE Mission to BiH Douglas Davidson</u> – Head of OSCE Mission to BiH <b>Douglas Davidson</b> wrote, among other, that today is an important day for BiH because the BIH Election Commission becomes fully a state body since three international members of the Commission are about to leave it and <i>'as of now, the responsibility for elections will fully be in hands of peoples of this country'</i>. <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 'Why is OSCE leaving' op-ed by <u>Robert Berry</u> – similar op-ed by former head of OSCE, Berry</p>
<p><b>Danas: EU wants to see BiH organized in five regions</b></p>	<p><b>Danas</b>, pgs 22-24 'RS Government against re-organization of BiH into five regions', mentioned on front 'EU wants re-organization of BiH into five regions', by <u>Team of Danas' journalists</u> – According to the article, the official Brussels will in the future insist on administrative-political reorganization of BiH in five regions, and will do everything, including exerting pressure, to see the plan through. Apparently, the plan is already known to BiH authorities. Danas says that unlike majority of ruling and opposition parties in the FBiH, which pretty much agree to the concept of regionalization, parties from the RS oppose to such plans, as evident in the letter that RS Government sent to the European Commission in BiH. The letter says the plan to organize regions within BiH does not reflect needs of the RS and as such is totally unacceptable to the RS.</p>



## War crimes

**BiH HoR rejects  
Srebrenica  
resolutions; BiH  
HoP adopts  
initiative to  
declare 11 July  
Mourning Day**

**BHT 1** – The BiH House of representatives failed on Wednesday to adopt two proposal for Srebrenica resolutions, initiated by delegates **Elmir Jahic** from SDA and **Muhamed Morangic** from BOSS. Serb delegates voted against resolution and requested those texts to be send to the Commission that would harmonize them in a acceptable to all BiH Parliament delegates, reports BHT. Jahic said that resolution does not contain anything that was not confirmed clearly by the judiciary bodies, the ICTY at first place, *“and that is that genocide happened in Srebrenica and that responsible persons must be brought before justice,”* he said.

SDS delegate **Momcilo Novakovic** says the problem is that proposed resolution means calling the institutions to take responsibility for what happen in Srebrenica *“what practically lead to something against which we are fighting all the time and that is abolishment of the institutions and creation of collective responsibility for events in Srebrenica, what is absolutely unacceptable.”* Member of the Association of mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa enclaves, **Sabaheta Fejzic**, is not how much such resolution is necessary at all, because the genocide in Srebrenica is confirmed by the ICTY. **RHB, Hayat. FTV, Sarajevo press** – also covered.

**FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 ‘Initiative to proclaim July 11 Mourning Day supported’, **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 ‘Declare 11 July Mourning Day’– BiH House of Peoples have adopted the initiative to proclaim 11 July 2005 as a Mourning Day in BiH.

<p><b>Preparations for Srebrenica commemoration: over 50.000 people expected to attend</b></p>	<p><b>Hayat, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 'Another 570 victims to be buried in Potocari', mentioned on cover, <u>by Sanita Rozajac</u> – The organization board on preparation for Srebrenica commemoration ceremony to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massacre held a session on Wednesday and stated that that another 570 victims will be buried on 11 July this year in Potocari Memorial Center.</p> <p>Daily reads that RS Police Director, <b>Dragomir Andan</b>, stated that for the past 15 days the RS MoI works in security preparations of the ceremony. <b>FTV, RTRS</b> – More than 50.000 people and 500 local and foreign officials are expected to attend the commemoration. The commemoration will be secured by 2000 RS MoI members as well as members of SIPA, OSA, SBS and BiH Security Ministry. The meeting on security is to be held on Tuesday next week. <b>BHT 1</b> – Association of mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa enclaves that this year's protocol request all women attending funeral to be dressed in accordance to Bosniak tradition.</p>
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<p><b>RS MoI on arrests in Podrinje</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, Hayat, RTRS, PINK, BHT1, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4 'Those arrested in Podrinje suspected of war crimes' by <u>V.Du.</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 11 'Arrests with regard to crimes in Srebrenica' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Upon order of the Prosecutor's Office' by <u>S. Radjen – Todoric</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'The arrested persons can be linked with war crimes' by <u>Z. Kusmuk</u> – RS Minister of Interior <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> stated that persons that were arrested lately by RS MoI under the order from BIH Prosecution can be connected to war crimes committed in Srebrenica. Matijasevic added that those arrests prove that RS MoI is cooperating with ICTY.</p>
<p><b>Effendi Ceric on Srebrenica massacre in ImperialWarMuseum in London</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover pg splash 'Victim has right to demand punishment' and pg 5 'Everything that was created on injustice and genocide in Bosnia cannot survive' carries that Reisu-l-ulema <b>Mustafa Effendi Ceric</b> had a presentation called 'Remembering and reconciliation – graveyard Potocari' in Memorial War Museum in London on Wednesday. Talking about the massacre in Srebrenica, among the other things, Ceric stated that it seems that those who committed the crime in Srebrenica are more preoccupied with denying of this crime than the victims of the crime with thoughts about the revenge. Ceric also said says that when those who committed the crime stop denying it, the way towards reconciliation would be opened.</p>

<p><b>Tihic: I will not give up invitation sent to Tadic to be in Potocari on July 11</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'I will not give up invitation to Tadic', mentioned on cover 'Each incident would be damaging' by <u>A. Basic</u> – At the meeting of the organizational board in charge of marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> sent a message to Mothers of Srebrenica that he would not give up the invitation sent to Serbian President <b>Boris Tadic</b> to attend the commemoration and that it would not be good that some incident takes place on July 11 in Potocari.</p>
<p><b>VN brings 16-pgs list of 'Serbs killed in Srebrenica'</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b> middle and announced on cover, brings a 16-pages long supplement publishing names of 3,287 Serbs who were killed in the area of Srebrenica from 1992 – 1995. Below the list it reads: the Committee of Families of War Victims, the Association of POWs, RS Veterans' Association, Srebrenica and Bratunac Municipalities in cooperation with the Center for Research of Crimes over Serb people.</p>

<p>Mladic lived in Belgrade until 2002?</p>	<p><b>Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 3 'Mladic lived in his house in Belgrade until 2002', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'War criminal Mladic was in Belgrade by 2002' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 25 'Mladic was in his house until 2002', <u>unsigned</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 20 'Ratko Mladic was at known address in Belgrade', <u>unsigned</u> – Chief of SCG military intelligence agency, <b>Svetko Kovac</b>, stated in an interview to Belgrade-based daily "Blic" that <b>Ratko Mladic</b> was dwelling in his house in Belgrade by 2002. He added that SCG Army occasionally was providing Mladic with accommodation in some of its premises, however stressed this practice was halted in 2002.</p>
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<p><b>NN reactions to US Congress adoption of Srebrenica resolution</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3, announced on cover 'Negative consequences for RS are possible' by <u>N. Krsman and V. Popovic</u> – FBiH parties welcomed the Srebrenica Resolution, adopted by US HoR, while RS parties believe such an act does not reflect what was going on during war conflicts. Both F BiH and RS parties believe the Resolution would cause consequences. SDP's <b>Svetozar Pudaric</b> thinks the Resolution shows consistency of American policy towards war in BiH, SDS strongly opposes to the Resolution, SNSD believes it would have negative consequences for RS. SDA's <b>Sadik Ahmetovic</b> announced the party would offer a local text of the Resolution on Srebrenica to the state Parliament. BiH Minister of Civil Affairs <b>Safet Halilovic</b> sees the Resolution as a form of a moral satisfaction and thinks it would strengthen the lawsuit against SiCG, while BiH Justice Minister <b>Slobodan Kovac</b> thinks it was not developed without a reason and thinks reconciliation among peoples might be behind the Resolution. Inset 'Stojanovic: the Resolution is not a legislative act' – Legal representative of SiCG <b>Radoslav Stojanovic</b> rejected assessments that the Resolution might have an impact on the lawsuit against SiCG by saying it is not a legislative act.</p>
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<p><b>‘Independent’ says Greek volunteers received medal from Karadzic after fall of Srebrenica</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 ‘Mladic demanded from Greek volunteers to erect flag of their country in Srebrenica’ <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 ‘Greek volunteers received medals after Srebrenica fall’ – British journal The Independent on Wednesday issued an article on the judicial inquiry Greece has launched to discover the extent of involvement of so called Greek volunteers in the Srebrenica massacre. The journal says that the Greek Volunteer Brigade fought side by side with the Bosnian Serbs and that four members of the unit received medals of honour from <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> within a month of Srebrenica’s fall.</p>
<p><b>Serbian, BiH Prosecutions sign agreement on cooperation</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 ‘Agreement’, by <u>ra</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 ‘Agreement on cooperation to be signed tomorrow’ by <u>Beta</u> – Representatives of prosecutions of Serbia and BiH will sign an agreement on detection of perpetrators of war crimes in Belgrade on Friday. The agreement is related to exchange of information and information during criminal procedures.</p>



<p><b>RS NGOs cancel mtg on 'truth of suffering in war' to avoid incidents</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 8 'A meeting was cancelled due to opening of a mosque' by <u>Srna</u> – A meeting of 11 NGOs, under the motto "We will never accept the imposed one-sided truth on sufferings of only Bosniak people in Pdrinje region" will be postponed due to opening of a reconstructed mosque in Bratunac on the same day – July 2. The Deputy President of the CoordinationCenter of 11 NGOs <b>Slavko Jovicic</b> commented by saying it is not their goal to cause any conflicts or unrests.</p>
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<p><b>Economic and other issues</b></p>	
<p><b>Farmers ready to negotiate</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, BHT1, Hayat, PINK, Dnevni List</b>, pg 4 'Farmers ready for negotiations', by <u>NINA</u> – According to the President of Association of BiH farmers, <b>Ranko Bakic</b>, the farmers are, unlike the Chairman of BiH CoM, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, ready for dialogue. Bakic insists that the farmers are not being politicised.</p>

<p><b>Dom associations protests</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4 and 5, mentioned on cover 'Prime Minister ate his own words' by <u>A. Omeragic</u> – The association of nationalized flats' tenants 'Dom' gathered in front of the Federation of BiH Government building on Wednesday accusing FBiH Prime Minister <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b> and FBiH Minister of Urban Planning <b>Ramiz Mehmedagic</b> that they do not want to fulfill given promises and put in the procedure a change to the law which would make possible for members of 'Dom' to buy off the nationalized flats in which they live. The article explains that the FBiH Government is waiting for drafting of the state law on restitution, which was supposed to be written by June. Protesters wonder why they need this law at all since the nationalized flats have already been bought off in the RS and Brcko. <b>TV Pink, BHT 1, Hayat, FTV, Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Protest by several hundreds of citizens', by <u>De. L.</u>, <b>Nezvisne novine</b> 'pg 9, mentioned on cover 'Incident between users and former owners avoided', <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 3 ''Dom' Association in favour of changes to law on purchase', <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 16 ''Dom' people without apartments', by <u>Zlatko Tulic</u>– also reported, including the fact that the incident was almost caused when several members of the former owners of nationalized apartments appeared at the protests.</p>
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<p><b>FBiH Govt with USAID on VAT effects on electricity</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 ‘Government will not support increase to price of electricity’, by <u>NINA</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 3 ‘Both restructuring and social programs’, by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, back pg ‘Government will not support higher prices of electricity’, by <u>D. Pasic</u> – The FBiH Prime Minister, <b>Ahmet Hadzipasic</b>, and his colleagues from the FBiH Government, ministers <b>Dragan Vrankic</b> (Finance), <b>Izet Zigic</b> (Industry) and <b>Radovan Vignjevic</b> (Labour) met with the director of USAID’s department for reconstruction and development, <b>Merrit Broady</b>, and his associates yesterday to talk about social issues pertaining to introduction of the VAT law and its effect on prices of electricity. PM Hadzipasic stressed that the Government would not support increase to the price of electricity. <b>RHB, Hayat</b> – also reported.</p>
<p><b>Public debate in Capljina on Corridor Vc</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, front pg splash and pg 18 ‘Capljina fears for its water’, by <u>Ivanka Dzajic</u> – Carries a report from a public forum that was held in Capljina during which participants discussed effects of the future corridor Vc i.e. its influence of the Capljina Municipality. Manager of the local utility company, <b>Tomislav Borovac</b>, fears that the future itinerary could affect the Bjelave water-spring which provides drinking water for Capljina.</p>

<p><b>DL: Strasbourg court to reach first verdict related to old savings in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 6 'First verdict for return of foreign currency savings next week', by <u>Tanja Dragic</u> – Reports that the European Human Rights Court in Strasbourg will next week reach a first verdict related to the return of foreign currency savings in BiH. It is about a case of a Banja Luka-based <b>Ruza Jelcic</b>, who filed a first lawsuit in BiH related to the return of old savings back in 1999 when she claimed 250.000 KMs. According to President of Association of citizens for return of old foreign currency savings in BiH, <b>Svetozar Nisic</b>, Jelcic addressed every instance within the BiH domestic judiciary prior to seeking help with the Strasbourg court.</p>
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