

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 31/7/2005

TV news broadcast on July 30, 2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Transmission problems	Surrender of Karadzic	Comments on Ljiljana Karadzic
	World News	BH WCC on Srebrenica in September
	World News	Funeral in Bijeljina
	Heat strokes in BiH	Funeral in Prozor

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Ecological disaster in Ljubuski	Funeral in Bijeljina	World news
Ivanic on Karadzic's surrender	Funeral in Prozor	Reactions to Zelen-Karadzic's appeal
McElhaney on Karadzic's surrender	Comments on Ljiljana Karadzic	Burial in Bijeljina
Prosper on Karadzic's surrender	Comments on Ljiljana Karadzic	Heat wave in RS

Oslobodjenje	Ljiljana had agreed with Prospere, Radovan in the Hague in ten days?
Dnevni Avaz	"Bosnian" towns are again being forced out from RS
Dnevni List	Smajkic accuses Catholic Church
Vecernji List	Secret accounts of Al-Q'Aida were discovered

Nezavisne Novine	Politicians on the seaside, Europe on hold
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Reactions to appeal to Karadzic to surrender	
US Ambassador McElhaney welcomed Ljiljana's appeal	<p>BHT1 – US Ambassador to BIH David McElhaney welcomed Ljiljana's statement and said <i>"it is more relevant if Radovan Karadzic will listen to her. Regardless to the outcome, we will get to him"</i>.</p> <p>According to Ljiljana Smajlovic, a journalist from Belgrade, the silence of some Serbian political representatives is regarded as disapproval of Ljiljana's statement.</p> <p>TV Hayat – Ambassador McElhaney stressed that he paid attention to messages and statements issued by RS and SCG authorities, and he fully agrees with the part that Karadzic's surrender would present relief for many people in this part of the world. <i>"I would just like to remind authorities in RS and Belgrade that we count on their cooperation"</i>- said McElhaney.</p> <p>FTV, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'We will get to Karadzic in any case' <u>not signed</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2, announced on cover 'We will get to Radovan Karadzic in any case' inset 'We count on cooperation of RS and Belgrade authorities' <u>by Fena</u> – also carry Ambassador McElhaney's statement.</p>

<p>US Ambassador for war crimes issues Prosper: Surrender of Karadzic would change ICTY's tempo of work</p>	<p>TV Hayat, TV Pink, FTV, BHT1, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Surrender of Karadzic would change tempo of work of ICTY' <u>by Fena</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Prosper: we are witnesses to a very positive development of events' <u>by Fena</u> – U.S. Ambassador for War Crimes Issues Pierre Richard Prosper stated that surrender of Radovan Karadzic would take Ratko Mladic along, stressing that Mladic wouldn't be waited long, after Karadzic's arrival to Den Hague- he would be arrested or he would surrender. Prosper considers that this surrender would dramatically change flow and tempo of work in ICTY, stressing that Karadzic and Slobodan Milosevic would be confronted, which again would have great importance from the stand of their trials.</p> <p>FTV – Prosper added that U.S. State Department expect the cooperation of RS and SCG governments.</p>
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<p>EUFOR COM Leakey: Serb leaders preparing voters for surrender of Karadzic and Mladic</p>	<p>TV Pink, RTRS – EUFOR Commander, General David Leakey stated that in certain way, political leaders of Bosnian Serbs are preparing voters for surrender of Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic.</p> <p>FTV Report by <u>Adisa Ruzdic</u> – EUFOR Commander David Leakey stated for FTV that <i>“everybody is responsible for missing opportunities to arrest Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic; International Community, BIH Authorities even organised crime that is protecting the network that support these two indictees”</i>. Leakey stressed that the mere fact that Karadzic and Mladic are not arrested because of the organised crime in BIH emphasises the need for police reform. In his interview for FTV, Leakey mentioned the problems with gas smuggling in BIH. He stressed that EUFOR will support local police forces in securing the stability and safety of the country.</p>
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<p>BiH Foreign Affair Minister Ivanic: Karadzic's surrender would reduce pressure on RS Patriarch Pavle: stop violence over Karadzic family</p>	<p>RTRS – BiH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic feels that Karadzic's surrender would reduce the pressure on RS and adds that the surrender would open new possibilities in BiH and the region. DNS Vice President Jovan Hadzi Mitrovic on the other hand feels that it is not good that the pressure on Karadzic's family is made. Patriarch Pavle stated that it is not good that entire family has to suffer because of one family member. He also appealed to everyone to stop the violence over Karadzic's family members.</p> <p>TV Hayat also reported on Ivanic's statement.</p> <p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Appeal for protection of Karadzic family' by <u>Nina</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Patriarch Pavle demands for pressures to stop' by <u>D. R.</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Patriarch Pavle demands violence over family members to be stopped' by <u>Srna</u> – report on Patriarch Pavle's statement.</p>
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<p>Belgrade media speculate: Ljiljana reached an agreement with Prosper</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover pg splash and pg 3 'Ljiljana had agreed with Prospere, Radovan in the Hague in ten days?' by <u>B. Boskov</u> – carries the above mentioned statement of Patriarch Pavle, and also reads Belgrade media are speculating the reason for Ljiljana Zelen-Karadzic's appeal was the fact her son Aleksandar was exposed to a tremendous psychical torture, which had left consequences. Some Belgrade media also claim Ljiljana had reached an agreement with US Ambassador for War Crimes Issues Pierre Richard Prospere by which he would surrender in seven days, but first it should be agreed to whom he should surrender in order to avoid SiCG or RS to be accused for hiding the Hague fugitive.</p>
<p>TV Hayat summarises comments on appeal to Karadzic</p>	<p>TV Hayat – Editor commented that almost all reactions to statement of Ljiljana Zelen Karadzic contain approval, estimates what lead to it and what could it bring, while some of statements claim that Radovan Karadzic has already been arrested and that statement of his wife is just a mean for calming of possible reactions; but no one tried to explain what lead to this video statement.</p>

<p>FTV summarises reactions on appeal to Karadzic</p>	<p>FTV – Presenter commented that almost all reactions to statement of Ljiljana Zelen Karadzic contain approval, estimations on possible outcomes. Some of them even expressed doubts regarding Ljiljana's sincerity. However, it appears that no one is concerned whether he will surrender. One more time, nothing has happened and rare are those who are mentioning actions to arrest him.</p>
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War crimes/war reparations

Mortal remains
of 13 Bosniaks
were buried in
Bijeljina

FTV Report by Salih Brkic – The mortal remains of 13 members of families Sarajlic, Seljmenovic and Denjagic were buried in Bijeljina on Saturday. They were killed in 1992. Round table “Justice for reconciliation” was held before the burial. FTV features the story of Asmir Sarajlic whose entire family was killed. Attorney **Dusko Tomic** said on the occasion that many who knew a lot about the crime were not present at the funeral. He also stated that members of unit “Pahuljice” (*Snowflakes*) committed the crime. The entire material was sent to BIH Prosecution. FTV reporter stated that Bijeljina Municipality did not accept to proclaim 30th July as mourning day and that the attendants at the funeral were welcomed by the loud music from the local coffee-bar. Instead, the mourning days were proclaimed 15th May when Serbs were killed in Tuzla or recently when a local Head of Municipality passed away, concluded the author.

BHT1, TV Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 6 Ten large and three small graves in Selimovici’ by V. Du., **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3, announced on cover ‘Bodies of 13 Bosniaks killed in 1992 were buried’ by N. N., **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 ‘13 members of families Sarajlic, Sejmenovic and Denjagic were buried’ by E. M. also reported on the burial.

<p>Attorney Dusko Tomic brought names of "Pahuljica" unit members who knew everything about the crime</p>	<p>RTRS – With regard to burial of mortal remains of 13 persons in Bijeljina, attorney Dusko Tomic read the letter written by a member of RS MoI. The letter contains the names of individuals who know everything about the crime. Tomic read about a dozen names among which are former RS Minister of Interior Mico Stanisic and his deputy at the time Tomislav Kovac as well as current advisor to BIH Presidency member Borislav Paravac, Drago Vukovic. He also stated that members of unit Snowflakes committed the crime. Jusuf Prbic Chair of Bosniak culture community Preporod asked BIH Presidency to dismiss Vukovic and to process him as well. Vukovic stated for RTRS that Prbic knows that he gave statements to RS MoI and other institutions on the matter. He also stated that the manipulations regarding the crime should be stopped. Kovac also stated for RTRS that the crime is being manipulated with. He also stated that the case should be closed once and for all. Bijeljina Prosecution stated that several persons were questioned regarding the case and added that the entire material will be sent to state Prosecution.</p>
<p>Mortal remains of 51 Bosniaks buried in Prozor</p>	<p>BHT1, FTV – Mortal remains of 51 Bosniaks were buried in Prozor on 12th anniversary of the killings. BHT featured story of Zulka Purgic who lost her family in the killings.</p>

<p>Mortal remains of 16 persons buried in Kotorsko</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 8, announced on cover 'Sorrow from Kotorsko throughout the world' by <u>Miralem Begic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Burial ceremony was held for 16 Bosniaks' by <u>H. Calic</u> – carry a report on burial of mortal remains of 16 Kotorsko citizens who were killed in 1992.</p>
<p>Vlasenica has to pay 310,000 KM of war reparation to Bosniaks</p>	<p>BHT1, FTV – The Municipality Vlasenica has compensated 140 000 KM to Bosniak families for war damage of their households. The total sum that Vlasenica had to pay to Bosniak families for war damage was 310 000 KM.</p>
<p>More than 20 wrong identifications of mortal remains were confirmed</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5, announced on cover '22 mistakes were confirmed' by <u>Edina Kamenica</u> – The Chief of F BiH Commission for Missing Persons Jasmin Odobasic had claimed for years a number of mistakes were made in the process of DNA identification of exhumed bodies, yet these claims were "hushed up". Nevertheless, these claims were confirmed during a meeting at BiH State Prosecutor's Office held on Wednesday. State Prosecutor Marinko Jurcevic, ICMP representatives, several prosecutors and Chairmen of RS and F BiH Commissions for Missing Persons attended this meeting, during which cases of approximately 20 wrong identifications at Una – Sana Canton were discussed. Considering the fact this number is not final, approximately 200 bodies in this region would be re-exhumed and re-examined.</p>

<p>Vain action of apprehending Gotovina near Livno</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 2 'EUPM believed to a story of a sick person' by <u>H. Gromlic</u> – EUPM search for General Ante Gotovina in Misi village near Livno was conducted in vain. As Livno Canton MoI Spokesperson Ivica Vrdoljak has explained, a returnee from Australia had called EUPM and told them he had seen Gotovina in the house of his relative. According to Vrdoljak, the returnee was known to be a mentally ill person.</p>
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<p>Police reform</p>	
<p>SDP Tuzla criticises SDA, SDS and HDZ over police, defence reforms</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 10, announced on cover 'Ashdown's reformists are throwing dust in citizens' eyes' by <u>V. Jahic</u> – With regard to the latest proposals to re-locate the future police centre from Tuzla to either Bijeljina or Brcko, SDP Tuzla held a press conference at which they have stated the ruling parties are trying to reduce Tuzla down to a provincial area. They have stated SDA had showed it had given up from the concept of whole BiH and joined a coalition with SDS and HDZ that often try to break BiH apart. SDP Tuzla Chairman Fehrat Hrustic has also stated: <i>'Throwing dust to citizens' eyes, everything Ashdown's reformists are doing, is a farce. They can reach no agreement on functioning of the police, army and other segments of the authority that are a foundation of every state'</i>.</p>

<p>Hadzipasic: Minister Halilovic did not run away from meeting in Banja Luka as Terzic claimed</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Hadzipasic: It is not true Halilovic had ran away from meeting in Banja Luka' <u>by M. Kukan</u> – F BiH PM Ahmet Hadzipasic and Minister of Interior Mevludin Halilovic denied the statement of CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic who claims Minister Halilovic had ran away from the meeting on police reform talks in Banja Luka on Thursday. PM Hadzipasic says Halilovic did not run away, he just did not have the authorisation to participate to the meeting on behalf of the Government. PM Hazipasic also thinks it would not be good if the entities' Government discussed the police reform in frame of the entities' institutions, because this might lead to police limited within entities' boundaries, which would not be a good solution.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed expresses doubt politicians would be able to reach agreement on police reform</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Great politicians' <u>by Senka Kurtovic</u> – The author sarcastically refers to the conclusion of Banja Luka meeting on police reform talks, which foresees no presence of the international representatives except in case they are called for technical assistance, and she says: <i>'this is a great step for local politicians, but a small step for the men kind'</i>. She also expressed her doubt the politicians would be able to reach an agreement on police reform.</p>

Political developments

<p>Mesic replies to Tadic: Srebrenica cannot be compared with Oluja</p>	<p>TV Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 2, announced on cover 'It is not possible to compare Srebrenica with Oluja' <u>by Fena</u> – Replying to the statement of Serbian President Boris Tadic, who said crimes against Serbs committed during "Oluja" action must be condemned as he did condemn Srebrenica crimes, Croatian President Stjepan Mesic has once again repeated that Srebrenica is the most horrifying crime that ever happened here, where eight thousands people were viciously murdered just because they aren't Serbs. Mesic stressed that Srebrenica can't be compared with individual excesses during "Oluja", adding that processing of war criminals in Croatia is ongoing.</p>
<p>Mostar Mufti Smajkic criticised Catholic Church for support to HDZ's policy</p>	<p>Dnevni List cover pg splash 'Smajkic accuses Catholic Church' and pg 6 'Mufti Smajkic accuses Catholic Church again' <u>by V. Soldo</u> – 4th meeting of Bosniak Youth was held in Mostar Saturday. While addressing the participants, Hadzi seaid effendi Smajkic, Mostar Mufti, referred to history of Mostar and its cultural heritage, but also blamed HVO, Croatian Army and international community by saying they were responsible that Bosniaks were forced out from Mostar. Apart from this, he also criticised Catholic Church by saying it supports rigid option of HDZ with regard to all issues and it often decides to make radical moves to achieve Croats' interests in this area.</p>

<p>NN: Politicians on leave, Europe on hold</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pgs 10-11 'Politicians on the seaside, Europe on hold' <u>by Vesna Popovic</u> – The article reads most of state and entities' officials will go on vacation in August, regardless of the fact they have little time until the end of the year to fulfil reform pre-requisites to join Europe. The article lists periods of times during which certain politicians will be on leave.</p>
<p>Kadric warns: changes to the RS Law on Territorial Organisation will abolish both prefix "Serb" and pre-war prefix "Bosnian" from names of towns in RS</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash ' "Bosnian" towns are again being forced out from RS' and pg 5 'Prefix "Bosnian" is again trying to be forced out from RS' <u>by M. K.</u> – Chairman of RS Council of Peoples Remzija Kadric warns on the consequences of changes to the Law on RS Territorial Organisation, adopted three days ago during RS NA session, and he announces he would alert OHR with regard to this issue. Namely, RS was obliged to change names of towns in RS with Serb prefix, as in accordance with BiH Constitutional Court decision. RS NA adopted the changes to the Law and listed municipalities whose names would be changed, but none of these that have had prefix "Bosnian" in its name before the war was given its pre-war name. For instance, the name of Serb Brod (pre-war name – Bosnian Brod) will now, as in accordance with the changes to the Law, be renamed to "Brod". Kadric believes RS authorities are in this way trying to destroy everything Bosnian and implement Karadzic's war time projects.</p>

Miscellaneous

**VL: Secret
accounts of
Al-Q'Aida
were
discovered**

Vecernji List cover pg splash, pgs 4-5
'Secret accounts of Al-Q'Aida were
discovered' by Valentina Wiesner – Mijic –
Croatian Office for Prevention of Money
Laundering had looked into more than 1100
bank accounts from lists of FBI, UN and
other institutions. 4 accounts were
temporarily blocked in 2004. Inset
'Searches for Saudi financiers' reports
American and BiH investigators have
checked activities of several banks, firms
and institutions in BiH that were
suspected of having been linked with **Jasin
Al-Kadi**, a close associate of Al-Q'Aida.
The inset lists some check-up actions that
have taken place in BiH in past.

<p>Not yet known whether Cosic and Galic would testify in “Hercegovacka bank” case</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 7, announced on cover ‘Jelavic is being saved by witnesses from Croatia’ by <u>Alma Nezirevic</u> – carries an announcement that it would be known on Monday whether Croatian Parliament delegate Kresimir Cosic and Miljenko Galic would respond to subpoena to testify in “Hercegovacka bank” case. The article reads Cosic, considering the fact he had been at various high-ranking positions at Croatian authorities, might shed some light on this case. Nevertheless, the witnesses cannot be obliged to testify if they do not want to and, in Cosic’s case, Croatian Government and Parliament too have to give consent in order for him to testify before the court of some other country.</p>
<p>NN: Humphreys one of rare int. reps who fulfills his goals without punishing local politicians</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 7 ‘Michael Humphreys – an Irish on official trip’ by <u>Dragan Risojevic</u> – brings a page-long positive story on Head of EC Delegation to BiH Michael Humphreys, saying he was one of rare international representatives who manages to accomplish his goals without having to punish or verbally criticise local politicians.</p>