

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 3/7/2005

TV news broadcast on DATE

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs) | TV PINK (18,00 hrs) | BHT 1 (19,00 hrs) |
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| Damaged monument suspect | Srebrenica photos in Belgrade | Live 8 concerts |
| 4 Zenica prisoners stop hunger strike | RS Delegation comes to Srebrenica | Poverty in Africa |
| Storm in North RS | Credit Debts in Commercial Banks | RS NA at Srebrenica ceremony |
| Hartman on Gotovina | Issues with water protection in BiH | Bratunac mosque reopened |

| NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs) | FTV (19,30 hrs) | RTRS (19,30 hrs) |
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| Kostunica prevented Mladic's arrest | Live 8 concerts | Another terrorist BiH citizen |
| Kosovo issue relates to BiH | New business ideas in Livno Canton | Old foreign currency savers |
| Srebrenica photos in Belgrade | Privatisation issue in Citluk | Feature on bank loans in RS |
| Srebrenica- represented in World | Sarajevo : 2323 graduates promoted | Bratunac mosque reopened |

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| Oslobodjenje | To see, to know, to remember |
| Dnevni Avaz | Provocation directed by Kacavenda! |
| Dnevni List | Girls from BiH leading when prostitution is in question |
| Vecernji List | Features Croatia related headline |

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| Nezavisne Novine | NATO expects abolishment of recruitment |
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| War crimes | |
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| IWPR warns that opening of memorial monument in Kravice is organized to move attention from ceremony in Srebrenica | FTV – The Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) warns that opening of memorial monument for Serb victims from the past war on July 12 in Kravice, 15 kilometres far from Memorial Centre in Potocari, is organized on this date only to move attention from the ceremony marking the 10 th anniversary of genocide in Srebrnica, which will be held on July 11. IWPR reports that opening of memorial monument in Kravice was originally planned for August this year. Also reported by Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash ‘Provocation directed by Kacavenda!’ and pg 4 ‘Vasilije Kacavenda prepares provocation’ <u>not signed</u> , Oslobodjenje pg 7 ‘Opening of controversial monument to Serb victims on July 12’ <u>not signed</u> . Note: Kacavenda is Zvornik-Tuzla Episcopate, who would unveil the monument in Kravice together with RS authority representatives. |
| H. Catic from Women on Srebrenica on monument to Serb victims in Kravice | Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘None can play with victims’ by <u>A. Hadzic</u> carries a reaction of President of the Association Women of Srebrenica’ Hajra Catic to the aforementioned commemoration and erection of the monument ‘to Serb victims of the civil war’ in Kravice near Bratunac. Catic says: ‘ <i>This provocation that is to take place on July 12 was devised by the Serb Orthodox Church led by Zvornik-Tuzla Episcopate Vasilije Kacavenda and the RS authority is a patron of the whole event.</i> ’ |
| Stojicic, Hafizovic and Tomljenovic at commemoration in Srebrenica | Pink – After Friday’s session of the RSNA, it was announced that on the commemoration marking the 10 th anniversary of the Srebrenica crimes on July 11 th , the RSNA will be represented by its Speaker Dusan Stojicic and his two Deputies Sefket Hafizovic and Tomislav Tomljanovic . Also reported by Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Stojicic, Hafizovic and Tomljenovic in Potocari on July 11’ <u>by news agencies</u> , Oslobodjenje pg 7 ‘Stojicic, Hafizovic and Tomljenovic in Potocari on July 11’ <u>not signed</u> . |

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| <p>Posters on Srebrenica massacre in Serbian towns</p> | <p>Pink – In the last few days Belgrade has been covered with billboard posters, with pictures of crimes in Srebrenica with message – “To see, to know, to remember”. Organizer of this exhibit is the Youth Initiative, whose Director Radovan Kupres said that 27 billboards have been placed in Belgrade and one in Novi Sad, Nis and Cacak, adding that these photos have cultural and documentary value and goal to affect the conscience of citizens, due to 10th anniversary of crimes in Srebrenica. Also covered by Oslobodjenje cover pg splash and pg 7 ‘To see, to know, to remember’ <u>not signed</u>.</p> |
| <p>Round table “Reality and future visions of Srebrenica” held</p> | <p>BHT 1 – A round table titled “Reality and future visions of Srebrenica” was organized by the Helsinki Board for Human Rights and Foundation Hainrich Boll in Srebrenica. The conclusion of the participants was that local authorities have not done enough to produce wanted results and that giving of a special economic status to Srebrenica is the only acceptable solution. Also reported by Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Special economic status for Srebrenica’ by <u>M. Kremenovic</u>.</p> |
| <p>SDP condemn all political manipulations of Srebrenica issue, welcomes US Congress Resolution</p> | <p>FTV – The SDP Main Board decided at the session on Saturday that the highest party’s delegation will attend the commemoration in Srebrenica on July 11. SDP condemned all political manipulation of the Srebrenica issue, committed by nationalistic and retrograded political forces in BiH. SDP also welcomed the Resolution of the US Congress regarding Srebrenica and called on re-affirming the initiative that July 11 be declared the world day of memory of the Srebrenica genocide victims. Also reported by Neazvisne Novine pg 2 ‘Decision of US Congress welcomed’ by <u>D.B.</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 7 ‘Clear message of US Congress’ <u>not signed</u>.</p> |

**Face To Face-
Moranjkc vs.
Blagojevic on
Resolution on
Srebrenica**

Hayat – by S. Hadzifejzovic– BOSS representative in the BiH Parliament, **Muhamed Moranjkc** submitted the Resolution which condemns genocide in Srebrenica and which was identical to the Resolution passed by the US Senate and which was rejected by Serb representatives. The reporter invited Moranjkc and **Mirko Blagojevic**– Representative of (SRS) Serb Radical Party- Vojislav Seselj to explain their reasons.

Moranjkic explained that his Resolution was identical to the Senate's one, because they wanted to prevent appearing of dilemmas and manipulations from the people who would like to obstruct the passing of this Resolution. Moranjkic said that his party wanted this Resolution to be submitted by the BiH Presidency, but they haven't done anything, which his party saw as the lack of the agreement among them. Moranjkic said that main reason why this Resolution was rejected by Serb representatives, is mentioning of genocide and involvement of the RS and Serbian institutions in it.

In several occasions Moranjkic said that he knows that Blagojevic's soul is not on the same page as the programme of his party, stressing that SRS was involved into genocide through RS Institutions.

Blagojevic said that this Resolution was rejected because some parts of its text were unacceptable, stressing that it is pitiful why this Resolution was not passed, but that Serb representatives should have been involved in drafting of the text. Blagojevic, in several occasions, repeated that his party was the first one to condemn this crime and first one that has pointed to Ljubomir Beara as a responsible one, adding that it is pitiful that a man like Erdemovic has served just 2, 5 years for hundreds of murders.

Blagojevic stressed that the main goal of this Resolution should be to give lifetime satisfaction to Mothers of Srebrenica and to lead towards reconciliation, stressing that he fears that all this could be just the political game and that Mothers of Srebrenica will be forgotten after the election campaign and July 11th pass.

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| <p>Report on preparation of ceremony marking 10th anniversary of genocide in Srebrenica</p> | <p>FTV – Salih Brkic –The Srebrenica Identification Program in Tuzla identified another 580 exhumed victims. Public company from Visoko is already preparing the graves. With new burials, number of victims buried down in Potocari will grow to 1936. Srebrenica Mayor, Abdurahman Malkic, says that around 260 busses with people that will attend commemoration are expected to come. It is expected that about 50.000 people will be in Potocari on July 11. At the commemoration day, exhumations will continue in one out of about 30 mass graves in the Srebrenica area.</p> |
| <p>Kostunica prevented arrest of Mladic</p> | <p>Hayat – “Blic” published that Goran Petrovic, former Chief of the State Security, stated that in 2001 when he was the President of the former Social Republic Yugoslavia, Vojislav Kostunica prevented late Prime-Minister Zoran Djindjic to arrest Ratko Mladic. Petrovic explained that Mladic’s location was determined, his moves and conversations monitored and this information was submitted to Minister Mihajlovic and PM Djindjic, after which Djindjic went to see Kostunica, who told him: “Do not touch that, do not interfere”.</p> |
| <p>Reconstructed mosque opened in Bratunac/ Reis Ceric: Mosque should attract love and not hatred</p> | <p>BHT 1 – A reconstructed city mosque was opened on Saturday in Bratunac in presence of Reisu-l-ulema Mustafa Effendi Ceric and about 1000 believers, mostly returnees to Bratunac. Reis Ceric used this opportunity to call on gathered people not to forget what happened 13 years ago and added that the mosque should attract love and not hatred. <i>“We call on them (?) to change hatred in their hearts with love, and they will receive love in return,”</i> said Ceric. The mosque was reconstructed with funds provided by the Iranian Government, FBiH Government and other donors. Also reported by FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 9 ‘New mosque on old grounds’ by S. Smajlovic, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘Ceremonious opening of Carsijska mosque in Bratunac’, mentioned on cover ‘Carsijska mosque opened’ by E. Huremovic.</p> |

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| <p>US to extradite P. Radic charged with war crime</p> | <p>Vecernji List pg 2 'Extradition of Pero Radic from USA has been expected' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'USA will extradite Pero Rdaic charged with war crime' <u>by news agencies</u> – President of the Cantonal Court in Livno Nedim Begic stated that the procedure for extradition of Pero Radic from the USA has been underway. Radic has bee charged with a war crime committed in 1992 in the Livno area. An international arrest warrant has been issued against Radic.</p> |
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| Reforms /political issues/Security | |
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| <p>Radovanovic on defence reform</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pgs 8 and 9 'NATO expects abolishment of recruitment' <u>by M. Cubro</u> carries an interview with BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic who says that in case that the Parliaments support the solutions of the Defence Reform Commission (DRC), entity Ministries would be abolished by the end of the year. Radovanovic announced that the DRC would propose a set of laws for the end of the defence reform, which might imply abolishment of recruitment.</p> <p>Radovanovic also said that the High Representative stated that July 1 is the day by which the Parliaments were supposed to adopt the laws, which would define the structure of armed forces. Radovanovic said that this deadline was not met, however the Commission is in the final phase of harmonizing this solution and their intention is that they sign the report on July 18 and submit it to the HR.</p> |

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| <p>Chairman of Coord. Board for Kosovo N. Covic on relation btwn Kosovo issue and BiH</p> | <p>Hayat – Chairman of the Coordinating Board for Kosovo, Nebojsa Covic has stated that the process of Kosovo's status will not be opened until the issue of BiH centralization is finished, whose final phase should start at the end of this year.</p> |
| <p>DA: Dragan Doko to remain in CoM</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Dragan Doko remains in BiH CoM?' by <u>F. Vele</u> – According to the source close to the HDZ leadership, most probably, BiH Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations Dragan Doko will not abandon his current position. The source added that, obviously, some changes took place when thinking of HDZ leaders and Doko himself is in question. The source believes that announcements of Doko's departure were a sort of strategy that serves the party's interests. DA also says that their sources close to the HDZ Main Board believe that FBiH Minister of Agriculture Marinko Bozic and BiH Minister of Finances Ljerka Maric might leave the authority.</p> |

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| <p>RTRS on members of Al Qaeda who have BH citizenship</p> | <p>RTRS – <u>by Branka Kusmuk</u> – The BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs confirmed that Zaid Sad Al Shamari (SP) another member of Al Qaeda has a BiH citizenship. Zijada Djapo from the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs confirmed that this Ministry is carrying out an investigation on how he got the BiH citizenship as well as Junuz Muhamed Al-Hajari alleged leader of Al Qaeda in Saudi Arabia. Djapo stated that new details can be expected by Monday. Authorities of Saudi Arabia stressed that these 2 men are not ordinary criminals and offered a reward for any information that could lead to their arrest. Zoran Tesanovic BIH Deputy Minister of Civil Affairs stated that he is trying to move this issue from a dead point so the commission could revoke citizenship to those who got it illegally. Reporter comments that they tried to get information from the BiH Justice Ministry on other possible terrorists with the BiH citizenship as well as whether this Ministry will carry out an investigation but no one was available for comment.</p> |
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| <p>Decertified policemen demand audit of their certification</p> | <p>Dnevni List pg 4 'Protest in Sarajevo announced' by <u>N. Bise</u> – Members of the Association of decertified policemen from both entities announced that they would start with the hunger strike if the audit of their certification, carried out 3 years ago by IPTF, does not take place. They also did not exclude the possibility of their protest in front of the BiH Parliament and BiH Council of Ministers if their demand was not met.</p> |
| <p>DA op-ed on const. changes</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Fruitless stories about change of Constitution' by <u>H. Orahovac</u> carries an editorial on the issue of constitutional changes and the author concludes: <i>'Numerous talks about constitutional changes will not be giving results as long as Serb representatives are against the changes.'</i></p> |

Economy

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| <p>FBiH Association of Invalids to organize protests because of FBiH Government's decision</p> | <p>Dnevni List pg 2 'We shall pull down Government and create social rebellion', mentioned on cover 'We shall pull down Government' by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – The decision passed by the Federation of BiH Government that out of all amendments submitted to the law on welfare protection, protection of civilian war victims and families with children adopts only one amendment (on the ground of which application of the aforementioned law would start as of January next year) caused harsh reactions of the FBiH Association of Invalids. President of the Association Zijad Arapcic stated: <i>'We are planning to make such evil that this country has not seen yet and it will contribute to certain fall of the Government. None will be able to stop us.'</i></p> |
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| <p>Face To Face – Bakic vs. Banjanovic (on farmers' protest)</p> | <p>Hayat – <u>By S. Hadzifejzovic</u>– Since the BiH Association of Farmers is still protesting and that Fadil Banjanovic- Bracika, representative in RS Council of Peoples issued a harsh public statement regarding the Chairman of the Association, Ranko Bakic, the reporter made an interview with both of them. Banjanovic accused Bakic to work for the companies (including “Lijanovici”) which are trying to ruin the state, and break down the Government, stressing that he is not even a BiH citizen and has no property in BiH and only abuses the people which he represents for his personal financial gain. Banjanovic also accused them to do all of this, just to obstruct the marking of genocide in Srebrenica, stressing that all of this could have been done after July 11th. Bakic accused Banjanovic for being a thief, whose office has changed direction of many donations, aimed for returnees, stressing that he and his mentor, Zlatko Lagumdzija are trying to ruin the farmers.</p> <p>NOTE: These mentioned accusations are the most polite things they have said, being that some of them were based on national, moral and other grounds.</p> |
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**R. Jelcic
filed lawsuit
against BiH in
European Court
in Strasburg
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of Court
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regarding her
old foreign
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savings**

RTRS – Report by Sinisa Mihailovic – **Ruza Jelcic** filed a lawsuit against BiH before the European Court in Strasburg for non-implementation of the Court decision regarding her old foreign currency savings. BiH Attorney **Fikreta Ibrahimovic** based her defence on the fact that BiH is a poor country and that it is not able to handle the burden of returning old foreign currency savings. She also stated that BiH citizens who have saving certificates can buy out apartments and factories with those certificates. **Svetozar Nisic** from the Association of BiH old foreign currency savers stated that Ibrahimovic submitted several incorrect information to the Court. The Court will give its final opinion within a month. The reporter comments that this case has created a problem since it is being divided between one party and one association. **Cedo Grbic** from Old Foreign Currency Savers Party stated that certain “hunters” on old foreign currency savings are trying to break the unity of old foreign currency savers through certain people like Nisic. Nisic denies these allegations and says that they have 15 branches of their Association. Grbic feels that the Court in Strasburg is not the solution for the problems of the savers. Reporter concludes that the ruling of the court might indeed bring new problems for BiH authorities. **Nezavisne Novine** pgs 20 and 21 ‘Woman from Banja Luka waits for verdict of European Court on return of old foreign currency saving’ by N. Moraca also reports on the issue.

Miscellaneous

DL on BiH girls victims of human trafficking

Dnevni List cover pg splash and pgs 24 and 25 'Girls from BiH leading when prostitution is in question' not signed carries **Mara Radovanovic** from safe house 'Lara' who says that the number of girls from BiH who are victims of human trafficking is increasing.

M. Galic admitted that he damaged monument to Croat soldiers in Bos. Grahovo

Vecernji List pg 2 'Intimidations and attacks' by M. Relota carries that **Milan Galic** from Bosansko Grahovo admitted that he damaged the monument to Croat soldiers in Bosansko Grahovo a few days ago. Galic said that he was drunk when he did it. Members of police station Drvar submitted to the Prosecution a report against Galic. **RHB** carries a similar report.