

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 3/9/2005

TV news broadcast on September 2, 2005

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs) | TV PINK (18,00 hrs) | BHT 1 (19,00 hrs) |
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| Stankovic case transferred to BiH | Samardzic's case transferred | Stankovic case transferred to BiH |
| Samardzic case to BiH Prosecution | Stankovic's case transferred to BiH | Nedjo Samardzic's trial in BiH Court |
| Lukic to be extradited to ICTY | Judge in Covic's case appointed | ICTY on Zelenovic extradition |
| ICTY welcomes Zelenovic's arrest | EU MoFA on RS NA's decision | BiH/Croatia legal property issues |

| NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs) | FTV (19,30 hrs) | RTRS (19,30 hrs) |
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| Stankovic's case transferred to BiH | Report on ethics in education | EU on RS NA army reform decision |
| ICTY welcomes Zelenovic's arrest | Unions on bread price increase | BiH/Croatia legal property issues |
| Lukic to be extradited to the ICTY | New increase of petrol prices in BiH | Stanisic temporary in RS |
| Holland on Srebrenica genocide | Lozancic accepts resignations | Lukic to be extradited to ICTY |

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| Oslobodjenje | SDA is preparing Kebo to become state Prime Minister |
| Dnevni Avaz | Fuel prices are skyrocketing |
| Dnevni List | Return of football club 'Velez' to stadium 'Pod Bijelim brijegom' made actualized |

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| Vecernji List | BiH will be exporting fish to EU |
| Nezavisne Novine | BiH authorities have not taken any measures against avian flue |

| War crimes | |
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| ICTY decided to transfer Stankovic case to BiH judiciary | <p>RHB, TV Pink, BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Stankovic is first one that ICTY cedes to BiH Court', mentioned on cover 'The Hague cedes Stankovic to BiH Court' <u>not signed</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Radovan Stankovic's case returns to BiH' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Stankovic will stand trial in Sarajevo' <u>not signed</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 'Stankovic will stand trial in BiH' not signed, Vecernji List pg 2 'First The Hague indictee comes before BiH Court' <u>by eme</u> – The BiH Court confirmed that the ICTY has decided to transfer the case against Bosnian Serb Radovan Stankovic to the BiH judiciary. Stankovic is charged with war crimes committed in the Foca area. This is the first decision on transferring a case from the ICTY to the BiH Court.</p> |

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| <p>N. Samardzic to stand trial before BiH Court</p> | <p>RHB, TV Pink, BHT 1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'State Prosecution takes over Nedjo Samardzic case' <u>by A.M., Oslobodjenje</u> pg 2, mentioned on cover 'BiH Court took over case 'Nedjo Samardzic' ' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'N. Samardzic under competence of BiH Prosecution' <u>by A.D., Dnevni List</u> pg 7 'BiH Court took over 'Nedjo Samardzic' case' <u>not signed</u> – The War Crimes Chamber of the BiH Court has issued the decision on transferring the case against Nedjo Samardzic, charged with war crimes against civilians in the Foca area, to the BiH Prosecutor's Office from the County Court in Trebinje. After new evidences were found, the case was qualified as a very sensitive and it was decided to process the case before the BiH Court.</p> |
| <p>ICTY: Preparations for Zelenovic's arrest in progress</p> | <p>RHB, NTV Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'ICTY demands Zelenovic from Russia' <u>not signed</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'The Hague demands Zelenovic's extradition' <u>not signed</u> – ICTY welcomes the report on arrest of Dragan Zelenovic. It also sent a request to Russian authorities for a fast extradition. BHT 1 – The ICTY confirmed that arrangements with Russian authorities on extradition of the ICTY indictee Dragan Zelenovic are in progress.</p> |

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| <p>Lukic to be extradited to ICTY</p> | <p>RHB, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Argentina will extradite Milan Lukic to The Hague' <u>not signed</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Lukic will be extradited to The Hague' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne novine pg 4 'Milan Lukic goes directly to The Hague' <u>by D.R.</u> – Argentinean authorities are going to extradite war crime indictee Milan Lukic to the ICTY, not Belgrade. This information was given by a representative of the Argentinean court.</p> |
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| <p>Political issues</p> |
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Lozancic on Prce's
pardon

RHB, TV Pink, BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'I am sorry that I did not reduce sentence to Prce more radically' by H. Orahovac, **Oslobodjenje** pgs 4 and 5, mentioned on cover 'I am sorry that we did not reduce Prce's sentence even more' by Az. Kalamujic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5, mentioned on cover 'I am sorry that we did not reduce Prce's sentence even more' by R. Cengic, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Lozancic: I am sorry that we did not reduce Prce's sentence even more' by dja, **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Lozancic called Ashdown and McNair vultures' by N. Bise –

FBiH President **Niko Lozancic** stated on Friday that his decision on granting pardon to **Miroslav Prce**, former FBiH Defence Minister, is legally and constitutionally grounded. He added that this decision was an act of mercy and it has nothing to do with Prce's political, national or any other orientation. Lozancic underlines that he issued several decisions on granting pardon in the past period, only the one in relation to Prce attracted attention of public and many *"defendants of moral, legal and all other principles, often promoted without arguments"*. He also mentioned Head of the Office for Corruption and Organized Crime within BiH Prosecution, **John McNair**, as the one who reached bargain with Prce on 5 instead of 15 years in prison, however, according to Lozancic none paid attention to that. In relation to the OHR and the High Representative **Paddy Ashdown**, Lozancic says that Ashdown cannot stand easily when someone has a different opinion from his own. *"I know that they are conceited and vengeful, and I know that I can expect a new campaign against my next possible decisions on any issue..."* said Lozancic. He added: *"I claim that the medical reports, on the ground of which I have decided to pardon Prce, are absolutely valid... I have to say that after the 'mess' which has been caused, I am sorry for not having Prce's sentence more radically reduced."*

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| <p>OHR on Lozancic's stand on Prce's pardon</p> | <p>FTV – The OHR commented that Niko Lozancic has a right on his own opinion and that the fact is that existing law allows granting of pardon without any explanations. Still, 48 out of 225 requests for pardon were approved this year in the RS, while 94 requests were approved in the FBiH out of 298, which were filed. The OHR pointed out that this is not about granting pardon to Prce, but it is about the system that allows making of such decisions without control and which has to be reviewed.</p> |
| <p>Lozancic accepted Lucic and Nadarevic's resignations/Hadzipasic: I wish that Lucic and Nadarevic stay</p> | <p>RHB, TV Pink, BHT 1, NTV Hayat, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'Niko Lozancic appointed Crnkic and Mandic as Ministers' by <u>M. Kukan</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Zahid Crnkovic and Vjekoslav Mandic new Ministers' by <u>Az.K.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Lozancic appointed new Ministers' <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List pg 2 'V. Mandic and Z. Crnkic new FBiH Ministers' by <u>dja</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'Lucic and Nadarevic's resignations accepted' <u>not signed</u> – FBiH President Niko Lozancic signed on Friday decisions on accepting the resignations, submitted by FBiH Minister of Health Tomo Lucic and FBiH Minister for Issues of War Veterans Ibrahim Nadarevic and on appointing of Vjekoslav Mandic and Zahid Crnkic respectively to these positions. "After having consulted with the FBiH Vice President, Prime Minister and his deputies, I have accepted the resignations and decided to appoint two new Ministers", said Lozancic. Nominations have to be confirmed by the FBiH Vice Presidents and FBiH House of Representatives. DA inset 'Hadzipasic: I want Nadarevic and Lucic to stay' carries FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic as saying: 'Personally, I wish that Naradevic and Lucic stay in the FBiH Government. I do not participate in the procedure of decision-making on resignations, however, the Ministers are being appointed at the Prime Minister's proposal and I have not been involved in this process in any way yet.'</p> |

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| <p>Lozancic against Law on inspections in FBiH</p> | <p>NTV Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Without signature on Law on inspections' <u>not signed</u> – At the press conference, held on Friday, FBiH President Niko Lozancic stated that he rejected to sign a decree on declaration of the law on inspections in FBiH, by saying that the law had not been brought in line with the constitutional procedure. Namely, the law has been adopted by both Houses but with different texts.</p> |
| <p>RS Gov. disagrees with proposal of agreement on legal/property issues btwn BiH and Croatia</p> | <p>RHB, TV Pink, BHT 1, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'They refused agreement on property relations between BiH and Croatia' <u>not signed</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 5, mentioned on cover 'Proposla of agreement between BiH AND Croatia rejected' by <u>O. Vukovic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'RS Government against 70 % things from agreement between BiH and Croatia' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – The RS Government decided that it cannot agree with conclusions from the agreement on legal-property issues between BiH and Croatia. The RS Government believes that the agreement in the current form needs to be amended in the interest of the RS and BiH. RS Justice Minister Dzerard Selman stated that objections of the RS Government refer on over 70% things in the agreement.</p> |
| <p>DA: Dutch Amb. with NATO might be 3rd candidate for HR's position</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Ambassador Pattiyn candidate for HR' by <u>S. N.</u> – DA learns that Dutch Ambassador with NATO Michiel Patijn might be a third candidate for a position of the High Representative in BiH. DA also says that his name was supposed to be formally confirmed to the diplomats in the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board on Friday.</p> |

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| State Ministry of Agriculture must be established next year | <p>BHT 1- by <u>S. Lisica</u> – Goran Perkovic, RS Minister of Agriculture said that the RS does not support establishing of the State Ministry or creating laws in the agriculture sector at the state level. BHT 1 says that the department for agriculture is established, within the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, where just three persons are employed. As for technical assistance, the EC approved 1 million KM to this department.</p> <p><i>“Entities’ authorities must transfer capacity to the state level as soon as possible. If this don’t happen and the BiH Ministry is not established by September next year, BiH will lose support of the EC and advantages for this sector.”</i> Kjartan Bjorson (SP), EC representative stated.</p> |
| ‘Dom’ to hold protest in front of FBiH Parliament on Tuesday | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 ‘Association ‘Dom’ announced protest just in case’ by <u>S.S.</u>, Dnevni List pg 4 ‘Protests of ‘Dom’ association announced’ <u>not signed</u> – The Association of tenancy right holders over nationalized and private flats ‘Dom’ announced a peaceful protest that is to take place on Tuesday in front of the FBiH Parliament when the FBiH Parliament is supposed to discuss a change to the law which would make possible purchase of the nationalized flats.</p> |
| SBiH Councillors in MCA criticize situation in Mostar | <p>Dnevni List cover pg splash and pg 12 ‘Return of football club ‘Velez’ to stadium ‘Pod Bijelim brijegom’ made actualized’ by <u>S. Bjelica</u> – Councillors of the SBiH in the Mostar City Council harshly criticized the Mostar City Administration and Mayor Ljubo Beslic for non-implementation of the Mostar Statute. They also believe that Beslic and Head of the OHR’s Mostar Implementation Unit Richard Williams are responsible for such situation. They also talked about the return of football club ‘Velez’ to the stadium ‘Pod Bijelim brijegom’.</p> |

Reforms

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| <p>Osl.: Kebo to replace Terzic if police reform fails</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje cover pg splash 'SDA is preparing Kebo to become state Prime Minister' and pg 3 'After police reform failure Mirsad Kebo will replace Terzic' by <u>S. Kurtovic</u> learns that if the negotiations on the police reform fail Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers Adnan Terzic will resign and SDA would like to see current BiH Minister of Human Rights and Refugees Mirsad Kebo at his position. The Osl. source says that Terzic's removal will take place even if Terzic was against it. People from SDA claim that Terzic will even try to present a failure as a success and that he will try to preserve his position in all possible ways. DA inset 'I will not submit resignation' carries Terzic as saying that he is not intending to submit the resignation even if the police reform talks fail since he has given his best to make these talks successful.</p> |
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| <p>RS representatives do not give up RSNA conclusions on police reform</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Bukejlovic does not give up RSNA conclusions', mentioned on cover 'Bukejlovic did not even mention maps' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – DA source, who is one of the participants of the police reform meeting that was held on Bijelasnica two days ago, says that after this meeting it is clear that RS officials do not give up at all the RSNA conclusions from May 31, 2005 when Martens' concept of the police reform was rejected. The source added that even those who are not well familiar with this issue can notice that the proposal of RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic envisages strong inter-entity lines when the police maps are in question.</p> |
| <p>VL on police reform: Russia , France , US agst destruction of RS</p> | <p>Vecernji List pg 2 'Martens is not coming to BiH' by <u>zk</u> – Chairman of the Police Reform Commission Wilfred Martens will not visit BiH on Saturday (today), as it was announced, after the last failed talks on the police reform on Bjelasnica. VL also says that HR Paddy Ashdown himself is also in a very delicate situation since, Russia , USA and France as members of the Peace Implementation Council do not want to support destruction of the RS which would happen if the authority over police was taken away.</p> |
| <p>DL: New negotiations on police on Wednesday</p> | <p>Dnevni List pg 2 'New negotiations on police on Wednesday' by <u>N. Bise</u> carries that negotiations on police reform will continue in Sarajevo on Wednesday.</p> |

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| <p>NN: Proposal of BiH CoM acceptable to EC</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Proposal of BiH CoM acceptable to EC' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – A participant of the police reform talks on Bjelasnica stated: <i>'EC representatives went through the proposals prepared by the BiH CoM and the RS Government. The proposal of the BiH CoM is acceptable, however, this is not the case with the RS Government's proposal. '</i></p> |
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| <p>Incident during Tuzla Canton Assembly discussion on relocating police centre from Tuzla to Bijeljina</p> | <p>BHT 1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'Harsh conflict because of reaction after mentioning war crimes in Bijeljina' by <u>E. Huremovic</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 7 'New excess of BOSS representative Azra Avdic' by <u>A. Avdic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Representatives came in conflict' by <u>J. Sarac</u>, Vecernji List pg 3 'Representative offended Vice President' by <u>mpe</u>— Following a verbal attack against Tuzla Canton Assembly deputy speaker Spomenka Micic by delegate from the BOSS party Azra Avdic, the Assembly session was adjourned. During a discussion on the Resolution on rejection of relocation of the regional police centre from Tuzla to Bijeljina, BOSS representative Muamer Dedic reiterated that atrocities were committed by Serb military forces in Bijeljina during the aggression on BiH. Avdic than stated that Micic reacted to these statements by rolling her eye, after which Micic left the session. During the recess, requested by the SDA and SDP, a session of the Assembly Collegiums was held, during which Avdic's statement was condemned. The Collegiums also adjourned the session and decided to inform the BiH Electoral Commission and international organizations of the incident.</p> |
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| <p>EU Foreign Affairs Ministers feel that the latest decision of RS National Assembly on army reform is positive</p> | <p>TV Pink, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'RSNA decision positively judged' by <u>news agencies</u> – Spokesperson of EU High Representative for Foreign Policy and Security Javier Solana, Kristina Galjak, stated that EU Foreign Affairs Ministers feel that the latest decision of the RS National Assembly on the defence reform is a positive one. She added that this decision is important in the context of the BiH European integration.</p> |
| <p>Serb Caucus in RS Council of Peoples on defence reform next week</p> | <p>RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Decision on transferring of competence next week' <u>not signed</u> – The Serb Caucus in the RS Council of Peoples has not made a decision whether the decision to transfer of defence authorities to the state level is endangering the Serb vital national interest. Decision on that issue will be made next week.</p> |

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| SNSD on defence reform | <p>RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'SNSD will demand demilitarization in state Parliament' <u>not signed</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Demilitarization vitally important for BiH' <u>not signed</u>, Dnevni List pg 6 'SNSD does not give up demilitarization' <u>not signed</u> – SNSD will ask for protection of vital national interest in BiH House of Peoples if their amendments to the BiH defence law were not adopted. SNSD among other issues will demand demilitarisation of BiH. RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Law on defence by end of September' <u>not signed</u> – SNSD deputy in the BiH House of Representatives Milorad Zivkovic announced that the law on BiH defence might be adopted by the end of September.</p> |
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| <p>BiH should get Law on PBS by mid September/On payment of RTV subscription</p> | <p>BHT 1 – <u>by M. Boskovic</u> – BiH should get a final Law on Public Broadcasting System (PBS) by mid September, when the BiH House of Peoples (HoP) should vote on it. According to the leading political parties, the Law will be adopted at the session on September 15th along with over-voting HDZ delegates. <i>“Knowing the Constitutional Court judgment, it is realistic to expect that we will adopt the Law in mid September, which is good. BiH needs this Law.”</i>Tomislav Limov, President of PBS legal constitution Commission, stated. <i>“You know that Constitutional Court had made decisions that failed in Strasbourg. We will use this instance and then we will see what happens”</i> Anto Spajic, HDZ delegate in BiH HoP stated. The FBiH Government must discuss the BiH Telecom’s request for cancelling theContract on collection of RTV tax through phone bills.<i>“I think that RTV tax payment through BH Telecom bills is not the best solution. If we privatize Telecom operators, will it survive?,”</i> Nedžad Brankovic, FBiH Minister of Traffic and Communication stated. BiH Council of Ministers excludes possibility of the contract cancelling. The Law on PBS clearly defines that in next 5 years operators of Telecom are collecting RTV tax. <i>“If implementation of the law starts, this will be an additional obligation to the Telecoms. I expect that they will increase provision on tax payment.”</i> Branko Dokic, BiH Minister of Communications and Transport stated.</p> |
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Judicial issues

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| Judge Gabelein appointed in case 'Covic and others' | <p>TV Pink, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 2 'Chairman of Panel of Judges in case 'Covic and others' appointed' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Date when trial against Covic will start is not known' <u>by A.D.</u>, Vecernji List pg 3 'Gabelein instead of <u>Garlic</u>' by <u>dja,zk</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'American will be in charge of trial against Covic and others' <u>not signed</u>– The BiH Court President, Meddzida Kreso, appointed judge Richard Gabelein from the US as the new judge presiding in the 'Dragan Covic and others' case.</p> |
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Miscellaneous

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| Fuel prices to go up in BiH | <p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Fuel prices are skyrocketing' and pg 7 'Fuel prices from 2,05 to 2,28 KM per litre, diesel 1,94 KM per litre!' <u>by E.P.</u> announces a new increase of fuel prices in whole BiH as of Monday.</p> |
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