

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 4/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 4 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
3 rd meeting on crisis in BiH CoM	Jankovic: Mladic before justice soon	Bosna river flooding
Montenegrin authorities on Karadzic	Albanian Elections	BiH Presidency in meetings
Elections inAlbania	Pope calls on poverty reduction	Ashdown on Terzic

TV news broadcast on 3 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
CoM on VAT implementation	Floods in BiH	Al Hajari killed in Riad
CoM crisis meeting on Monday	BBC: Karadzic hiding in Montenegro	Spriric on granting BiH citizenship
Floods in Tuzla and Zenica	BBC: Karadzic hiding in Montenegro	BBC: Karadzic hiding in Montenegro
Meningitis spreads in Banja Luka	Radovanovic on Entities' MoDs	Floods in Tuzla and Doboj regions

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Floods in BiH	Floods in Zenica-Doboj Canton	Kozara battle anniversary
ICTY trials update	Floods in Central BosniaCanton	Radovanovic on defence reform

USA to extradite Radic	Floods in TuzlaCanton	Al Hayari killed
BBC: Karadzic hiding in Montenegro	Construction of Corridor Vc	Spiric on current issues

Oslobodjenje	Karadzic ordered setting up Greek flag in Srebrenica
Dnevni Avaz	[Ashdown:] Terzic is the best prime minister to date
Dnevni List	Savers prepared to take money by force (old foreign currency savers)
Vecernji List	Two thirds of citizens do not believe in reconciliation (opinion poll)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Nezavisne Novine	Floods in Srebrenik and Kakanj
Glas Srpske	Money to Peric, debt to people
EuroBlic	Free summer vacation every day
Vecernje novosti	Independence without calculations (SiCG)
Srpski Nacional	Bulatovic does not know who is tapping on Kostunica (SiCG)

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
Mtg on CoM crisis today	RTRS – Talks on filling of positions at the BiH CoM are expected to resume at 16:00 hrs at BiH Presidency today. BiH Presidency announced that leaders of five political parties, holding majority at BiH Parliament, are expected to attend the meeting.

<p>Kostunica's advisor: Mladic will be brought before justice soon undoubtedly</p>	<p>BH Radio 1 – Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Serbian Prime Minister, Vladeta Jankovic, stated that there is no doubt that Ratko Mladic will be brought before the justice soon. He added if the SCG army was offering protection Mladic it was not upon order, and it also did not necessarily mean that the President knew about it. He also commented Boris Tadic's attendance at the 11 July Srebrenica commemoration as being positive for Serbia.</p>
<p>SDHR Ney in Banja Luka</p>	<p>RHB – SDHR, Martin Ney, is visiting Banja Luka today. Ney will hold an extensive series of meetings with political and religious leaders to discuss current political and social situation in the RS and the status of crucial reforms in BiH.</p>

War crimes / Srebrenica commemoration

<p>BBC: Karadzic hiding in Monenegro near Niksic</p>	<p>PINK, FTV, BHT1, RTRS, Hayat, Oslobođenje pg 4 'Karadzic hides near Niksic', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Criminal Karadzic is hiding in Montenegro', mentioned on cover, Nacional pg 3 'Karadzic is hiding in hills around Niksic', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Montenegrins claim Karadzic is not in Montenegro', EuroBlic pg 3 'Karadzic is hiding in Niksic?', Glas Srpske pg 2 'Karadzic is not here', Vecernji List, pg 21 'Karadzic is hiding in mountains around Niksic', by <u>Marina Seric</u> – BBC reported on Saturday that they have been told by the international security agencies that Radovan Karadzic is hiding in Montenegro, and that peacekeeping troops in BiH cannot take action as their jurisdiction does not cover the region. Speaking on condition of anonymity, sources close to the investigation have told BBC Radio Four that Karadzic is believed to be in a remote part of North-West Montenegro. They say they have reliable intelligence that he is living not far from the town of Niksic, where he grew up. BBC noted that this was the first time such definitive information on his location has emerged.</p> <p><i>"The area is mountainous and sparsely populated and has a tradition of hardline Serb nationalism. Separate security sources have told the BBC that Karadzic is no longer living in Bosnia,"</i> reports BBC.</p>
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**Montenegrin
police denies
BBC report**

FTV, PINK – Montenegro Agency for National Security has denied all claims by BBC, marking them as absolutely inaccurate and frivolous. **BHT 1** carries the Chief of Public Security Centre in Niksic, **Dusko Koprivica** as stating that Police doesn't have the information that Karadzic is hiding near Niksic. **RTRS** – Security Advisor to Montenegrin President **Vuk Boskovic** also claims Karadzic is not in Montenegro. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'If we obtain credible information, we will arrest him' by Tanjug – The Serbian news agency reports that the Public Security Centre in Niksic states that if they would obtain any credible information on **Radovan Karadzic** hiding near Niksic they would immediately intervene and arrest him. The police added that they were taken by the BBC claims, adding that they have no information that would confirm the report.

<p>RS MoI's Pejic: 'If we knew were was Karadzic, we would arrest him'</p>	<p>PINK, Oslobođenje pg 4 'If we knew were was he, we would arrest him', Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'We exchange information with Serbia and Montenegro' by <u>Fena</u> Spokesperson of RS Police Director, Radovan Pejic told for FENA news agency that RS Interior Ministry would undertake apprehension of Radovan Karadzic if he was located at the RS territory. He added that if RS MoI was to obtain the accurate information about his whereabouts in BiH, it would immediately exchange it with the authorized services and the international forces. Pejic, who said he could not comment to the BBC claims of Karadzic hiding in Montenegro, stressed RS MoI has good cooperation with SCG police adding they regularly exchange information.</p>
<p>Luka Karadzic: The entire Karadzic family is being under oppression</p>	<p>Nacional pg 3 'This is oppression against entire Karadzic family', announced on cover 'The entire Karadzic family is being under oppression' by <u>U.Mrdic</u> – Speaking about the most recent searches of family houses of Karadzic's by Serbian and Montenegrin police forces, Luka Karadzic notes this is an oppression against the entire family, reiterating his brother will not surrender. Daily also carries statement of those familiarised with police actions that a part of police top leadership is embittered over the actions, especially because of the fact that special police maltreated honourable family, that is not charged with any crime.</p>

**Ljajic:
'Chances to
arrest Mladic
by 11 July
are minimal'**

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Chances to arrest Mladic by 11 July are minimal', mentioned on cover, by S. Turcalo – **Rasim Ljajic**, SCG Minister for Human Rights and Minorities, commented to the setting up the posters with photos with images of Srebrenica in Belgrade stating that it is important to mark the anniversary however added *"for the real results we need state action"*. Ljajic, who is also the head of National Council for cooperation with the ICTY, said that for this reason the Council would soon carry out the action [publishing a book on the ICTY and war crimes trials processed in SCG] to inform the public in SCG of crimes committed. Commenting the rejection of the Serbian parliament to adopt the resolution on Srebrenica, Ljajic said: *"The failure to adopt it was seen by the large part of the international community as lack of readiness from Serbia to face the past."* Minister also denied all information published on negotiation surrender with **Ratko Mladic**. *"Chances to arrest Ratko Mladic by commemoration for Srebrenica victims on 11 July are minimal. We are doing everything to locate him... If there was dilemma as to whether there is readiness to arrest him, there is none now. We are absolutely ready to arrest him,"* said Ljajic.

VN interview
with Labus:
Mladic be
brought to
justice

Vecernje Novosti pg 2, announced on cover
'No other option, Solana again' by Tanja
Markotic – In a lengthy interview to
daily, **Mirosljub Labus**, Serbian Vice
Premier, speaks about delay in scheduling
referendum in Mongenegro, **Ratko Mladic**,
Srebrenica, inflation in SiCG. On Mladic,
he reiterates Mladic is to be brought to
justice, stressing Serbian Government
would arrest him the moment it knows
whether he is in the country or not. On
Srebrenica, he notes that *"we, as
Government must condemn crimes in
Srebrenica; we must condemn any crime,
which is what we can do at the moment.
Unfortunately, Parliament failed to find
enough strength to give stance on such a
Resolution, and it would have been the
best if Parliament was the institution to
do it."*

<p>Ashdown on Srebrenica commemoration</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 5 'Terzic is the best prime minister to date' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – Inset 'Message for manifestation in Srebrenica' carries the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, as commenting to the commemoration even in Srebrenica on 11 July: <i>"A number of world's leaders will arrive, including Presidents [Boris] Tadic and [Dragan] Cavic. That is very important, even though it is clear that feelings are mixed. But, this is arrival of statesmen upon an invitation of statesmen and they should be treated as such. And I am sure it will be like that... Now, we are to pay respect to the victims... and to clearly send message that crime like this must never happen again."</i></p>
<p>Works on Memorial for Serb victims in Kravice sped up</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Monument to Serb fighters for crimes committed', mentioned on cover, by <u>S. Smajlovic</u> – Following an announcement that Serb Orthodox Church will open the Memorial Centre for Serb victims in Kravice near Bratunac [only 15 km from Potocari Memorial and about 200 meters away from hall in Kravica in which about 1500 Srebrenica men were killed in 1995], daily visited the village. It reports that the works on Memorial are being sped up.</p>

<p>Serb Orthodox Church invites Tadic to attend Bratunac requiem to Bratunac victims</p>	<p>Nacional pg 4 'SPC invites Tadic to come to Bratunac' by <u>A.M.</u> – The Eparchy of Zvornik Tuzla Region has invited Boris Tadic, Serbian President, to pay respect to Serb victims at ceremony in Bratunac on 12 July. The Tadic's Cabinet on Sunday could not confirm whether Tadic would go to Bratunac, explaining that a response to this question can be given after official invitation arrives. Cabinet also stressed that Tadic's attendance of requiem to Bratunac victims will not be disputable, if official invitation is sent.</p>
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Oslobodjenje:
'Karadzic
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Srebrenica'

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 7 'Karadzic ordered placing of Greek flag in Srebrenica' by Daniel Omeragic – One-page story follows the announcement of the Greek Justice Minister, **Anastasios Papliguras**, that Greek judiciary has launched an investigation into the involvement of so-called 'Greek volunteers' in Srebrenica massacre. It carries the excerpts from the article that was published by UK-based 'Independent' [see OHR BiH Media Round up for 30 June] 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 **Radovan Karadzic** within a month of Srebrenica's fall.

According to daily, Institute for investigating crimes against humanity in Sarajevo, lead by **Smail Cekic**, possesses the document which shows that the order of setting up Greek flag in Srebrenica was brought by Karadzic himself. He did this, according to the document, "*for purpose of marketing and some other things.*" Article, which relies on Cekic's documents, further elaborates on the role of other mercenaries in the war in BiH. Apparently, engagement of mercenaries in BiH was coordinated by the 'specialized agency' in Belgrade, lead by **Vojislav Seselj**.

<p>Posters denying genocide in Srebrenica re-appear in Banja Luka</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 2 ‘Posters about Srebrenica again’, by <u>De. L.</u> – Reports that posters that read ‘Truth about Srebrenica’ appeared in Banja Luka again. These posters, which first appeared on June 9, deny that the RS Army carried out genocide in Srebrenica.</p>
<p>Preparations for Srebrenica commemoration continue</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 8 ‘Security measures for holding of commemoration in Srebrenica’, by <u>NINA</u> – Reports that the EUPM hosted a meeting between representatives of the RS and FBiH MoIs, SIPA and organizers of the Srebrenica commemoration, which discussed issues pertaining to preparations for the event, including the ‘March of death – way to freedom’ that is to take place between July 8 and 11. The RS police has, together with EUPM and EUFOR, carried out a recce of the itinerary, suggesting additional details to the organizers in order to provide full safety to all participants of the march.</p>
<p>Srebrenica Assembly update</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 ‘Forbidden truth’ by <u>K.Cirkovic</u> – Following the statement Milos Milovanovic, SDS delegate at Srebrenica Assembly, gave to the British “Guardian” (when he said that the aim of the campaign regarding Srebrenica is to create a bad image of Serbs, noting that Bosniaks are manipulating with the number of victims in Srebrenica) SDA Caucus requested Assembly disassociates from Milovanovic’ statement. Milovanovic is of the view that request of SDA is a cover for unreadiness of SDA delegates to face with truth.</p>

Defence, police and security issues

<p>Radovanovic: Entities' MoDs to be abolished by end of this year</p>	<p>PINK, BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, Vecernji List, pg 3 'Abolishment of defence ministries on January 1', by <u>Branka Stevandić</u>– Media carry the excerpt from the interview BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic gave to Nezavisne novine on Sunday [see BiH Media Round-up for July 3] in which he says that entities' Defence Ministries will be abolished by the end of this year. Radovanovic stressed this has to be verified by Parliamentary so that BiH MoD could take over their authorities.</p>
<p>Al-Hayari, Al'Qaeda official with BiH citizenship, killed</p>	<p>BHT 1 – The alleged leader of the Al-Qaeda network in Saudi Arabia, Yunis Mohammed Ibrahim al-Hayari, was killed in a shootout with security forces in Riyadh on Sunday. Last week, Al-Hayari was confirmed as having BiH citizenship which he received after fighting during the war in BiH. BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs confirmed that Hayari was BiH citizen since 1996, but without valid BiH passport and CIPS ID.</p> <p>FTV, RTRS, Vecernji List, pg 20 'Bosnian' killed in conflict between police and Al-Qaeda', mentioned on front 'Bosnian killed in conflict between police and Al-Qaeda', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 5 'Senior official of Al-Qaeda killed in clashes in Riyadh', by <u>H</u>– also reported of Al-Hayari's death.</p>

<p>GS on number of terrorists with BiH citizenship</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 ‘Imam is praising a terrorist’ by <u>N.Zelenovic</u> – Writing about the number of “islamists with BiH citizenship”, daily quotes its source close to BiH CoM claiming that the number of 36 most-wanted Islamic militants (who Saudi Arabia is looking for) includes several other terrorists with BiH passport along with Junuz Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Hijari, the first man of Al Q’Aeda in Saudi Arabia murdered Sunday, and Zaid Al-Shamari. The source notes: <i>“They were all fighters of BiH Army. “</i> the source (he) also warns that there is a strong resistance by the Bosniak members of BiH CoM to investigate this issue, in spite of pressure by the OHR to have this issue raised. GS’ collocutor reminds that Adnan Terzic has self-initiatively asked American authorities that Algerian Group is released from Guantanamo Bay . Daily notes that another source close to OHR says one of HR’s deputies has several times met with Terzic to discuss this issue.</p>
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**Spiric: BiH
Prosecution
should
investigate
BiH
citizenships
given during
the war**

Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Ashdown cares only about Cavic's opinion'— SNSD will not make a step forward when it comes to the police reform in BiH and will react only when the public is informed as to what RS President, **Dragan Cavic**, promised to the HR **Paddy Ashdown** on this issue, stated **Nikola Spiric** at the press conference on Sunday. The Deputy Speaker of BiH House of Peoples said that Ashdown has been optimistic as Cavic promised him to complete process by September. *"It is inadmissible that HR is interested only in opinions of Cavic and Chair of CoM, **Adnan Terzic**, and SNSD says that two are not enough for police reform,"* said Spiric.

Talking about the most recent cases of "naturalized terrorist in BiH", Spiric said he expects BiH Prosecution to soon take over this issue and to investigate who received BiH citizenship on grounds of taking part in the war. **PINK** – Spiric condemned by Cavic on police reform to be done by September without previously reaching with other political parties. **RTRS** – On police reform, Spiric stated that the same level of responsibility could not be expected from opposition as from ruling parties. He feels that RS authorities have only frightened citizens with reforms so far and that the citizens should be introduced with positive values of this process. **PINK, BHT1, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'Spiric demands investigation on naturalized citizens', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'BiH Prosecutor's Office should determine who issued licences to "Warriors of Islam"' by V.Popovic, **EuroBlic** RSpG 2, announced on cover 'Islamic warriors are jeopardising BiH' by SRNA, **Glas Srpske** pg 56 'What is Prosecutor's Office waiting for?' by D.T., **Vecernji List**, pg 3 'Review citizenships to 'warriors of Islam'', by rs – also reported.

Political issues	
<p>Terzic, Bukejlovic, Cavic meet in Doboj to discuss crisis in CoM?</p>	<p>FTV – According to unofficial information, the Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers Adnan Terzic, RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic and RS President Dragan Cavic met on Sunday in Doboj. Reasons are still unknown, but FTV speculates it is probably related to the crisis in the BiH authorities and vacant ministerial positions in the CoM. BHT1 also reports on the meeting.</p>
<p>Mtg on crisis in CoM in Sarajevo today</p>	<p>RHB, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 ‘Resumption of talks on filling of BiH COM’s positions’ by <u>R.Cengic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 5 ‘Third round of talks between presidents of parliamentary parties’, by <u>N. Bise</u>– The third meeting on the crisis in the BiH Council of Ministers, caused by the CoM Chair, Adnan Terzic’s acceptance of Mladen Ivanic’s resignation tendered several months before, is to be held in Sarajevo on today [Monday]. The meeting will gather the members of the BiH Presidency and the leaders of ruling parties.</p>

DA int with
Ashdown:
'Terzic is the
best PM to
date'

Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 5 'Terzic is the best prime minister to date' by Sead Numanovic – In an interview to DA, the High Representative, **Paddy Ashdown**, says that "**Adnan Terzic** is the best Prime Minister this country had to date." He further elaborates that the "Government has reached the best result under his leadership. However, the job it has started is not finished so the final mark of its efficiency depends on whether they will manage to complete started or not." Talking about the current crisis in the CoM, Ashdown [in an inset 'Overcome crisis in CoM] stresses that it is necessary for authorities to return to their work as soon as possible, noting that the "CoM has spent too much time resolving its internal issues and too little in reforms." HR added that even changes of ministers in the government could more likely be waste of time that a better change. On his last week's meeting with the EU High Representatives for Common Foreign and Security policy, **Javier Solana**, Ashdown said that Solana underlined EU stands behind its promises given to the Western Balkans. "However that region has an obligation to carry out set standards," added Ashdown noting while EU doors will not be closed for BiH, politicians must strive to implement all conditions in order to avoid being 'the last in line' to join EU. Ashdown, noting that both police reform and PBS issue must be solved as soon as possible, stresses that "EU now has harsher criteria which demand meeting preconditions and obligations. The message is clear: if you don't want to carry out necessary reforms, Europe will not help you." On the meeting with UK Foreign Minister, **Jack Straw**, Ashdown said they have discussed the police reform, cooperation with ICTY and Srebrenica commemoration, which Straw will attend.

<p>DL interview: SDHR Ney on BiH joining Euro- Atlantic integration</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pgs 6-7, mentioned on front ‘Promise about BiH joining EU is still on’, by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – Carries a lengthy interview with the Senior Deputy High Representative, Martin Ney, in which he mostly talks about issues pertaining to BiH joining Euro-Atlantic integration. SDHR Ney underlines that in order to get closer to the Euro-Atlantic integration, namely the EU and NATO, BiH has to meet the Feasibility Study criteria, namely the law on public broadcasting has to be enacted and police reform completed. SDHR Ney also notes that all current EU members from central and eastern Europe, had joined NATO prior to becoming EU members, which means that defence reform has to be fully completed by end of this year. On top of this, SDHR Ney says the full cooperation with the ICTY is also an inevitability. Finally, SDHR Ney underlines that the standards, as set by the EU Ministerial Council and EC, will not be lowered.</p>
<p>VL: Ashdown rejects Hadziomerovic’s request to remove Mayor Beslic</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 3 ‘Ashdown does not allow overthrowing of Beslic’, by <u>Miso Relota</u> – VL learns that the former president of SDA Mostar, Zijo Hadziomerovic, has recently sent the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, a letter in which he demanded the removal of the Mayor of Mostar, Ljubo Beslic, because of Beslic insisting on the pre-fix ‘Croat’ in the name of the ‘Croat home of Herceg Stjepan Kosaca’ in Mostar. VL learns from the OHR that HR Ashdown did not even want to consider Hadziomerovic’s request.</p>

<p>Minister Lovrinovic on education in Central Bosnia Canton</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 2, mentioned on front ‘Bosniaks can get school in their language’, by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – Reports that the Central Bosnia Canton Education Minister, Nikola Lovrinovic, received on Friday a delegation of Bosniak parents, whose children attend high school in Jajce. Minister Lovrinovic denies the report, which was originally aired the FTV (on Saturday), according to which the parents demanded the application of the law on secondary education, which was imposed by the High Representative. Lovrinovic insists that the parents did not ask for implementation of any law, instead they asked that their children be taught in the Bosnian language and in accordance with the Bosniak curriculum. <i>“When it comes to Jajce, I offered them a solution that a new school be formed, which would have the Bosniak curriculum and Bosnian language, which would be outside the criteria at this moment, and the cantonal Assembly would have to approve it”</i>, said Lovrinovic.</p>
<p>VL: Bosniaks dominating Minister Zigic’s Ministry</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 4 ‘As much as 95% of Bosniaks working in public companies’, by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – VL claims to be in possession of a document that is to be presented to the FBiH Parliament, which shows that the Bosniaks are dominating the public companies that are under control of the FBiH Ministry of Energy and Industry, i.e. Minister Izet Zigic. VL notes, excluding the Elektroprivreda of Herceg Bosna, that other companies in Bosniak-majority areas such as the Elektroprivreda of BiH, Energopetrol, BH Gas, 9 mines and 11 public companies are dominated by the Bosniak employees (95%).</p>

<p>Opinion poll: No reconciliation among peoples in BiH at sight</p>	<p>Vecernji List, front pg splash and pg 2 ‘Two thirds of citizens do not believe in reconciliation’, by <u>Valentina Rupcic</u> – According to a public opinion poll conducted on 500 persons from both BiH entities by the ‘Prism’ research agency in March this year, all three constituent peoples in BiH equally believe that the reconciliation among the peoples is far away and that the past is being strongly imposed upon the peoples, especially lately.</p>
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<p>Economic, social and veterans issues</p>	
<p>CoM: 43.25 million KM needed to prevent negative consequences of VAT introduction</p>	<p>RHB, Hayat – The BiH Council of Ministers has estimated that 43.25 million KM would be necessary to carry out measures for reducing the negative consequences of VAT implementation. CoM says that this amount should prevent initial impact increase of prices will have at the 681.000 citizens living in poverty.</p>

Public consultations on Vc corridor reveal number of concerns

BHT1 – Angela Cvitanovic – A big discussion is initiated in three Herzegovinian municipalities, Capljina, Ljubuski and Citluk, in relation to the offered routes of Corridor Vc through Hercegovina. Municipality Citluk stated openly that they didn't want a highway on its territory. Mayor of Citluk, **Ivo Jerkic**, explains that all three proposals pass by Citluk, Medjugorje and most of the settlements in this municipality, damaging economic and tourism potentials in this area. Ljubuski municipality is not against Corridor Vc but they request answer to questions regarding the impact of the highway on environment. Capljina municipality also considers proposed solutions as unacceptable because of environmental reasons. **FTV** – Zvonko Maric – FTV says that there are no problems in identifying the route through northern BiH, which is not the case in Herzegovina. FTV reports that the Western Herzegovina HDZ's lobby is trying to create a destructive political problem out of the issue, which has already obstructed defining of the Corridor Vc route through Herzegovina. *"There is a little bit of strange behaviour of some municipalities and municipal councils, in which they reject the Corridor as a project in advance,"* said Commission for Development of Corridor Vc Project Chair, **Izet Bajrambasic**. (FTV did not specify within which institution this Commission is working).

**Transparency
international:
education
sector highly
corrupted**

Pink by Mirjana Pavlovic– Transparency International stated in its report that the lack of the frame Law on Higher Education makes it impossible to locate and publish the corruption within the faculties, which becomes even higher when enrolment period comes, stressing that students can't fight the corruption, being that their information are rejected as subjective and unusable. TI research, conducted in Sarajevo and Banja Luka showed that this sector, with 4 000 complaints, is one of the most corrupted sectors in BiH and **Ljubisa Lekovic** from TI said that most of the students have said that they wouldn't do anything about this.

Hayat by Elma Kazagic– TI stated that they have information, which point to criminal activities, related to illegal felling of forests. Representative of TI, **Ljubinko Lekovic**, said that worst situation was in the Municipality of Knezevo in the RS and Municipality of Drvar in the FBiH, mentioning the case when police was disarmed by wood poachers, while SFOR members watched and weren't able to help, because they were separated by minefield.

According to TI, BiH has about 1800 sawmills and only one third of them are legal and Lekovic also claims that relation between politics and management of certain lumber camps are more then obvious.

<p>Savers say they will use all means to get their deposits</p>	<p>Dnevni List, front pg splash and pg 3 'Savers prepared to take money by force', by <u>Tanja Dragic</u> – According to the president of Association of citizens for return of old foreign currency savings, Svetozar Nisic, should the European Human Rights Court not rule in favour of Ruza Jelacic (she filed lawsuit against BiH and RS claiming 250.000 KMs), the savers are prepared to use all means necessary, including force, to achieve their rights.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje: RS Law on war compensation inadmissible</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 6 'After 40 years of compensation there will be nobody to receive it!' by <u>Orijana Vukovic</u> – Article refers to the Law on war compensation adopted by the RS National Assembly last week which stipulates the pay out of war compensation in period of 40 years through securities and without interest. The Chair of war veterans and invalids in Banja Luka, Goran Kostic, notes that this is inadmissible, especially having in mind that the families that law refers to are in critical situation at this moment. On the other hand, the RS Finance Minister, Svetlana Cenic, claims that this Law will ensure survival of RS and its institutions. SDA delegate, Tarik Sadovic, also strongly opposes the law. RTRS also carries Cenic and Sadovic.</p>

<p>Law on suspension of war compensation claims is not implemented as yet</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 ‘Municipalities are waiting for deblockade of accounts’ by <u>D.R. – Daily</u> ntoes that the Law on suspension of war compensations decisions, that should save many municipalities in RS from going bankrupt, has not as yet seen its implementation. After the RS Constitutional Court recently deblocked the Law, adopted in November last year, this act has not been published in “Official Gazette” as yet, which prevents the municipalities to launch legal proceedings before courts in charge for deblockade of accounts. According to Mile Dmicic, RS Constitutions Court Secretary, Law has been forwarded for publication after Review Commission has examined it.</p>
<p>Former Pelagicevo municipality chief damaged municipal budget</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg splash ‘Money to Peric, debt to people’ by <u>S.Milankovic – Daily</u> reports about Nikola Peric, formerly Pelagicevo Municipality Head, who took a loan of BAM 22 thousand with “ Bob ar Banka” in 2002, two months before he was removed from the position and signed loan contract with Municipality as guarantor. He fled to Belgrade leaving the municipality to pay out his debt.</p>

<p>Nikolic: FBiH budget not in danger</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 5 'Payment of debt to soldiers in next four years', by <u>Marko Karacic</u> – The FBiH Defence Minister, Miroslav Nikolic, told DL there was no danger that the FBiH budget would collapse under burden, which was caused by debts that the FBiH MoD has towards different parties, mostly FBiH Army soldiers who have not been paid two salaries from 2001. Nikolic explains that the issue has been regulated by the Law on internal debts, which has frozen payouts of the debts. Minister Nikolic also notes that the debt, some 32 million KMs, will be paid in course of next four year, however Nikolic fears the debts could even grow because of interest rates.</p>
<p>Franjicevic (HDZ): Law on right of laureates of war decorations harmonized</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 3 'Enactment of law on war medals tomorrow', by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – According to the president of Croat Caucus in the FBiH House of Peoples, Mate Franjicevic, the proposal of law on rights of laureates of war decorations and their family members has been fully harmonized, therefore one can expect that the law will be adopted at tomorrow's session of the FBiH HoP. (NB: Croat MPs left the last session, unhappy with enactment of amendment that deny HVO members of their rights)</p>

<p>Provisional Administration for Hercegovacka Bank insists that HT Mostar pays out 2 million KMs</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 2 'HT will after all have to pay two million KMs', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – The Provisional Administration (PA) for the 'Hercegovacka Bank' says the HT Mostar (Croat telecommunications) has refused to pay out 2 million KMs of debts (to Hercegovacka bank), and in the same time the PA is disappointed with decisions of the 'Unicredit Zagrebacka bank' and 'Raiffeisen' bank not to block the HT's accounts as ordered by the FBiH Banking Agency. The PA insists that the order for blocking of the accounts is valid, explaining that the 'Hercegovina osiguranje' sold the HT's debt (the said 2 million KMs) to the 'Hercegovacka Bank'. Inset 'Letter from June 20' carries the HT CEO, Stipe Prlic, as saying the HT has allocated 2 million KMs to special sub-accounts, arguing the company is ready to pay out the sum as soon as the court ruling becomes enforceable.</p>
<p>Survey: BiH citizens privatisation process unfair</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover 'Privatisation is totally unfair' by <u>R.Segrt</u> – Daily carries results of the June research of UN DP, reading that over two thirds of BiH population estimated privatisation process, as one of key factors for economic proress, as totally unfair.</p>