

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 4/8/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on **4 August**

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
Terzic, Sanader meeting	Terzic meets Sanader	Croatia accept delay re Agreement
Paravac agst signing agree. with Cro	Police presence in London increased	Serb exodus from Croatia marked
RS auth. reconstruct Drvar area	Weather	Electricity cuts in Prijedor

TV news broadcast on **3 August**

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
No signal in Sarajevo	Stevan Todorovic released	NATO source: Karadzic to surrender?
[RHB's repair works in progress]	BiH to process "Tuzla's column" case	US State Department warning on BiH
	Regional News	Todorovic released
	Cavic on BiH-CRO contracts	Tuzla caravan case
<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Cavic on BiH-CRO contracts	Feature on town dump in B. Krupa	US State Department warning on BiH

Paravac on BiH-CRO contracts	Protests of dwellers in Ratanj	RS officials on BiH – Cro agreements
Warning to U.S citizens in BIH	Terzic, Sanader to sign Agreement	Tobacco Factory Banja Luka case
BIH officials on holiday	Terzic arrived to Zagreb	HR on return

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Cavic and Paravac against agreement between BiH and Croatia
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Investigation on murder of [Nedžad] Ugljen to be broaden
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Reverend Sudac's health is in best shape (Priest from Croatia undergoing health treatment in Italy)
<b>Vecernji List</b>	131 pieces of real estate to be returned to Serbia (Croatia returning property to Serbian companies)
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Musicians from Somalia played and – disappeared
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	The signing of agreement with Croatia postponed
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Lesson from arrogance
<b>EuroBlic</b>	"Storm" left them alone
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	Features Serbian related topics
<b>Srpski Nacional</b>	Features Serbian related topics

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>	
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<p><b>Croatia accept delay re Agreement</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> – It was stated at today's press conference of the Croatian Government in Zagreb that <b>Adnan Terzic and Ivo Sanader</b> will not sign the Agreements on dual citizenship and property-legal affairs between BiH and Croatia today, but instead only Draft Law on dual citizenship will be initialled.</p>

<p><b>Political issues</b></p>	
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**Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'The signing of agreement with Croatia postponed', pg 3 'The signing of agreement postponed' by M.Cubro, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Today, only initial signing of the agreement on dual citizenship' – The Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, **Adnan Terzic**, confirmed on Wednesday that the Agreements on dual citizenship and property-legal affairs between BiH and Republic of Croatia will not be signed owing to opposition of RS representatives, adding that he got assent from BiH CoM to only initial agreement on dual citizenship. [Unlike signing, initializing the agreement does not obligate parties in negotiations, but only indicate common views on some issues during negotiations process.] *"The current situations does not allow me to sign these two agreements regardless of their importance for BiH citizens...This is another classical obstruction of the RS. This is another diplomatic scandal;, but also a confirmation that RS is obstructing further development of BiH."*

**Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Cavic and Paravac against agreement between BiH and Croatia' by Aldijana Omeragic – Oslobodjenje learns that Croatian President, **Stipe Mesic**, in talk with **Ivo Miro Jovic**, BiH Presidency Chair, insisted on signing the property accord, however CoM and members of the delegation that prepared the draft agreements failed to reach necessary agreement between themselves. Daily comments that one of the reasons for that is the fact that Federation and RS cannot reach an agreement on who to divide the property between themselves. BiH and Croatia have been negotiating on the property issue for several years now and some estimate that BiH owes property worth over 2.5 billion KM in Croatia. **FTV, PINK, BHT1, RTRS, Hayat** – also cover.

<p><b>Authorized delegation adopts three RS Govt's objections related property agreement</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, Hayat, Oslobođenje</b> pg 5 inset 'Independent BiH', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 inset 'Three objections of RS Government accepted', <b>EuroBlic</b> RSpg 2, announced on cover 'Terzic, do not sign' by <u>Tijana Veselinovic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Behind the back of RS' by <u>N.Zelenovic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'RS Governments' objections' by <u>N.N.</u> – At the session on Wednesday, the BiH delegation which took part in negotiations on the regulation of property and legal rights relations with Croatia accepted three objections filed by the RS government. The objections will be than referred to the Croatian delegation for procedure, said <b>Niko Grubisic</b>, Deputy BiH Justice Minister and the head of this delegation. He elaborated that the first adopted objection was that this Agreement relates to the issues which either had been hardly regulated or not at all by the Agreement on Succession of former SFRJ's [Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia] property. The second objection of the RS government relates to the agreement's mentioning 6 April 1992 as the BiH Independence Day. Another accepted objection was that a year should pass from the agreement coming into force before any return of the confiscated vehicles or payment of damages for them is made.</p>
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<p><b>Cavic calls on Terzic not to sign the agreement</b></p>	<p>FTV, RTRS, PINK, Hayat, BHT1, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Agreement with Croatia damages Serbs', <b>EuroBlic</b> RSpg 2, announced on cover 'Terzic, do not sign' by <u>Tijana Veselinovic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Terzic tricked the Law' by <u>G.D.</u>, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 6 'An insult for Serbs' by <u>Sl.Pesevic</u> – RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> has called on <b>Adnan Terzic</b> to postpone the signing of the interstate agreement on the regulation of property rights with Croatia because of its detrimental nature for RS citizens. Cavic issued a statement saying that the agreement did not include the issue of status and return of property to Serbs driven out of Croatia who now live in the RS, particularly the issue of the legal protection of property swapped in a exchange procedure. Cavic believes that the signing of the agreement on the anniversary of Operation Storm in which around 500,000 Serbs were ethnically-cleansed in Croatia and in which war crimes were committed represents an offence to the entire Serb nation.</p>
<p><b>Paravac to call on protection of vital national interests if agreement on property w/ Croatia signed</b></p>	<p>FTV, RTRS, BHT1, FTV, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 5 'Paravac: Terzic creates misunderstanding', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Paravac also announces objections', <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> last pg 'Serbs against signing of agreement' by <u>B. Kristo</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Behind the back of RS' by <u>N.Zelenovic</u> – <b>Borislav Paravac</b>, BiH Presidency members, stated on Wednesday that, if the agreement on the property relations with Croatia is signed today, he will demand the protection of vital national interests. Paravac issued statement saying <i>"the agreement on property relations is of paramount importance for Serbs from Croatia who live in the RS now. They should be harmonized and signed at the sessions of inter-state council, which has been the practice so far. "</i></p>

<p><b>Basic: RS members of delegation did not inform properly their Govt</b></p>	<p>FTV, BHT 1 <u>Gvozden Sarac</u> – <i>“The crucial thing is that this RS Government is not well informed about process which is in progress since 1996. I think that RS Government representatives who take part in work of delegation [authorized to discuss the issue] did not properly informed RS Government about this”</i> stated <b>Haris Basic</b>, BiH Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications.</p>
<p><b>FTV/ DL: RS does not want signing of agreements with Croatia because of operation ‘Storm’</b></p>	<p><b>FTV</b> by <u>Blazica Kristo</u> – FTV harshly criticized RS officials and BiH Presidency member <b>Borislav Paravac</b>, claiming that they deliberately block the return of BiH property in Croatia in value of BAM 2 billion. According to FTV, the only reason for such behaviour is political, as the signing of the Agreement is planned for 4 August, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Oluja” military operation in Croatia.</p> <p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5, mentioned on front ‘Dragan Cavic against agreements with Croatia because of Storm’, by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – According to <u>Glibusic</u>, the main reason why the RS does not want the agreements with Croatia be signed is the fact that the agreements are to be signed one day prior marking of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the operation ‘Strom’ (Oluja), when Croatia liberated its occupied areas.</p>

<p><b>SDP criticises authorities for collective holidays</b></p>	<p><b>Hayat, Oslobođenje</b> pg 4 Reforms and Europe cannot wait' by Fena, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 7 'Parliamentarians and ministers should not be going on holidays', by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u> – BiH SDP says that BiH citizens do not deserve such authorities, who went on holidays, regardless of numerous unsolved issues. Report notes tat the delegates of the RS National Assembly, FBiH Parliament and BiH Parliament all left for the holidays. <i>"The thing that worries the most is the fact that European Commission's deadline by which set of laws on reforms should be adopted expires in September, while we still have not got a clue about them"</i>, said SDP representative in BiH House of Representatives, <b>Damir Masic</b>.</p>
<p><b>DL op-ed: Officials should not be going on leave</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Politicians and annual leave', by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u> – carries an op-ed in which the author criticizes all levels of authority for going on annual leave at times when people can barely make ends meet, when farmers are protesting for more than 30 days and when nobody is being held responsible for lack of BiH passports and registration plates.</p>



<p><b>DL on transformation of OHR into EUSR</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 9 'OHR stays until beginning of process of joining NATO and EU', by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – Commenting on the future of the OHR i.e. transformation of the OHR into the EUSR, the author says that majority members of the Peace Implementation Council are not yet keen on ending the OHR's mandate, believing that it could not happen before BiH meets requirements to join the Partnership for Peace and start with the SAA talks. DL goes on to say that many international and BiH analysts see activities of the current High Representative, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, as reasons behind dissatisfaction with the OHR. In that context <u>Jukic</u> says that Ashdown's international critics believe that Ashdown has, with his actions, stricken fear into junior, local politicians, and developed a servile mentality among the national parties, which poses a danger to development of democracy.</p>
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<p><b>SDHR Ney at F BiH Civil Service Agency</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 11 'Revision of FBiH MoI officials to be carried out' by Fena, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 3 'Surplus of employees in Federation of BiH Defence Ministry' by NINA, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 6 'Audit process necessary prior to defence reform' by <u>Agencies</u> – The Senior Deputy High Representative, Ambassador <b>Martin Ney</b>, on Wednesday visited the FBiH Civil Service Agency. Ambassador Ney underlined the Agency's role in further defense reform, which should be implemented by the end of the year, i.e. transfer of employees from FBiH Defense Ministry to the State Ministry, was announced by the Agency, which should follow audit process. Director of FBiH Civil Service Agency <b>Enver Iseric</b>, stated: <i>"The FBiH Defense Ministry has not yet harmonized the rulebook on internal organization of civil service bodies with the Law on Civil Service in Federation BiH and the relevant bylaws, which is the basic precondition for revision. Apart from this, there will be a problem if the revision reveals that a certain number of employees should be fired. Than, the Agency would be obligated to announce a public concourse on behalf of this ministry for occupying those vacated posts."</i> He added that if the FBiH Government gave consent to the rulebook on internal organization of the Ministry by the end of August, the Agency would immediately launch the revision.</p>

<p><b>War crimes</b></p>	
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<p><b>Accused war criminals Todorovic released after serving 2/3 of sentence</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, BHT1, Hayat, FTV, RTRS</b> – The accused war criminal, <b>Stevan Todorovic</b>, has been released after serving two thirds of his sentence in the ICTY detention, reported SRNA news agency. Todorovic was found guilty of the crimes against humanity committed in Samac Municipality , and sentenced to 10 years.</p>
<p><b>Unnamed NATO Source: Hopes for Karadzic's surrender grow</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 ‘NATO: Hopes for Karadzic to surrender grow’, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2, announced on cover ‘Karadzic to surrender because he has no money’ by <u>D.R.-D.Ra.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> cover pg report ‘Karadzic soon in The Hague?’ by <u>SRNA</u> – Reuters news agency carries that the anonymous source from NATO says that the hope for surrender of ICTY indictee <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> to take place in the few weeks is increasing. According to the source, financial pressure against Karadzic's supporters, political pressure against RS institutions and psychological pressure against his family might lead to his surrender.</p>

<p>Bukejlovic's press office: 'RS PM did not dispute documents on Srebrenica'</p>	<p>RTRS, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'Bukejlovic did not dispute documents on Srebrenica', mentioned on cover, by Fena, <b>EuroBlic</b> RSpG 3 'It was not said 8000 people were murdered' by <u>M.M.</u>, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 6 'Nowhere 8000 murdered' by <u>Sl.P.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'The Report says it all' by <u>G.Dakic</u> – Press release issued by the RS Government reads that the Prime Minister <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b> did not dispute any document on events in Srebrenica discussed and accepted by the RS Government. Statement underlines that the interview Bukejlovic gave to Belgrade daily "Vecernje novosti" on August 1 on Srebrenica does not contain a single stand contrary to the Srebrenica Commission's Report, or the RS Government's conclusions on these documents. <i>"Neither the Srebrenica Commission or the RS Government have stated anywhere that 8.000 Bosniaks had been murdered in July 1995"</i>, reads press release specifying the Commission's conclusions state that the Commission has determined that <i>"several thousand Bosniaks had been executed in the period between July 10 and 19 1995"</i>. The announcement further explains that the information on 7.000 to 8.000 persons was stated in the annex of the Report dating from October last year, which is dedicated to the matters of potential mass graves and missing persons' lists, which is also a constituent part of the Report from June 2004. It is stated that the Government's conclusions have also stressed that it is a matter for entity institutions to scrutinize the credibility of the information in the future.</p>
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<p><b>Smail Cekic: 'Bukejlovic's claims are pure forgeries'</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8, announced on cover 'Bukejlovic's claims are pure forgeries' by <u>S. Skuletic</u> – Co-Chairman of Srebrenica Commission <b>Smail Cekic</b> says claims of RS PM <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b>, who said RS had never admitted 8,000 Bosniaks were killed in Srebrenica, are pure forgeries. <i>'This is a deceit, firstly of Serb, then of entire world public because events in and nearby Srebrenica were entirely determined and reconstructed, and executors were reliably discovered'</i>, Cekic says. Cekic also denied the lists of persons who went missing in Srebrenica didn't contain data on place and time when a person went missing or cause of death.</p>
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Comments following  
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Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'Lesson from arrogance' by Z.Markovic – Writing about **Paddy Ashdown's** letter to **Pero Bukejlovic** (regarding establishment of Commission for investigating crimes against Serbs in Sarajevo), the author notes that Ashdown's response represents a true lesson from arrogance and pure political impudence, since there are at least two decisions of the Human Rights Commission at BiH Constitutional Court, that obligate F BiH to investigate and publicize information related to missing Serbs in Sarajevo. Daily notes it got an unusual response from OHR regarding this issue, saying that *"the case is about the case Sehovac versus F BiH, so this case be submitted for follow-up action with Human Rights Commission"* since decision made it clear what F BiH has to do. **Slavko Jovicic**, Vice president of the RS Association of former detention camp inmates has called on HR **Paddy Ashdown** to fulfill his promise, reiterated several times, and to establish Commission to investigate crimes against Serbs in Sarajevo. He notes all the conditions have been met, since the BiH Constitutional Court demanded truth be determined. **Branislav Dukic**, President of the RS Association of former detention camp inmates, has accused HR **Paddy Ashdown** of preventing investigation of crimes committed against Serbs in Sarajevo. Dukic stated that on several occasions, they have demanded from Ashdown to help this process, but he has never responded, adding that the delegation of the Association informed the US Congressmen of HR's approach towards this issue during their visit to the USA. **Dnevni List**, pg 4 'Paddy Ashdown obstructs investigation into war crimes against Sarajevo Serbs', by NINA – also carries Dukic. **Vecernje Novosti** pg 8 'Resembling the model of Srebrenica' by D.Stojakovic – carries Jovicic.

<p><b>Jelina Djurkovic on Commission for Sarajevo</b></p>	<p><b>EuroBlic</b> RSpG 3 'New postponement of truth' by <u>Marija Milic</u> – <b>Jelina Djurkovic</b>, Delegate at the BiH Parliamentary Assembly, who was initiator for the establishment of the Commission for investigating sufferings in Sarajevo, stated that in May, BiH Constitutional Court accepted appeals and reached final decision, adding: <i>"I really do not understand <b>Ashdown's</b> response, since everything he is proposing now already said. BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees has completed its work so the Commission for Sarajevo could start working immediately. Everything now depends on <b>Adnan Terzic.</b>"</i> She noted there is no need to make the problem of Sarajevo a subject of political correspondence, neither to have this issue discussed at BiH Parliament again. She added: <i>"Appeals have been accepted as in the case of Srebrenica. And it is not true cannot help. I, as initiator,. Will personally tell him this."</i> Article also carries statement of Jovicic (see above).</p>
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<p><b>Leakey: 'BiH authorities are most responsible for Karadzic'</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'EUFOR in search after Karadzic' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'War crime indictees should be arrested soon' by <u>ra</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 13 'BiH authorities are most responsible for Karadzic' by <u>M. Herceg</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'We will use even arms during arrest of Karadzic' by <u>J.S.</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Identification of victims important for reconciliation process' by <u>J.B.</u>, – The EUFOR Commander in BiH, General <b>David Leakey</b>, visited the Podrinje Identification Project and International Commission on Missing Persons in Tuzla on Wednesday. In a short statement for the media, Leakey stated: <i>"The truth about missing persons should lead to reconciliation of the peoples in BiH."</i> Asked to comment on actualities concerning ICTY indictee <b>Radovan Karadzic</b>, Leakey said that EUFOR and the International Community are doing everything in their power to apprehend the persons indicted for war crimes. <i>"Karadzic has betrayed not only the RS, but his family as well,"</i> said General Leakey. <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Karadzic spent millions of KM to hide', mentioned on cover, by <u>J.B.</u> – Leaky added that Karadzic spent millions of KM to hide.</p> <p>NOTE: <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 7 'Karadzic abandoned its country?!' by <u>A. Avdic</u> – Author completely misunderstood Leakey's statement, interpreting it to mean that Karadzic left the territory of BiH.</p>
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<p><b>SCG Ambassador:</b>  <b>There is will to arrest Karadzic/Mladic</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'The issue of border between BiH and SiCG is not a problem' by <u>Onasa</u> – SiCG Ambassador to BiH <b>Stanimir Vukicevic</b> has stated there is a political will to arrest <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b> and he added their extradition to the Hague Tribunal is a pre-requisite to continue the integration processes of BiH and SiCG with EU. With regard to relations of BiH and SiCG, Vukicevic assessed political contacts between the two states are quite intensive and he also said he thinks the issue of the border is not a problem, but this is only about two different approaches in resolving of the issue.</p>
<p><b>Safet Halilovic:</b>  <b>'Karadzic's plan of completing the state of RS is on the scene'</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'Karadzic's plan of completing the state of RS is on the scene' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – According to BiH Minister of Civil Affairs and President of Party for BiH <b>Safet Halilovic</b>, there is an ongoing policy in RS that has an aim to complete this entity with all attributes of a state. In a statement for <i>DA</i>, Halilovic talked about forcing out of "Bosnian towns" from RS, police reform and latest obstructions of RS officials with regard to signing of two inter-state agreements between BiH and Croatia.</p>
<p><b>NN op-ed</b>  <b>supportive of Ljiljana Karadzic's appeal to Radovan to surrender</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 'Waiting for Radovan' by <u>Pero Simic</u> – Comparing the family of <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> with the family of <b>Slobodan Milsoevic</b>, the author notes that he has realized <b>Ljiljana</b> is much cleverer than <b>Mira</b>, since her appeal to Radovan to surrender was a courageous and smart move to make. He says that Ljiljana, as a mother and spouse, did not close her eyes before reality, which she was aware even before this and with which confrontation could not be delay for ever.</p>

<p><b>Feral Tribune on Ljiljana Karadzic's appeal: RS to capitalize on possible surrender</b></p>	<p><b>Feral Tribune</b>, pgs 22-23 'Melodrama with corpses', by <u>Ivan Lovrenovic</u> – Commenting on the appeal by <b>Ljiljana Zelen-Karadzic</b> to her husband <b>Radovan</b> to surrender himself, <u>Lovrenovic</u> says there must be some kind of a deal behind the whole story, reminding of the Belgrade-based media reports, which noted that the deal with Ljiljana was agreed upon with <b>Pierre Richard Prosper</b>, the US Ambassador at large for war crimes. <u>Lovrenovic</u> also says the deal should make the position of the RS authorities a little bit better because the RS would use the surrender to politically capitalize on it and consolidate itself as a cooperative political subject that abides by European values.</p>
<p><b>' Tuzla procession' case to be processed in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, BHT1, FTV</b> – <b>Brano Vekaric</b>, Spokesman for the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor in Belgrade stated that the case of the "Tuzla procession" [case of JNA soldiers who were attacked during the withdrawal from Tuzla in May 1992] is to be processed in BiH. According to Vekaric, the office of the Prosecutor gathered a large number of related information, which will be at disposal of BiH judiciary.</p>

<p><b>Matijasevic demands delivery of documentation related to Srebrenica events</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4 'Matijasevic demands documentation to be returned' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 9 'RS MoI requests the return of documents on participants in the crimes in Srebrenica' by <u>Agencies</u> – RS Minister of Interior <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> will once again request from the Serbian MoI, as well as NATO, EUFOR and the Hague Tribunal to deliver the documentation on crimes in Srebrenica to the Entity police, as the spokesperson of the RS Police Director, <b>Radovan Pejic</b>, stated on Wednesday. This documentation would facilitate the activities of the Srebrenica Taskforce. Namely, the RS MoI is required to provide the Srebrenica Taskforce with documentation on participants of events in Srebrenica, which refer to two companies of RS MoI from Jahorina, joint companies under the command of <b>Ljubisa Borovcanin</b> – the 6th company of Zvornik PSC and 12<sup>th</sup> station of Zvornik PSC. A part of these documents is in Serbia and a part of these was seized from the RS police by NATO and the Hague Tribunal.</p>
<p><b>BiH Court rejects Simsic's appeal</b></p>	<p><b>Hayat, Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'Boban Simsic's appeal rejected', by <u>ra</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Boban Simsic's appeal rejected', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 'Boban Simsic to be detained until main hearing' by <u>A.M.</u> – A panel of judges of the BiH Court's War Crimes Chamber has rejected an appeal lodged by <b>Boban Simsic</b>, who contested an earlier decision which prolonged his custody. Indictment against Simsic, which charges him with war crimes, was confirmed on July 8.</p>

<p><b>FTV feature on Palic case</b></p>	<p>FTV <u>by Anisa Setka</u> – FTV broadcasts the feature on four-years old decision by the Human Rights Chamber according to which RS must pay compensation to the family of missing Zepce war commander <b>Avdo Palic</b> and investigate his kidnapping. The compensation has been paid, but no progress was achieved in the course of investigation. A month ago, the HR <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> instructed the RS Prime Minister <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b> to report on progress. He said at the time this was a test case for the field of human rights in BiH. Ashdown's statement and his letter to Bukejlovic encouraged Palic's wife <b>Esma Palic</b> and raised her hope that justice will be served. OHR Spokesperson <b>Sanela Tunovic</b> explained that the Palic case has been forwarded to the BiH Constitutional Court's Commission for Human Rights. The Commission is going to investigate the progress of implementation of Human Right Chamber's decision. The Commission should discuss this case in September.</p>
<p><b>EUPM says it did not participant in efforts to arrest Gotovina</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'EUPM did not participate in "a hunt" on Ante Gotovina' <u>by Onasa</u> – EUPM has denied media reports that its members participated in recent efforts to arrest ICTY suspects, Croatian general Ante Gotovina, near Livno.</p>

<p><b>Security issues</b></p>	
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<p><b>US State Department warns on mines, increased crime activities in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>BHT1, RTRS, Dnevni List</b>, pg 2 'Mines and crime chasing away American tourists', mentioned on front 'State Department advises Americans not to travel to BiH', by <u>Danijela Kozina</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 11 'Crime in BiH is in increase' – The US State Department issued a warning to US citizens and others who plan to travel to BiH making them aware of unexploded mines and crime. The State Department warns of increasing crime i.e. thefts, car robberies as well as continuous threats against US interests. <b>Hayat Nevzeta Skrijelj</b> – <i>"I would consider this warning as well-meaning one, and my message would be that activities on implementation of reforms should be improved, first of all defence and police reforms"</i>, commented the Chair of Commission in charge of security and intelligence system in BiH <b>Tomislav Limov</b>.</p>
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<p><b>Investigation on murder of Nedžad Ugljen to broaden</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover pg splash ‘Investigation on murder of Ugljen is expanding’ and pg 2 ‘Investigation in “Ugljen” case is expanding on other persons’ by E. S., <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 8 ‘Investigation on murder of Nedžad Ugljen is expanding’ by L. S., <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 ‘Investigation will be expanded on several persons’ by A.D.</p> <p>– Sarajevo Canton Prosecutor <b>Oleg Cavka</b> interrogated <b>Enes Pandzic</b>, co-accused for murder of <b>Nedžad Ugljen</b> – former associate to AID Director, on Wednesday. Cavka stated Pandzic presented his defense in entirety, yet he cannot talk about details while the investigation is ongoing. Nevertheless, Cavka announced the Prosecutor’s Office would undertake further activities to shed light on this case, which includes expanding of the investigation on other persons.</p>
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<p><b>SD: BiH authorities will have to solve issuing of passports to foreign nationals by September</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, front pg splash and pg 5  ‘Musicians from Somalia played and – disappeared’, by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – The daily notes that the state authorities in Sarajevo will, one of these days, finally have to solve the problems related to issuance of BiH passports to foreign nationals, who received the passports during and after the war. SD goes on to say that the pressure on domestic authorities has grown ever since the terrorist attacks in London and the daily says that international officials want the case to be solved by September 5. Still, SD goes on to say that BiH is still ‘a favourite destination and springboard’ for persons from Asia and Africa, and SD apparently learns from sources in BiH judiciary that recently a whole band of musicians from Somalia, which performed at Sarajevo, disappeared after their concert. On top of this, SD notes that the same thing happened to a group of ‘cyclists’ from Bangladesh.</p>
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<p><b>Danas on issuance of BiH citizenships to foreign nationals</b></p>	<p><b>Danas</b>, pgs 20-23, mentioned on front ‘Foreign mercenaries to lose BiH citizenships’, by <u>Tanja Dragic</u> – carries a story about issuance of BiH citizenships to foreign nationals, saying the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs has data on 11.000 naturalized persons. Assistant Minister of Civil Affairs of BiH, <b>Miodrag Pandurevic</b>, comments: <i>“We will soon go with changes to the Law on Citizenship, according to which the commission that works on revisions (of citizenships) will get the powers to annul a decision by which a foreign national received the citizenship should it be ascertained that the citizenship was given illegally. The revision will cover the period from April 6 1992 to 1998 when the Law on Citizenship was adopted”</i> .</p>
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**VL: HR  
Ashdown to  
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**Vecernji List**, pg 4 'Dumancic, Alagic and Basic', by Dejan Jazvic – VL notes if the new State Border Service leadership is not appointed this Friday by the BiH Council of Ministers, it is realistic to expect that the High Representative, **Paddy Ashdown**, pursuant to his powers, does it himself. According to VL's information, the list of potential candidates for the leading positions in the SBS has been reduced after the vetting in the OHR. Two candidates that did not go through the vetting process are the current Deputy Directors, **Robert Peric** and **Nijaz Spahic**, and VL says the most likely candidates for the jobs are a senior police official from Canton 8, **Vinko Dumancic**, head of SIPA office in Mostar, **Vahid Alagic**, and head of analytical department in SIPA, **Risto Basic**. **Hayat** – OHR Spokesperson **Sanela Tunovic** said for SRNA that appointment of the SBS Director was a matter of domestic authorities, not OHR's.

<p><b>Police official: 'Although fiancée of arrested person is a Bosnian, BiH is not linked with Londonattack'</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Although fiancée of the arrested person is a Bosnian, Bosnia is not linked with the attack', announced on cover 'Bosnia is not linked with the attack' <u>by Sanja Mihaljinac</u> – With regard to the arrest of <b>Fethi Isac</b> (a brother of a person accused for terrorist attacks in London) in Italy, police prefect for preventive suppression of terrorism <b>Carlo di Stefano</b> has stated the police so far has no indications the terrorists responsible for the London attacks were linked with the Balkans, i.e. BiH, although Fethi Isac's fiancée is a Bosnian.</p>

<p><b>Economy, return and property issues</b></p>	
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<p><b>Paddy Ashdown visited Tanovic family in returnees settlement of Dubiste in Gorazde</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Refugees' settlements must be tenable' by <u>E.Ducic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'The work is the most important'– <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, HR to BiH, Wednesday called on local authorities of Gorazde to enable Serb returnees to live from their work and hence do more in regard to process of Serb returns to this area. Ashdown Wednesday visited the family of <b>Stojan and Ranka Tanovic</b> at the returnee settlement of Dubiste. Ashdown stated: <i>"The stay amongst these people upheld the fact that a way must be found to make returnees' settlement in the entire of BiH tenable...It is necessary to provide these people with support in purchasing equipment for agricultural production and ensure their products are placed at the market."</i> <b>PINK, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Ashdown: We cannot leave returnees just like that' by Al. Bajramovic, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 'Paddy Ashdown visiting Tanovic family' by <u>Elvira Aganovic</u> – all carry the story on visit.</p>
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<p><b>SEE Stability Pact coordinator proposes single Balkans FTA</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, FTV</b> by <u>Aleksandar Markovic</u> – Prime Ministers of the South-East European countries gathered in Salzburg, Austria to discuss the security and future of the region. The BiH CoM Chair, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, has not attended because of the meeting in Croatia. The Prime Ministers emphasized the need for strengthening the regional trade discuss the possibilities for larger foreign investments. SEE Stability Pact Coordinator <b>Erhard Busek</b> called on the Balkans countries to replace the 29 bilateral agreements with a single Free Trade Agreement. Croatian Prime Minister <b>Ivo Sanader</b> refused the idea of establishing a single free trade organisation. He suggested liberation of free trade conditions which would follow the signing of bilateral agreements between the countries in the region. He also mentioned several negative examples, such as BiH.</p>
<p><b>PDHR Butler meets Travnik businessmen</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Businessmen cooperate with local community well', <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'OHR is working on improving of business environment' by <u>md</u> – Principle Deputy High Representative <b>Larry Butler</b> visited the Association of businesspersons of the TravnikMunicipality where he talked about the economic development. VL notes that together with local businessmen and local authorities the <b>OHR</b> has been working for a long time on improvement of the business environment and the first thing which should be made is introduction of a value added tax.</p>

<p><b>VL: Tuzla Court orders confiscation of Catholic Church's property over usurpation of land verdict</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pgs 2-3 'Tuzla sues Church', mentioned on front 'Archdiocese of Vrhbosnia charged for 200.000 KM', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – The article notes that a court in Tuzla has ordered a confiscation of property of the Vrhbosnia Archdiocese after a verdict was passed by which the Archdiocese has to pay 200.000 KMs to the Omerasevic family because it usurped part of his land to build the Catholic School Centre in Tuzla. The Archdiocese have not expressed readiness to pay the money. VL argues it should be the competent Tuzla authorities that should be charged with the case because it was the authorities that issued the building permit in 2001 and it was the local police that removed the family from the disputable when the family protested against the construction.</p>
<p><b>Update to Privredna Banka East Sarajevo</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS</b> by <u>Biljana Bokic</u>– Three years ago, 55 families signed contracts with <b>Momcilo Mandic</b> on building 55 flats and 17 business offices until November 2003. Construction has not been finished to date, and Provisional Administrator of "Privredna Banka" East Sarajevo, <b>Toby Robinson</b>, announced that her associates will try to find a way to finalize this constructions of these apartments and business premises, as the owners already had paid for them. She added that Mandic owes millions of KM to the Bank.</p>

<p><b>Rank of top companies in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Aluminij is by far the biggest exporter', mentioned on cover, <u>not signed</u> – Newest ranking of the 100 BiH strongest companies carried out by Sarajevo based 'Business newspapers' reads that the BiH Elektroprivreda company marked the biggest profit in the past year with 645,2 million KM. Second is BiH Telecom with a profit of 569 million KM, while the largest exporter is Mostar based Aluminij which also marks a very little annual profit of 1.5 million KM. All tops positions are taken by Elektroprivredas and Telecom operators.</p>