

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 5/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 5 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Malkic on explosive in Potocari	15 kilos of explosive in Potocari	Explosive found at Potocari
BiH, entity Prime Ministers with IMF	Still no results of Albanian elections	War crimes Round Table in BG
Terzic in Zagreb	FBiH HoP in session	Albright to address Kosovo NA

TV news broadcast on 4 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Floods in Zenica	RS MoI's reports on crimes on Serbs	Floods in BiH, feature stories
Floods in Tuzla	Meeting on CoM crisis	RS Govt gives money for Srebrenica
Meeting on crisis in CoM	SDHR Ney visited BL	Trial of Naser Oric continues
BiH Farmers continue protests	Ambassador Rycroft's press-conf.	Reports on war crimes against Serbs

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Floods in Maglaj	Floods in BiH, feature stories	Mladic before the ICTY soon
Floods in TC, ZDC and RS	Reports on war crimes against Serbs	RS MoI on war crime vs. Serbs

Exhumations in Dariva, Sarajevo	Trial of Naser Oric continues	Ney visited Banja Luka
RS MoI's reports on crimes on Serbs	"Independent" on war criminals	Meeting on CoM crises

Oslobodjenje	With photo to truth [Murder of 13 BiH Army members in Mostar by HV0]
Dnevni Avaz	Belgrade threats to 'repeat' genocide [posters on Srebrenica in Belgrade]
Dnevni List	Covic is Yugoslav and his signature is in Cyrillic alphabet
Vecernji List	Features Croatia related front page splash story
Slobodna Dalmacija	Floods taking away roads and bridges (floods in central Bosnia)
Nezavisne Novine	Denunciations for war crimes in Sarajevo , Tesanj and "Dretelj"
Glas Srpske	88 names under thorough investigation
EuroBlic	Actor Josip Pejakovic also suspected
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related topics
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbian related topics

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

<p>RS finds 15 kilos of explosive in Potocari</p>	<p>BH Radio1, RTRS – RS police has blocked the area of Potocari near Srebrenica, where explosive was found this morning. RS MoI is engaged in extensive search of the field according to initial estimates, the explosive was placed there recently.</p> <p>RHB – Head of the Srebrenica Municipality Abdurahman Mlakic confirmed that the RS police is searching the Memorial Centre Potocari.</p>
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**Pejic: Police
on trial of
suspect[s] in
case of
planting
explosive in
Potocari**

RTRS radio at 12.00 – **Radovan Pejic**, Spokesperson of the RS Police Director, confirmed in a statement to RTRS that police is on trail of person(s) suspected of having placed 15 kg explosive at Potocari. He also said: *“RS police received a useful piece of information last night, that explosive was planted in the area of Potocari. RS police, in line with stipulated procedures in such situations, immediately sealed the wide area, vacated the Memorial Centre in order not to place anybody’s life in danger. As soon as conditions were met, RS police has commenced with extensive search of the complex and found explosive at two locations. RS MoI experts and counter-diversion team are on the scene. Explosive has already been removed from any location... The extensive search of Potocari Memorial Centre is still ongoing. The entire facility will be placed under police control. Police Minister ordered that additional police teams be deployed at this location, traffic controls will increase. It was also ordered that canine units are deployed in Potocari area in order to ensure diversion protection...What needs to be added is that we have established cooperation with F BiH and Cantonal MoI’s and other security structures. Hence, extensive search aimed at identifying persons responsible for placement of explosive is ongoing in order to bring them before justice.”* **SRNA** – Pejic added that the explosive was hidden inside the manhole ready to be activated.

<p>EUFOR received info on explosive, forwarded it to RS MoI, EUPM</p>	<p>RTRS – EUFOR spokesperson, Brigit Rose, stated that EUFOR received the information about explosives at Potocari last night and immediately forwarded it to the RS MoI and EUPM. She also confirmed that RS police did find something at the location concerned, noting that special canine units were deployed.</p>
<p>EUPM attends investigation in Potocari</p>	<p>SRNA – EUPM representatives are on the field in Potocari attending the investigation related to the explosive found in Potocari, stated EUPM spokeswoman Zinaida Ilarija.</p>

War crimes

RS MoI files
criminal reports for
crimes against Serbs
in Sarajevo ,
Capljina, Trnovo and
Ilijas

BHT1, PINK, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje, pg 10
‘Four reports on suffering of Serb
civilians’, by Q. Vukovi, **Dnevni Avaz** pg
11 ‘This is stupidity and one should not
play with such information’, **Vecernji
List**, pg 2 ‘Report on war crimes against
Serbs committed at Dretelj’, by bs, **Dnevni
List**, back pg ‘Pejakovic suspected of
committing war crime’, by A. Beus ,
Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash, pg 5
‘Denunciations for war crimes in Sarajevo,
Tesanj and “Dretelj”’, **Glas Srpske** cover
pg splash ‘88 names under thorough
investigation’ by V.J., **EuroBlic** cover pg
splash and RSpg 3 ‘Actor Josip Pejakovic
also suspected’, **Vecernje Novosti** pg 17
‘Four lists with 88 suspects’ by
Sl.Pesevic– The RS Interior Ministry has
submitted reports to the relevant
prosecutor’s offices against the persons
suspected of committing crimes against the
Serbs in Central Prison in Sarajevo,
detention camp Dretelj in Municipality
Capljina, in Municipality Tesanj as well
as for crimes in the village of Boksic in
Municipality Ilijas. The Pale Police
Station on June 30 presented the
CountyProsecutor’s office in Eastern
Sarajevo with a criminal report against 41
identified or partially identified persons
who are suspected of having committed a
series of crimes against Serbs in the
Central Prison in Sarajevo, RS Police
Director **Radovan Pejic** announced on
Monday. **FTV** – Pejic said that five Serb
civilians were killed in Dretelj
Concentration camp, while four other died
after being released as a result of
torturing. *“It has been irrefutably
established that 191 Serb civilians were
prisoners in Dretelj Concentration camp,
including 71 women,”* concluded Pejic. **RTRS**
by Sinisa Mihailovic – *“The indictees in
charge of the facility must have known
what was happening to the Serbs in
[Sarajevo] prison but they did not prevent
it, they did not punish the perpetrators
and they even participated in the tortures
themselves”* stated Pejic

ATV on RS MoI charges against Mehmedovic, Pejakovic, etc ; Mehmedovic/Pejakovic strongly deny accusations

Hayat prepared by ATV– According to ATV, the RS MoI has submitted Prosecution Office in Doboj a criminal report against **Semsudin Mehmedovic**, former war time Police Chief in Tesanj, now SDA delegate in BiH Parliament. Mehmedovic has been accused of crimes against humanity and war crime against civilians. Spokesperson of RS Police Director, **Radovan Pejic** said that Serb civilians have been illegally imprisoned by Mehmedovic's order. According to the report, almost all Serbs from Tesanj have passed through these prisons and stresses that Mehmedovic has even brought Mujahedins to torture prisoners. In a statement for ATV, Mehmedovic has denied all these allegations, stressing that civilians were imprisoned, but that this was not done by police forces. As for Dretelj concentration camp, ATV found out that one of the accused is ICTY indictee **Vinko Martinovic – Stela**, serving 18 years in prison for crimes against Bosniaks in Mostar. RS MoI has also continued the investigation on crimes against Serb civilians in Sarajevo. 42 persons, among which are **Ismet Bajramovic- Celo** and famous actor **Josip Pejakovic**, have been indicted for several crimes, among which is the crime against humanity, and these indictments refer to imprisoning, torturing and murdering in Central Prison in Sarajevo. RS MoI still waits for responses on priority submitted reports, and it is interesting that not even one District or State Prosecution hasn't confirmed or rejected indictments.

Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Pejakovic threatens with counter-espionage, Mehmedovic denies claims' by R.C. – Apart from carrying statement of **Semsudin Mehmedovic**, daily also carries comment by **Josip Pejakovic**, alternative high representative and eminent Sarajevo actor, who said that "a half of RS may come under the hammer for the slander against him", adding: "You have asked for war, you will get it."

<p>Bogdanic: Dariva examination continue</p>	<p>Hayat, Oslobođenje pg 10 'BY Thursday, results' – Director of RS Office for Missing Persons, Milan Bogdanic confirmed that the Office has continued examination of the field Dariva in Sarajevo, where according to some information, is located the mass-grave of Sarajevo's Serbs.</p>
<p>DA: BBC published information about Karadzic's whereabouts 15 days late</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'TV outlet BBC was late with information 15 days' by C.A. – According to a well-informed DA source, the information published 2 days ago by BBC according to which ICTY fugitive Radovan Karadzic is hiding in Montenegro is correct, however, it is 15 days late. The source added that at the moment when the aforementioned information was published Karadzic was out of Montenegro. The source believes that the information was published on purpose in order to mislead the investigation of the police and secret services on Montenegro, while Karadzic and his aids were moving to another location.</p>
<p>SCG official: Mladic before the justice ASAP</p>	<p>FTV, RTRS – 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. Asked if Vojislav Kostunica, in his former capacity as the SCG President, was responsible for the fact that Yugoslav Army protected Mladic until 2002, Jankovic said that president of the state surely did not give orders to protect war criminal. He also commented Boris Tadic's attendance at the 11 July Srebrenica commemoration as being positive for Serbia.</p>

<p>Luka Karadzic critical of Momcilo Mandic</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Tycoons like Momcilo Mandic assign crimes to Radovan' by <u>V.Popovic</u> – Luka Karadzic claims that his brother Radaovan Karadzic "would have never allowed crimes be committed in his name", noting that financial tycoons like Momcilo Mandic assign this to his brother. Mandic denies these allegations. (Nezavisne Novine also carries separate headline on cover on Mandic's statement: 'I was urban Sarajevo Serb who was acting in collusion with Muslims')</p>
<p>BHT1 on mujahedins in BiH and war crimes</p>	<p>BHT 1 report by <u>Boris Grubesic</u> – According to BHT reporter, BiH Prosecutor's Office is about to discover important information about the war crimes committed by the members of the El-Mudzahid Unit in Central Bosnia. BHT 1 estimates the importance of disclosure of such evidences as no foreign mercenaries or volunteers [except in the case of Abduladhim Maktouf] have been processed for the war crimes committed in BiH. Although there is no accurate information about the number of foreign volunteers who participated in the war in BiH on all three sides, most analysts agree that they fought for adventurous or criminal motives. The member of Al-Qaeda, who had BiH citizenship, was killed in Saudi Arabia; volunteers from Serbia and Russia fought on the Bosnian Serbs' side during the war in BiH, and volunteers from foreign countries also fought on Bosnian Croats' side. <i>"When it comes to so-called volunteers, there is no willingness on the Entity level to fight with "their" volunteers, to bring them to justice"</i>, said Muhamed Dzemic, member of BiH Helsinki Committee.</p>

<p>Osl. on destiny of 13 BiH Army soldiers who disappeared in Mostar in 1993 after they had been captured by HVO</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover pg splash and pgs 4 and 5 'With photo to truth' by <u>A. Becirovic</u> carries in the first part of its feuilleton that during the last months the Federation of BiH policemen and people from the BiH Defence Ministry were carefully watching a videotape on which capturing of 13 BiH Army members was recorded in Mostar on May 10, 1993. The goal of this action is to identify HVO soldiers who appeared on the videotape and talk to them in order to find out what was the destiny of 13 BiH Army soldiers who were captured that day (in so-called Vranica building) and then disappeared without a trace. The article says that, among the others, the videotape shows HVO General Dragan Curcic, who allegedly was a Commander of the attack on Vranica building. Curcic is one of the suspects in the Croat self-rule case. In order to help resolving of the case Osl. journalists distributed 6 copies of the video tape to Mostarians who might know something about this case. The article says that the results of this action were not satisfactory.</p>
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Srebrenica anniversary

<p>RS MoI: Enough police to provide security</p>	<p>PINK by <u>Milka Mrdja</u> – The spokesperson for the RS Police Director, Radovan Pejic, stated at the press conference that the RS Ministry of Interior engage enough police, equipment and helicopters to provide a safe environment for the attendees of the Srebrenica commemoration, including the ‘March of Death’ which will last three days before the ceremony. FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘More funds for security’– Pejic confirmed that RS government have decided to provide additional funds to the RS MoI. Dnevni Avaz pgs 8-9, Oslobodjenje pgs 6-7 – Both dailies have started dedicated two pages to the article related to the war crimes committed in Srebrenica and upcoming commemoration.</p>
<p>RS Govt approves 180.00 KM for commemoration</p>	<p>BHT 1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘RS Government approves 180.00 KM’ by <u>Fena</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 ‘BAM 180 thousand for Potocari commemoration’ by <u>Agencies</u> – The RS Government approved 180.000 KM for organizing the Srebrenica commemoration in July 11 in Potocari, spokesperson for the RS Government Cvijeta Kovacevic told FENA on Monday. She confirmed that the Government would at its next session appoint a delegation that would represent it at ceremony.</p>

<p>610 victims be buried on 11 July</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 '610 victims to be buried in Potocari', Oslobodjenje 'Funeral march to start on Saturday at 10' by <u>S.Subotic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Burial of 610 victims at Srebrenica commemoration' by <u>Agencies</u> – 610 identified victims will be buried in the Memorial Centre Potocari on July 11, the tenth anniversary of genocide in the "safe haven" Srebrenica, Visoko City Cemeteries manager Asmir Hodzic stated Monday. The transport of coffins is planned for July 9. 1.327 victims from Srebrenica have been buried in the Memorial Centre Potocari so far.</p>
<p>Exhumation of mass grave in Srebrenica starts</p>	<p>BHT1, Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Preparations for exhumations', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Big mass grave in Srebrenica to be exhumed' by <u>E.H.</u> – Expert teams for exhumations consisting of FBiH Missing Persons Commission, International Missing Persons Commission and Tuzla Prosecution have launched preparations to open another mass grave in Srebrenica Municipality, stated the spokesperson for Tuzla Cantonal Prosecutor's Office, Jasna Subotic. She added that this mass grave contains is believed to contain remains of Bosniaks killed in Srebrenica in July 1995. She added that the team will not reveal the location yet, and adds that the mass grave is about 15 meters long and 3 metres wide and there are possibly hundreds of body remains inside.</p>

<p>DA: Belgrade : Threatening messages appeared on posters dedicated to Srebrenica crime</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash ‘They threaten with ‘re-run’ of genocide from Belgrade’ and pg 8 ‘They ‘threaten with genocide’ again from Belgrade’ <u>by H.H.</u> – Big posters with photos of the Srebrenica crime, which were placed in Belgrade last week, appeared on Monday covered with a message saying: ‘There would be re-run!’ According to DA, most of 27 posters were destroyed and other nationalistic and fascistic messages were written on them. The author of the posters Tarik Smaarah stated that photos of all destroyed posters would be published and new posters would be placed on the same locations.</p>
<p>Independent on Karadzic, Mladic</p>	<p>FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘Karadzic is protected by Serb Orthodox Church’ – UK-based daily ‘Independent’ published the editorial on 4 July which reads that Serbia must not have illusions of joining ‘brotherhood of civilized countries’ as long as it “protects” those responsible for war crimes. “We are about to mark the 10th anniversary of Srebrenica massacre, and some of the most notorious people from BiH war are still at large,” reads Independent. It points to recent speculations that Ratko Mladic is hiding in Serbia, and Radovan Karadzic being in Montenegro . Oslobodjenje concludes saying that Independent suggests Karadzic is under protection of the Serb Orthodox Church.</p>

<p>New York Times: 'Serbs were stealing uniforms and UN vehicles'</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Serbs were stealing uniforms and UN vehicles', Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Serbs used UN helmets to deceive the victims' – DA carries the excerpts of the article that appeared in the Monday's edition of the New York Times titles 'Details of Srebrenica Emerge as Hague Prepares for a Trial'. According to the article, <i>"to carry out the most notorious massacre of the Bosnian war, the organizers devised an elaborate ruse. They stole the blue helmets and white vehicles of UN peacekeepers so they could trick and capture their victims. They blocked access roads to keep away outsiders like Red Cross workers and journalists."</i></p>
<p>Srebrenica Municipal Chief on crimes committed</p>	<p>Nacional pg 2 'Humiliation waiting for Tadic' by <u>D.P.P.</u> – Daily notes referring to its source at RS MOI that Boris Tadic will be subject to many sorts of humiliations by the Bosniaks during the Potocari commemoration ceremony. It also alleges several wealthy Bosniaks in Srebrenica have founded a fund, from which they intend to "stimulate" local women who accept to humiliate Serbian President with tears, screams, prayers...</p>

<p>Nacional on Tadic's attendance in Srebrenica</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'There was no genocide against Serbs' by <u>N.N.</u> – In a statement to Montenegrin papers, Abdurahman Malkic, Srebrenica Municipal Head, said that there were crimes committed against Serbs in this city, but not genocide, adding: <i>"Crimes were committed against civilians of Serb nationality during the war also, but those did not have a character of genocide. Those were separate crimes with no character of systematic and planned killing and destruction. Unlike them, crimes against Bosniaks have a character of genocide, which was run by state authorities of Yugoslavia and RS."</i></p> <p>Commenting on this upcoming meeting with Boris Tadic, Serbian President, Malkic noted: <i>"The fact Serbia failed to vote on Srebrenica Resolution speaks enough of Serbia as a state, which is not prepared to face with its past."</i></p>
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<p>HR Ashdown with 'Mother of Srebrenica and Zepa'</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje, pg 4 'Everyone that wants to pay respect is welcome', by <u>S. R.</u> – According to the Vice President of Association 'Movement Mothers of enclaves of Srebrenica and Zepa', Kada Hotic, many associations from Srebrenica are against the announced arrival of the Serbian President Boris Tadic to the forthcoming Srebrenica commemoration. She says that her association does not pay any significance to the arrival of Tadic, saying that everyone who wants to sincerely pay respect to the victims is welcome. Oslobodjenje reports that members of the Association met with the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, on Monday, and according to Hotic, HR Ashdown wanted to know their position regarding the arrival of Tadic.</p>
<p>Osl. op-ed on responsibility for Srebrenica massacre</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Fear of Srebrenica' by <u>Z. Dizdarevic</u> carries a commentary on various Resolutions on Srebrenica, which have been adopted lately. The author says: <i>'By UN Resolutions and ICTY verdicts Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia was marked as an aggressor against BiH. The crime in Srebrenica is also a part of the genocide-like project, which was primarily devised in Belgrade. However, the role of Serb extremists in BiH was dominant in the Srebrenica massacre itself and this underlines the responsibility of the RS.'</i></p>

Mtg of ruling parties on CoM crisis fails to produce solutions

Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'It is possible that two new ministries will be introduced', mentioned on cover 'Halilovic: Two new ministries should be introduced' by A. Basic – The third round of the meeting between leaders of the ruling parties to resolve the current crisis in the BiH Council of Ministers (CoM) failed in reaching any agreement that would overcome the crisis. BiH CoM Chair **Adnan Terzic**, who was supposed to offer the solution to this crisis, did not attend this meeting. *"We intend to solve the crisis, and not to further complicate it. We have talked about meeting the conditions for launching negotiations with on Stabilisation and Accession Agreement. That is our priority. We will meet again in Thursday and then we will be more concrete,"* stated SDS leader, **Dragan Cavic**. Asked about Terzic's proposal to propose the non-party experts to fill in the vacant ministerial positions in CoM, Cavic said SDS will not support such solution: *"I don't think that would be wise, as CoM agenda do not include technical but political issues."* SBiH leader, **Safet Halilovic**, told press that Terzic is expect to offer solution to the crisis. Halilovic adds that the meeting also discuss possibility to establish new ministries: *"CoM reshuffle is possible, but in which way I don't know. There is also possibility to introduce Agriculture Ministry and Ministry of Health."* After the meeting, BiH Foreign Minister in resignation **Mladen Ivanic** repeated his-well known position: *"Terzic has three options: firstly– to withdraw his decision, secondly – to appoint two new ministers he's been talking about for three or four weeks, and third option is for him to resign from his post if he is not able to implement his own decision."* Terzic on the other hand told press on Monday that he has already offered solutions regarding the CoM at the last week's meeting and that it is up to the political parties to reach a final agreement, reports Srna. He also confirmed he visited Dobož on Sunday and had a coffee with RS Prime Minister, **Pero Bukeylovic**.

RHB, BHT1, FTV, Hayat, RTRS, PINK, Oslobođenje g 5 'New Council of Ministers with two Ministries?' by A. Omeragic, **Dnevni List**, pg 5 'Ivanic: Terzic does not know what to do', not signed, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3, announced on cover 'Introduction of new ministries and changes annoucned' by M.Cubro, **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Not a step further' by N.Zelenovic, **EuroBlic** RSpG 2 'Ivanic: Terzic making decisions on everything' – also report.

<p>Terzic in Zagreb</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Terzic visits Zagreb today' – The Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, pays one-day visit to Zagreb today, together with Deputy Justice Minister Niko Grubestic and Brcko Mayor Mirsad Djapo. Occasion of the visit is the opening of the Office of International conference for river Sava , the Sava Commission in Zagreb , which will be presided by BiH over the next three years.</p>
<p>CoM in session: No pre-requisites for census, OSA to take over movable properties of entity intelligence services</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, FTV, BHT1, RTRS, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Minors can go to SCG and Croatia without passports as of today', 'Novakovic's law on population census in 2005 rejected', Oslobodjenje pg 5, Slobodna Dalmacija, back pg 'Minors across the border only when escorted by parents', by <u>D. Pasic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 5 'There are no pre-requisites for census', by <u>Nermin Bise</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Minors can cross border with birth ceritifcate' by <u>N.K.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'First return then census?' by <u>V.Bu.</u>, EuroBlic RSp 2 'Travelseased' by <u>Dusanka Stanisic</u> – During its session held on Monday, CoM has passed a decision according to which juvenile citizens of BiH are allowed to cross the border with Croatia and SCG with birth certificate or students' ID. After the session, BiH Minister of Security, Barisa Colak, has explained that in this way juveniles can cross the border only in company of their parents, legal guardians or certified person and that this decision will be in power till September 31. BiH CoM also accepted the Framework general agreement on transfer of property rights between former entity intelligence agencies and the OSA, according to which OSA would claim ownership over movable properties of the former entity intelligence services, such as cars, equipment and archives. BiH CoM also discussed the issue of organizing of census in BiH, and according to Colak, BiH does indeed need a census, however at this moment there are no pre-requisites to organize it since the return process has not been fully completed.</p>

<p>SDHR Ney in Banja Luka : 'Solve police reform by mid-September'</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'EU is impatient', Dnevni List, pg 5 'Solve police reform by mid-September', by De. L., Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Police reform must be solved by middle September' by SRNA, EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Ney: Police reform by middle September' by M.S. – SDHR, Martin Ney visited Banja Luka on Monday where he discussed the issue of police reform with RS PM Pero Bukejlovic. He stated that EU commission is anxious to negotiate on Stabilisation and Association Agreement concerning BiH before the 10th anniversary of Dayton Agreement. He warned RS to change their attitude toward the police reform and to open the negotiations if they want BiH to be admitted to EU. SDHR Ney stressed that if BiH wants to continue its European path, it has to solve the issue of police reform until middle September, adding that Banja Luka has to decide whether it wants to continue negotiations and accept three European principles. SDHR Ney also stressed that Europe is impatient when it comes to reforms and has a great wish to see the Stabilization and Association Agreement signed before the 10th Anniversary of DPA. He advised RS to open the negotiation concerning this issue and asked them if they are for the three principles concerning the Police reform, noting the "NO" of RS NA cannot be that last word. He also added: <i>"I am of the view RS NA does not want to be take over responsibility if new generations do not become the members of EU family."</i> Glas Srpske pg 2 'Europe has a calendar' by M.Mihajlovic – After Monday's meeting with SDHR Ney, Milovan Stankovic, RS Defence Minister, stressed the necessity for identification of solution acceptable for defence reform for all sides, as well as the need to see final deliberations brought at parliaments.</p>
<p>Rycroft urges reforms in police, education and PBS</p>	<p>BHT1, RTRS, PINK, Dnevni Avaz pg 7 'British tram around Sarajevo' by Ma. D. – British Ambassador to BiH, Mathew Rycroft held a press-conference in a tram, painted in the logo to mark of UK takeover of Chairing EU. Ambassador Rycroft stressed that Britain is prepared to help BiH on its European path, but that all responsibility lies upon BiH authorities, emphasising that priorities are reforms of police, education and PBS. <i>"One of things that we can do is to explain what it means to get closer to the EU. I hope that leaders in this country, especially in RS will bring decisions that will get BiH closer to the EU, but at the end those are their decisions- they have to bring them"</i>- said Ambassador Rycroft.</p>

DL slams Ashdown over statement that Terzic is best PM	Dnevni List , pg 2 'Paddy's choice', by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – Carries an op-ed in which the author slams the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown's , statement that Adnan Terzic is the best Prime Minister BiH has had to date. <u>Glibusic</u> says that effects of reforms that have been carried out under Terzic are that more young people are leaving BiH, that unemployment is rising and that country is in bigger debts. According to the author the only thing the BiH CoM has been doing is preparing laws, which have not been applied on the ground.
Former HR Bildt: 'Next year would be of crucial importance for the Balkans'	Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Next year crucial for the Balkans', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Next year would be of crucial importance for the Balkans' by <u>BETA</u> – Carl Bildt , former High representative to BiH, on Monday stated that the next year would be of extreme cruciality for the entire region of Balkans, since perspective of Balkans in EU, future of Kosovo and future of SiCG will have to be determined, adding: <i>"2006 would see re-definition of European perspective for the Balkans."</i> Speaking of video-tape showing the murder of Srebrenica men, he said <i>"those may have an effect of clean out...The fact the video tape was shown is good since it removes any doubt that may have existed before."</i>
DL: Covic used to declare himself as Yugoslav	Dnevni List , front pg splash and pg 9 'Covic is Yugoslav and his signature is in Cyrillic alphabet', by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – DL claims to be in possession of a document (student enrolment form) that shows that the president of HDZ, Dragan Covic , declared himself as 'Yugoslav', not as 'Croat' and that his signature was in Cyrillic alphabet.

Economic, social and judicial issues	
Floods in BiH	Slobodna Dalmacija , front pg splash and pg 14 'Floods taking away roads and bridges', by <u>Mato Komso</u> , <u>Goran Spreckic</u> , <u>Zeda</u> – Carries a whole page report from different places in central Bosnia, which has been hit by big rains that have caused huge damages to the area. Vecernji List , pg 3 'Damages worth ten million marks', by <u>Zeda</u> – damages in the Zenica-Doboj Canton exceed 10 million KMs. (reports on floods also in RHB, BHT, NTV Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Sarajevo and RS press)

<p>Farmers continue protest in front of CoM building; OHR says they are right to demand Agriculture Ministry at state level</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, BHT1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'Bakic announced lawsuit against Banjanovic' by Fena, Dnevni List, pg 7 'Tons of cucumbers and tomatoes in front of Government doors', by Nermin Bise – Representatives of the BiH Association of Farmers protesting outside the building of Joint Institutions in Sarajevo for the tenth day again stated they would not move until all their demands are met. <i>"We have no other option. The fact that we received support from the OHR's Economic Department and the today's arrival of several dozen farmers from across BiH to support us shows that domestic farmers are right"</i>, BiH Association of Farmers President Ranko Bakic said. He said that no one from the authorities has approached them so far. On Monday protesters also read an open letter to SDP President Zlatko Lagumdžija demanding him to publicly distance himself from statements made by a member of this party, Fadil Banjanovic. BiH farmers stressed that Banjanovic has made repeated statements to the media undermining the position of farmers and the Association, and also insulting them thus the Association will file a lawsuit against Banjanovic for slander and insult. Hayat, Oslobođenje, pg 2, mentioned on front 'We are prepared even for hunger strike', by M. K. S. – Inset entitled 'Support from OHR' reports that the farmers received the support from the OHR on Monday. In a letter addressed to the Association of Farmers, the Chief of OHR's Economic Department, Patrice Dreiski, states that a lack of state institution for issues related to agriculture is a key problem for farmers.</p>
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<p>Lijanovici case update: Court decides no legal ground for Simiunovics detention</p>	<p>FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 11 'Head of 'Lijanovici' legal department remains at large' A.N., Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'The Simunovic' at large' by A.Durmo – The BiH Court have decided that there is no legal ground for Zdenka and Ljubo Simunovic to be held in one-month detention. They are both workers of the Lijanovici company, and they were arrested seven days ago, when the FBiH police and EUFOR raided the offices of Lijanovici company in Siroki Brijeg. The 2 of them have been suspected of illegal possession of weapon and organized crime.</p>
<p>No inventory of the property BiH inherited from R BiH or SR BiH</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Debts and property of BiH undetermined' by R.Cengic – Daily notes there is no official list of property that does not fall under succession property and which BiH has inherited from R BiH or SR BiH, neither is there list of property BiH had at the time of independence acquisition or signing of the peace agreement. Selim Beslagic, SDP of BiH delegate at the BiH Parliamentary Assembly, says: <i>"On several occasions, the opposition has demanded inventory of the property and cash at bank accounts be prepared. However, we still do not have even list of loans and donations."</i></p>

<p>FBiH Tax Administration in disarray</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 4 'Disarray in Federation Tax Administration', by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Important investigation will be brought into question because of personnel leaving' by <u>M. Kukan</u> – FBiH Tax Administration (FBiH TA) is in disarray after as many as 132 FBiH TA's officials have got jobs with the Indirect Tax Authority. The FBiH TA Director, Midhat Arifovic, explains that this situation suits people/companies that evade taxes since many inspectors, who were in charge of investigations into business operations of big taxpayers, have left the FBiH TA. DL also notes that the law prevents the FBiH TA from hiring new people.</p>
<p>Prlic and Robinson to meet in next few days</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 8 'HT has no ground for payment', by <u>Marko Karacic</u> – According to the HT Mostar (Croat telecommunications) CEO, Stipe Prlic, he and the Provisional Administrator for 'Hercegovacka Bank', Toby Robinson, will be meeting in the next few days in order to overcome the situation, which was caused by the Provisional Administration's request that the HT's bank accounts be frozen. Prlic explains that the HT Mostar is prepared to honour its obligations when it receives proper court orders.</p>

Defence, police and security issues

NN, GS on
'Islamic
militants'
with BiH
passports

Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'The way in which Al Shammary obtained the citizenship of BiH remains unknown' by D.Mu.— The BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs is still unable to specify the way in which **Zaid Saad Al Shammary**, a person believed to be Al Qaida's man No. 3 in Saudi Arabia, obtained the citizenship of BiH [Note: Glas Srpske published on 4 July that a source close to CoM claims that a number of most-wanted terrorist suspects have BiH citizenship, including Al Shammary; for details, see BiH Media Round up for 4 July]. Al Shammary was allegedly entered in the BiH's registry of citizens in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton but this Canton's MoI does not have any information in that regard. **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Via Split to Jihad' – GS claims that its sources have information that **Al Hayari**, Al Qaida leader in Saudi Arabia killed two days ago, had two BiH passports, one of which obtained in 1995 and the second one 4 years later. He arrived in BiH through the Croatian port of Split, the route that other mujaheedens had used, too. **Darko Trifunovic**, expert for terrorism, says: *"Claiming that Al-Hayari did not have a new BiH passport and ID card, the institutions in charge (BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs) is only trying to trick local and international public. The key issue is why citizenship was not taken away from that man."*

**DL on issuing
of BiH
citizenships
to foreign
nationals**

Dnevni List, pg 8 'Unknown number of people with BiH citizenships', by D. Kozina – Regarding the issuance of BiH citizenship to foreign nationals during and after the war, DL reminds that a commission whose task is to deal with those citizenships issued to foreign nationals was appointed 5 years ago. The Chair of Commission, **Miodrag Pandurevic**, did not want to reveal to DL how many cases the commission has come across.

Furthermore, he stresses that the commission had sent the (BiH) Parliament in 2002 a request, asking the Parliament to provide the legal interpretation of the Law on citizenship of Republic of BiH, according to which foreign nationals, who served in the military in BiH, could get the BiH citizenship. The commission also asked whether this provision had been annulled by the DPA. Finally, Pandurevic says the Parliament declared itself incompetent for the issue, and the Parliament said the OHR should interpret the law. OHR is yet to declare itself.

<p>Radovanovic: To abolish entity MoD by September?</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 11, mentioned on cover 'Entity Ministries to be abolished by September' by <u>A. Prlenda</u> carries an interview with BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic, who said that the Defence Reform Commission would submit the report with legal solutions for abolishment of entity Defence Ministries to the High Representative on July 18. Radovanovic explains that in this way before summer holidays the parliamentary procedure would be launched and conditions to approve the proposals in September would be created. According to Radovanovic, this is about solutions of the Law on BiH defense for abolishment of the entity Ministries, single budget, creating of the professional BiH Army etc.</p>
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**SD: BiH CoM
to confront
IC over
police
certification
process**

Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 16 'Police officers to be checked one more time?', by Zlatko Tulic – Commenting on the decision of the BiH Parliament to task the BiH Council of Ministers that is to form a mixed commission that is to carry out an audit of process of certification of police officers, SD reckons that the BiH CoM is in troubles, firstly because it has to take a decision as to who is to perform the job and secondly it is bound to be in confrontation with the IC given the IC's position that the UN's decisions are final, as previously demonstrated by the OHR. However, SD argues that the audit is indeed necessary as proven in the recent arrests of RS police officers, who had received IPTF's certificates despite committing war crimes.

<p>VL interview: FBiH Defence Minister Nikolic on financial issues, abolishment of entity MODs</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 4, mentioned on front ‘There will be no big redundancies’, by <u>Misijana Brkic-Milinkovic</u> – Carries an interview with the FBiH Defence Minister, Miroslav Nikolic, in which he mostly focuses on financial troubles the FBiH MoD is in, given that the FBiH MoD owes the soldiers two salaries from the year 2001. Nikolic says that the debt related to the unpaid salaries amounts to some 32 million KMs, without the interest rate. On top of this, he says there are more claims against the FBiH MoD related to various disputable decisions, war reparations, lawsuits by contractors etc. Furthermore, Minister Nikolic agrees with the BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic that the entity MoDs should be abolished, however Nikolic reckons the merger will be a difficult one. Finally, Nikolic believes there will be no drastic redundancies in the FBiH Army and FBiH MoD since some report mention figures as high as 10000 redundancies.</p>
<p>SD says it is scandal nobody is going to be responsible for ‘Pogorelica’ case</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 17 ‘Explosive in toys – nothing important!?', by <u>Milo Jukic</u> – The author says it is scandalous that nobody is being held responsible for the ‘Pogorelica’ case despite the SFOR’s official report from February 15, which according to SD, shows beyond any doubt that there a terrorist training camp at Pogorelica.</p>