

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 6/10/2004

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BH TV 1</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FED TV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RT RS</b> (19,30)
Confidential info exchange	Train accident kills 2	Train accident kills 2	Threat email to RS Govt
News COMSFOR	RS Army wartime archive	Cavic visits ICTY	War documentation found
Bomb hoax in Ljubuski	Confidential info exchange	Srebrenica Commission	Cavic in ICTY
Tihic, Paravac in Swiss.	Prodi on BiH entry to EU	Confidential info exchange	Confidential info exchange

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Croatian Government investigates the sale of hospital in Cavtat; SFOR's job not yet completed; Murders from Srebrenica hiding in authorities, army and police; Croatia announces new agreement on Ploce port
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	General Shook: SFOR's job is not completed
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Covic and Bicakcic to have immunity until end of month
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Evacuation of children from school in Ljubuski
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Drago Josipovic: Pasko Ljubicic will set me free
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	Deadline expires today: RS MoI found a part of war-time documentation; Drazen Bojic and Verdan Pursic released from detention: Special police out on pre-trial release
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Six-hour drama in Banja Luka Street of Bozo Vrankic: Get me my property back

**EuroBlic**

Drama in Banja Luka : Police cordon against Marinkovic family

**War crimes**

**Matijasevic  
on war-time  
documentation**

**Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'We are working on arrest of war criminals' by Onasa, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Special police already gathered information on war crimes' by M. Radetic, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Satisfied with information about The Hague indictees' by bs and **Dnevni List** pg 4 'Part of documentation of Supreme Headquarters found' by A. Beus, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 'A part of war-time documentation found' mentioned on cover 'RS MoI found a part of war-time documentation' by D. Risojevic, V. Popovic, inset 'Special unit for arrest of war crime suspects'; **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Police is getting to it' by V. Janjic; **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Information would help in arrests' by N. B. – RS Interior Minister, **Darko Matijasevic**, confirmed on Tuesday in Banja Luka (after meeting with RS NA Speaker, **Dusan Stojcic**), that a part of the documentation from the sessions of the wartime RS Supreme Command has been found, which is due to be submitted to the Hague tribunal on Wednesday.

**Matijasevic** declined to divulge where the wartime documentation was found and what exactly this documentation contained. He added that the public would be notified about the details, noting "*I believe that we have reasons to be satisfied.*" He confirmed that the RS Interior Ministry and other relevant RS institutions were carrying out a number of intense activities in connection with this issue. **Zivorad Mijatovic**, Head of RS Government Secretariat for cooperation with ICTY, expressed expectation the entire documentation would be handed to the ICTY, adding that a great share of documentation has been handed to the Secretariat by the RS Defence Ministry, but some documents from some other institutions are still being awaited for.

**BHT 1** – BHT 1 links the found documentation to the reports on search of **Mauzer**'s house [see *BiH media round-ups for past two days*], however notes that several BH TV 1 sources that Mauzer didn't take this documentation, but the wartime archive of the RS Ministry of Interior.

**RTRS** – **Dusan Stojcic** RS National Assembly Speaker stated that RS obligations will be fulfilled and added that it is very important to obtain the current level of trust that RS has with international institutions.

<p><b>RS MoI establishes a special unit to seek PIFWCs</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'A part of war-time documentation found' mentioned on cover 'RS MoI found a part of war-time documentation' by <u>D. Risojevic, V. Popovic</u>, inset 'Special unit for arrest of war crime suspects' – RS Interior Minister <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> stated that after he arrived to the police, a special unit with the task to seek war crimes indictees was established. <i>"The special units of RS MoI, operational teams of the support unit, as well as the special teams of RS MoI are working intensively and I can freely say that as a minister I am satisfied with the information and I think that these information will be significant for further actions"</i>, Matijasevic told the press not wishing to present any concrete details. Matijasevic reiterated that <i>"all measures"</i> are being taken in the context of fulfilling the commitments towards ICTY, and added that these activities will not be stopped until RS has fulfilled a part of its commitments towards the Hague Tribunal.</p>
<p><b>Oslobodjenje op-ed on Matijasevic</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 7 'Matijasevic' op-ed by <u>Senka Kurtovic</u> – Author writes that one can see that RS MoI <b>Darko Matijasevic</b> is new to the job, as he repeats something that people heard so many times – the emphasize that MoI is ready to arrest war criminals. She adds that lately he says something on the topic every single day, always stressing that there were some new revelations of importance. However, author says that since for years RS official repeat such words without any actions while mass graves are being still disclosed, Matijasevic's statement do not mean much.</p>

<p><b>Cavic meets Meron, Del Ponte in ICTY</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Meron asked Cavic for immediate Karadzic's arrest' by <u>A. Hadzic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'The Hague demands arrests' by <u>SRNA</u> – On Tuesday, RS President, <b>Dragan Cavic</b>, in The Hague met separately with ICTY Chief Prosecutor, <b>Carla del Ponte</b>, and ICTY President, <b>Theodor Meron</b> in order to discuss the RS cooperation with ICTY. Cavic stated that ICTY has no new position regarding this matter and that cooperation with ICTY is essential for RS. Cavic added that the issue of cooperation with the ICTY is an institutional obligation of the RS, which is of extreme importance for BiH as well, because at this moment, it is the only obstruction to signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement of BiH to PfP.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 'The Hague is an issue above all issues for RS' by <u>Borjana Radmanovic</u> – Cavic stressed: <i>"My commitment is clear – it is a full and complete cooperation with the Hague Tribunal and fulfilment of all international obligations. There is no political obstruction to this at the moment in the RS, because there is a Resolution adopted by RS NA, neither is there any political party able of misusing this issue."</i></p> <p>He expressed expectation that <b>Darko Matijasevic</b>, RS Minister of Internal Affairs, would do all he can to ensure cooperation with ICTY is complete.</p> <p>FTV – Today, Cavic will meet with 22 RS citizens detained in ICTY. According to the FTV's source, at the meetings with Meron and Del Ponte Cavic was asked to explain where is war archive demanded.</p> <p><b>RTRS</b> – Cavic added that del Ponte understood that there has been a positive climate in RS now, but stressed that she expects RS and its MoI to do something about it. Cavic adds that if RS commitments are not fulfilled, the entity could be put in a very delicate situation. <i>"The messages are clear. I think that for RS, the next 2-3 months will represent a serious test and many political processes will depend on that"</i>, says Cavic.</p>
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<p><b>Cekic meets Mothers of Srebrenica: War crimes perpetrators still occupy positions in RS authorities, army, police</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Perpetrators of the crimes in Srebrenica still occupy high ranking positions in RS Army and Police' by <u>S. Skuletic</u> – The members of the Srebrenica Commission, <b>Smail Cekic</b>, on Tuesday met with the representatives of the "Mothers of enclaves Srebrenica and Zepa" and told them that the list of perpetrators of the crimes in Srebrenica includes thousands of names. <i>"The majority of them still occupy high ranking positions in RS Army and Police. We will not publish their names and I expect that they will be brought before the justice,"</i> Cekic stressed. Inset 'Empty RS MoI 'secret boxes'' carries Cekic as saying that RS MoI's 'secret boxes' were not very useful, stressing that he personally took a look at the documentation and therefore believes that someone made selection before submitting the documents to the Hague.</p> <p><b>Oslobodjenje cover</b>, pg 6 'Srebrenica murders are hiding in authorities, military and police' by <u>A. Omeragic</u> – Oslobodjenje's article also focuses at Cekic's statement that perpetrators of the war crimes in Srebrenica are still occupying the important positions in RS. He added that their names will not be publicly published in accordance with the guidelines from ICTY.</p> <p>Cekic also said that the International Community intends to establish the Commission to establish how many Serbs were killed in Sarajevo during the war. He said he is astonished with this intention of the international representatives.</p> <p><b>RTRS</b> – Cekic also expressed his dissatisfaction with cooperation with relevant RS institutions.</p>
<p><b>SD on Drago Josipovic, by ICTY</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> front and pg 15 'Pasko Ljubicic will release me', by <u>Z. Cilic</u> carries an interview with <b>Drago Josipovic</b> who has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment because of war crimes committed against Bosniak civilians in village of Ahmici in 1993. Josipovic says he is innocent and believes that the revision of the court procedure against him will take place soon. Josipovic also says that he is convinced that the process against <b>Pasko Ljubicic</b> will reveal the truth about the crimes in Ahmici and release him (Josipovic).</p>

<p><b>BiH and EU sign agreement on exchange of security information</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 2 'Exchange of the confidential information' by <u>V.Zivak</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'BiH and EU will exchange confidential information' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'EU will share security information with BiH authorities', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 5 'Partnership between EU and BiH grows all the time', by <u>E. Mackic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Exchange of confidential information between EU and BiH agreed' by <u>M.C.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3</p> <p>'Confidentially without secrets' – The Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, signed the Agreement between BiH and EU on security procedure on exchange of confidential information in Sarajevo on Tuesday. <i>"The agreement foresees that BiH authorities will be getting all information from the EU, including the secret ones"</i>, said Chairman Terzic following the signing of the Agreement, which was earlier signed by the EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, <b>Javier Solana</b>. The signing was witnessed by Solana's envoy, <b>Peter Feith</b>, who says he is happy with the signing of the Agreement, especially because the transfer of SFOR mandate onto EU forces will strengthen the EU's role in BiH. The Agreement itself regulates exchange of all security information, including ones related to terrorist threats and persons charged with war crimes.</p> <p>BHT 1 – "Signing of this agreement shows that BiH is partner to European Commission and European Union and that this partnership is stronger every day," Terzic said.</p>
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**New COMSFOR  
takes over**

**Vecernji List** pg 2 'We have to capture The Hague fugitives' by eme – During the Tuesday's ceremony in SFOR's camp in Butmir, Brigadier General **Steven P. Schook** has become the 9th SFOR's Commander in BiH. On this occasion Schook stated: *"SFOR will continue to preserve safe and peaceful environment in BiH and we shall not reduce our focus and capability until the end of our mission in December. The door to Partnership for Peace is open for BiH but only after well known conditions have been met. For this reason SFOR will continue with its resolute support to the authority which must succeed in this crucial mission."* Schook stressed that SFOR's job has not been completed.

**BHT1, FTV, RHB, Dnevni Avaz** cover splash 'General Schook: SFOR job has not been completed yet', pg 3 'General Steven Schook took over command' by M. Drinjakovic, **Oslobodjenje** cover, pg 5 'SFOR's job not yet completed' by A. Prlenda, **Dnevni List** pg 3 'EU and NATO two sides of the same medal' by D. Polovina-Mandic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Steven P. Schook new Commander' by F. Glas Srpske pg 3 'Schook took over duties'; **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'General Schook took over duties' by A. Sisic – also covered.



<p><b>Update to Visegrad action case</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 11 'Policemen indicted for murder of Novica Lukic released from detention' by <u>M.Kukan</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> cover and pg 2 'Special police out on pre-trial release' by <u>D. Risojevic</u> – Srpsko Sarajevo District Court yesterday approved temporary release of 2 members of RS special police who are accused of <b>Novica Lukic</b> murder. <b>Vedran Purisic</b> and <b>Drazen Bojic</b> are out on pre-trial release.. NN got hold of report from <b>Bojic's</b> questioning who claims that he and his team were sacrificed. The minutes also reveal details yet unknown to public, i.e. the action was badly organised and plan was changed at the last moment. Trial to <b>Purisic and Bojic</b> is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October. Attorney <b>Dusko Tomic</b> claims that Court decided there is no grounds on basis of which the two defendants should be kept in custody any further.</p>
<p><b>Bomb hoax in school in Ljubuski</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Vecernji List</b> front pg 'Evacuation of children from school in Ljubuski' and pg 3 'Children evacuated from primary school because of bomb' by <u>Ivan Kaleb</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 40 'Tip about bomb spoiled joy of teacher', mentioned on cover, <u>not signed</u> and <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 18 'Tip about bomb received by phone emptied classrooms' by <u>D. Vukojevic</u> – Police station in Ljubuski received an anonymous tip on allegedly planted bomb in 'Marko Marulic School' in Ljubuski. Pupils and teachers were evacuated immediately and police officers searched the school and its surroundings. Police did not find any explosive devices but is now working on identification of the person who made a call.</p>

<p><b>RS Government officials receive threat emails</b></p>	<p><b>RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 2 'Threatening letter to RS Government' by Onasa, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Representatives of the RS Government receive threat mail', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'RS Government received threatening letter' by Onasa, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Threat via internet' by V. J. –</p> <p>Several officials of the RS Government received a threatening e-mail messages on Tuesday, which read that they will face a firearm attack and that they will be informed by phone one minute before the shooting. The e-mail also reads that the officials of the Government serve the US, not the RS institutions. This e-mail, which was apparently sent by a <b>Zeljko Vuckovac</b>, also accused the High Representative of not working on the integration of this region into Europe, but in the interest of the US and Great Britain. The Spokesperson of the RS MoI, <b>Zoran Glusac</b>, said that the law enforcement agencies in charge were checking the content of the letter and taking actions to locate the sender. He said that a report had been filed against the person with the same name for stoning "Banski Dvor" (where the RS President's Cabinet is situated) on September 2.</p>
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<p><b>VL on money laundry in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 3 'Laundered money for terror', mentioned on front, '590 million KMs laundered, part goes to terrorists', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – The daily notes that the UN officials asked BiH to undertake stronger measures and prevent money laundry through BiH banks, which can be connected to support to global terrorism network. VL also notes that the Office for prevention of money laundry with the F BiH Financial Police has in last two years reported suspicious financial transactions worth more than 367 million US\$ (around 590 million KMs), as was reported by the BiH Security Ministry to the UN's Board for fight against terrorism. VL also reports that in the first half of 2004, the Office for prevention of money laundry with the F BiH Financial Police has observed 33 suspicious financial transactions, during which 53 million KMs were transferred. Of that amount, 30 million KMs was blocked in the Vakufska bank, whose work was connected to radical Islamic elements.</p>
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## Political issues

**Elections to  
be repeated  
in Kozluk;  
possibility  
in Doboj and  
Kalesija**

**RHB, Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'In Kozluk, they voted twice and in Kalesija they added votes' by A.M. – The Chairman of the BiH Election Commission **Vehid Sehic** stated that the Commission will bring decision to repeat elections in Kozluk near Zvornik and Kalesija. He explained that seven political parties have filed complaint against the voting process in Zoluk, which was closed down about 17.30 on the election day. In addition to the initial problem of tearing apart the voting lists, the Commission was informed that citizens voted twice. As for Kalesija, Sehic explains that some persons tried to put additional votes in ballot boxes.

**BHT 1** – In addition, there are suspicions on election irregularities in Doboj. BHT 1 brings that voting may be repeated in Kalesija and Doboj.

<p>After recounting votes, SDP confirmed to win elections in Brcko</p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'SDP in Brcko overrun SDS for 183 votes' by <u>E.Razanica</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> RSpg 3 'SDS lost after corrections' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b>, pg. 20 'DS got through as well' by <u>M. Draganic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg. 5 'The position of the District Mayor will go to SDP' by <u>dja</u> – According to the latest preliminary results of Brcko District Election Commission, SDP of BiH won at local elections in Brcko and not SDS. The Election Commission explained the correction was made after data from 89 polling stations were processed. SDP candidates won 5,440 (17,38%) of votes, while SDS candidates won 5,257 votes. Although votes from abroad have not been processed as yet, it is already certain that SDP is the strongest party in the District, which will get the right to nominate a candidate for the Mayor. Unofficial information says that SDP will nominate <b>Mirsad Djapo</b> as new Brcko mayor, who has been assuming the duty of District Assembly Speaker.</p>
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**NN on  
possible new  
coalitions**

**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Parties think of coalitions' by V. Popovic, N. Krsman – Following publication of unofficial election results, the political parties are already thinking of possible coalitions. Party for BiH stressed it would not be possible to establish a municipal council majority in over 50% of municipalities without the support of this party. **Safet Halilovic**, President of Party for BiH, said that although many parties attempt to show they are winners, they would not be able to work without the support of other parties. **Sulejman Tihic**, SDA President, stated that this party *"can make coalition only with those parties, who won people's trust."* In this context, he did not exclude the possibility of seeing SDA setting coalition with SDS or SNSD in RS. **Igor Radojicic**, SNSD General Secretary, stated that although it is still too early to talk about possible coalitions, SNSD would persist in its coalition with the RS Socialist Party and DNS at Municipal levels. SDP of BiH Presidency held session on Tuesday and discussed possible coalitions. Decision has not been announced to the public as yet. HDZ of BiH is of the view that it is too early to speak about coalitions, since final election results have not been announced.

## Spiric on elections

**RHB, Oslobođenje** pg 4 'Enough of SDS's rule' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'The time of SDS rule has passed', **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'SNSD won majority votes' by V. Popovic, **Dnevni List** pg 8 'Spiric: Institutions should check claims given by politicians during pre-election campaign' not signed – Member of SNSD main board, **Nikola Spiric**, stated on Tuesday that SNSD is the only party which recorded a heavy rise not only in the RS, but also in the entire of BiH, while SDS recorded a fall of 25% (within its electorate). At the press conference, **Spiric** stressed that after 14 years of "*SDS reign in various combinations*", SNSD is now the first political party with 118 thousand votes won. He further said that the campaign run by SDS Acting President, **Dragan Cavic**, resulted "*in the worst possible option for him and his party, since SDS lost around 40 thousand votes.*" He further stressed that a change in voting of electorate was also expected in F BiH, noting that only RS electorate "*has demonstrated a complete political maturity*".

**RTRS** – "*SNSD didn't lead the election campaign to amuse the people but to point out to problems in RS and BIH, which are crime and corruption. This is the time to check what the politicians were saying*", Spiric said.

<p><b>Helsinki Committee says elections were fair and democratic</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 10 ‘Elections were fair and democratic’, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 5 ‘Only seven percent of youth below 30 voted’, by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 7 ‘Elections point out to need for new census’, by <u>NINA</u> – The BiH Helsinki Committee warn of poor turnout in the local elections in BiH, especially of younger population since the Committee estimates that only 7% of people younger than 30 actually voted. The Committee also stresses shortcomings in the process of registration of voters, citing that some list of voters, such as lists in Banja Luka , had dead people on them. As a remedy, the Committee suggests that a new census should be organized, which should contribute to upgrading of list of voters.</p>
<p><b>NN op-ed praises SNSD’s results at elections</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> op-ed pg 7 ‘A decade for a percent’ by <u>Anton Kasipovic</u> – The author is satisfied with election results in RS, noting that <b>Milorad Dodik</b> and his party had to spend the entire decade to win one percent of votes more than SDS. He is critical of the nationalistic parties and their rule, and praiseworthy of the SNSD and its policy, noting there are some obstacles before this party since victory brings many duties along.</p>



<p><b>SD on elections in Mostar</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 10 'HDZ looking for SDA's support', mentioned on front, by <u>M. Landeka</u> – According to latest results from the Election Commission (SD does not state which one), excluding votes in absence and from abroad, the future 35-member City Council of Mostar should have 16 councillors from the HDZ-led coalition, 10 from SDA, 4 from SBiH, 3 from SDP, 1 from Radom za Boljitak party and 1 from HSP Djapic-Juriscic. According to the Election Commission, one should not expect bigger changes to the results, however it is still possible that SDA wins one more seat at expense of SDP. SD also carries a comment by the President of HDZ in Canton 7, <b>Josip Merdzo</b>, who announces negotiations with SDA and other parties about appointment of the Mayor of Mostar, which will be nominated by the HDZ-led coalition.</p>
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<p><b>VL says elections show magnitude of ethnic cleansing in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 5 'Ethnic cleansing in Dayton BiH confirmed', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – The author claims that beside providing results that show the political mood of the citizenry in BiH, the local elections foremost hint what kind of results one should be expecting when a census is organized in BiH. In that context, VL reckons that the election results are seriously challenging official information on the return of refugees and DPs. VL goes on to say that the 'electoral legalization of ethnic cleansing' is especially evident in the RS, stating Banja Luka as an example since Croats will not have a single representative in the City Council.</p>
<p><b>DL says Party for BiH the biggest election loser</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 8 'Is 'housecleaning' in Party for BiH to follow?' by <u>Z. Jukic</u> – The author says that according to the election results, the Party for BiH (SBiH) is the biggest loser of the last elections and such results do not leave room for the dilemma about necessary changes within this party. In an inset to this article under headline 'Abandoning coalition authority' DL says that SBiH should urgently re-define its leadership in order to give more significant role to its members <b>Beriz Belkic, Azra Hadziahmetovic, Sahbaz Dzhahanovic</b> and, perhaps, to <b>Nijaz Durakovic</b>. The author believes it is also important that SBiH abandons the coalition authority at all levels and this will probably happen at proper moment.</p>

<p><b>Stojicic: RS Govt can last</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'RS Assembly can last without SDA' by Onasa, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'Stojicic: RS Government can last' by <u>D.R.</u> – <b>Dusan Stojicic</b>, RS NA Speaker, stated on Tuesday that there is no special reason to open the issue of confidence in RS Government, owing to local election results, as there is a parliamentary majority without SDA. He stressed there is no reason to make such a move, because there is a constant parliament majority without SDA, adding: <i>"Parliament majority can be kept by the end of mandate of the RS Parliament and it would not be in the interest of the RS to open the issue of early elections."</i></p>
<p><b>Prodi: BiH will not join EU before 2010</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b> – The President of the European Commission, <b>Romano Prodi</b>, stated that BiH will not join the EU before 2010 in spite of the BiH's authorities announcements that this will happen until 2009. One month before leaving his position, Romano says that Western Balkan is now much closer to the European integrations than it was at the beginning of his mandate. <i>"As for objections that Balkan has big political and economic problems, I would say that we solve political problems step by step. We offer out assistance and financial support for solving of economic problems. I am sure that we will have success in this,"</i> stated Prodi.</p>

<p><b>Hays to address at Stability Pact conference</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'Positive development in BiH' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 9 'New invitation to investors' by <u>Danka Polovina-Mandic</u> – OHR spokesperson <b>Mario Brkic</b> stated that the Principal Deputy High Representative, <b>Donald Hays</b>, will speak at a Stability Pact conference in Brussels today where he will note the positive institutional developments that have taken place in BiH during 2004, including setting up SIPA and the ITA, reaching agreement on resolving the domestic debts issue etc. Hays will point out that <i>"in the short term, as Free Trade Agreements come into effect, relative weaknesses in key sectors of the BiH economy – agriculture is the obvious one – have been exposed, with significant negative economic impact and the Stability Pact must therefore intensify its engagement in regional crime fighting, regional customs coordination, regional infrastructure building, and regional energy markets so that tangible improvements in citizens lives can be secured sooner rather than later and so that people associate the Stability Pact with long term gain as well as – in some cases – short-term pain."</i></p>
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## Economic and social issues

<p><b>Tihic, Paravac meet Swiss president, discuss investments</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, FTV, Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 3 'I was unpleasantly surprised to learn that our ministries have not prepared the projects' by <u>A. Basic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 'BiH remains priority for assistance in region' by <u>NINA</u></p> <p>– The Chairman of the BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b>, a member of the BiH Presidency <b>Borislav Paravac</b>, and BiH Foreign Minister <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> met with the Swiss President <b>Joseph Daiss</b> and Foreign Affairs Minister <b>Micheline Calmy Rey</b> in Bern on Tuesday. Tihic stated that they discussed the state of bilateral relations between the two countries, the situation in the region and possible Swiss investments to BiH. Tihic stressed that while Switzerland expressed its readiness to continue to participate in BiH's development, he was unpleasantly surprised to learn that authorized BiH ministries have not prepared projects that Switzerland wanted to invest to.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> – In a statement to BHT1, Tihic stressed that they also discussed the issue of BiH refugees in Switzerland .</p>
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**Electro-energy  
system in BiH  
to be untied  
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**RHB, Oslobođenje** pg 3 'Unified electro-energy system in BiH' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Electro-energy system again united as of Monday', **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Electro-energy system united again' by D. Pasic and **Dnevni List** pg 6 Better service and lower prices of electricity' by D.P.M. – Talking at the press conference held in Sarajevo yesterday OHR spokesperson **Mario Brkic** stated that on Sunday the BiH economy will receive a huge boost when the electricity system is re-synchronized, after being divided for more than a decade. Brkic added that this will make it easier for the Elektroprivreda's to sell electricity to one another and to customers elsewhere in Europe and it will also integrate the whole of BiH in the continental power system and will fulfil a major requirement in the EU integration process.

<p><b>Croatian authorities to investigate sale of Cavtat hospital</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pgs 4-5          ‘Croatian government investigates sale of          hospital in Cavtat ’ by <u>Azhar Kalamujic</u> –          Daily carries that the Croatian Interior          Ministry has pushed the Justice Ministry          to established the facts with regard tot          eh sale of BiH owned hospital in Cavtat.          The decision to include Justice Ministry          in the case followed the letter BiH CoM          Chair <b>Adnan Terzic</b> sent to Croatian Prime          Minister <b>Ivo Sanader</b> asking him to cease          the sale procedure in case of children          hospital in Cavtat. Oslobodjenje learns          that Croatian authorities did order the          halt of the sale procedure until          completing the investigation on the case.</p>
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**says Terzic,**  
**Sanader reach**  
**agreement on**  
**Ploce, Busko**  
**lake, etc**

**Oslobodjenje** cover, pg 3 'Croatia announces new agreement on Ploce port' by Az Kalamujic – Daily learns that Croatian Prime Minister **Ivo Sanader** will soon deliver to the BiH-Croatia Interstate Council the new proposal of the agreement on Ploce port. The proposal was allegedly agreed between Sanader and CoM Chair **Adnan Terzic**, and it will be presented to the Council at the session to be held in mid November. Apparently, Sanader said that the new agreement was laid down on economic rather than political foundation. Inset to the article carries that Terzic and Sanader also agreed to sign the agreement on property issues between the two countries by the end of this year, and to solve disputes over Busko lake and Hydroelectric plant in Trebisnjica.

**Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5 'Secret Sanader-Terzic meeting' by D. Zadavec – According to daily, Sanader and Terzic held secret meeting on Tuesday.

**Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'The sale of BIH property in Cavtat is contradictory to Agreement on Succession' by J. Sogolj – also reports that Croatian authorities promised to look into this matter.



<p>HT Mostar to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> GSM licence soon</p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 4 'HT Mostar pays licence related obligations on its own', mentioned on front, by <u>Jurislav Petrovic</u> – The General Manager of HT Mostar, <b>Stipe Prlic</b>, confirms that the Director of RAK (Communications Regulatory Agency), <b>Kemal Huseinovic</b>, stated at the end of last month that all three GSM operators in BiH would get the respective licences in the next days. According to Prlic, the HT Mostar is expecting RAK to inform them about the date the licence will be given to HT Mostar. DL also reports that HT Mostar, which currently does not have the equipment to offer GSM services, is in talks with Eronet to buy their equipment. Finally, Prlic denies some media reports that say that HT Zagreb has asked Eronet to pay one half of first instalment for the GSM licence (10,5 million KMs). Prlic insists that HT Mostar will honour the obligations on its own.</p>
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<p><b>GS cover splash story on evictions</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover page story ‘Get me my property back!’ by <u>J.N.</u> – In presence of bailiff, Banja Luka police yesterday forcibly evicted family <b>Marinkovic</b> from the house in Banja Luka, which they exchanged with family <b>Filipovic</b> from Croatia. After several hours of drama the ER vehicle took 2 members of <b>Marinkovic</b> family (mother <b>Milevba and daughter Dragana</b>) to the hospital. Police didn’t allow journalists or cameramen to approach the house. According to the attorney of family <b>Marinkovic</b> the court in RS doesn’t protect its citizens since it allowed this to happen.</p>
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<p><b>Legal issues</b></p>	
<p><b>Defendants in Croat Self-Rule case to plead on Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 ‘Plea of guilty in case ‘Croat Self-Rule’ on Monday’ by <u>M.K.</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>, pg 10 ‘Trials on Croats self-rule’, by <u>Zlatko Tulic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 4 ‘Defence of political struggle for equality of Croats’, by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – <b>Ante Jelavic, Miroslav Prce, Ivo Andric Luzanski, Marko Tokic, Zdravko Batinic, Dragan Curcic</b> and <b>Petar Milic</b> will enter plea to Croat self-rule charges on Monday. They are being charged with undermining of territorial sovereignty and defence capabilities of BiH. VL also learns that the defendants will plea ‘not guilty’. VL carries Batinic as saying that defendants will be defending the struggle for the equality of the Croats in the court too.</p>

<p><b>Croatian magazines on Hercegovacka Bank case</b></p>	<p><b>Nacional</b>, pg 34 'Prce's admission passes verdict to Ante Jelavic', by <u>Berislav Jelinic</u> – commenting on recent deal between one of defendants in the Hercegovacka bank case, <b>Miroslav Prce</b>, and BiH Prosecution, Nacional argues that the deal will make position of other defendants much more difficult. Nacional reckons that by doing so, Prce indirectly admits that the Hercegovacka bank case was not a political project of the IC in BiH, and that in fact it was a politically conditioned criminal of incredible proportions.</p> <p><b>Globus</b>, pgs 36-39 'First repentant from Herzegovina', by <u>Gordan Malic</u> – The author claims that Prce decided to cut a deal with the Prosecution after he realized that <b>Ante Jelavic</b> has been, in his depositions, blaming him for illegalities that occurred in the Hercegovacka bank case. Apparently, Jelavic has been claiming that he, as a member of BiH Presidency, had 'other priorities' and 'superficial insight' into the bank and FBiH MoD's operations, pointing the finger of blame on Prce and <b>Miroslav Rupcic</b>. Globus also claims to be in possession of a 170-page document prepared by AID (former Bosniak intelligence agency), which apart from Jelavic, Prce and Rupcic, blames general <b>Ante Gotovina</b>, <b>Ivica Pasalic</b>, general <b>Stanko Sopta Baja</b> and several other military and political officials for giving political support to the Croat self-rule project. AID's report claims that Pasalic organized a meeting Grude in early April 2001, which gathered Jelavic, <b>Ljubo Cesic Rojs</b>, Sopta Baja, and <b>Tomo</b> and <b>Predrag Naletilic</b>. During the meeting, Pasalic called on 'all patriots from Herceg Bosna' to unite in fight for separation of Herzegovina (from BiH). Allegedly, prior to the Grude meeting, Pasalic talked to senior officials of the Catholic Church in Sarajevo and RS officials at Pale about the same issue. Globus also notes that although the BiH Court is not trying Pasalic, he is frequently mentioned as the next person on the EU's 'black list' and list of the High Representative for BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>. Finally, Globus' sources say that Rupcic and <b>Ivica Karlovic</b>, who are being mentioned as possible future repentant witnesses, had been threatened with death in case they were to decide to cooperate with the Prosecution.</p>
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<p><b>DL: Constitutional Court to discuss issue of politicians' immunity by end October</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front 'Covic and Bicakcic to have immunity until end of month' and pg 2 'Final decision on Covic and Bicakcic's appeal to revoked immunity', by <u>Dario Pusic</u> – The daily announces that the Constitutional Court of BiH will during its next session scheduled for end of month discuss appeals submitted by some 15 politicians, including the Croat member of BiH Presidency, <b>Dragan Covic</b>, and former FBiH Prime Minister, <b>Edhem Bicakcic</b>, who are invoking the immunity because they find themselves in situations in which courts are initiating criminal proceedings against them. The President of BiH Constitutional Court, <b>Mato Tadic</b>, notes that the Constitutional Court will only deal with legality of challenged provisions of the Law on immunity, underlining it is the Parliamentary Assembly which can revoke the immunity.</p>
<p><b>NN update to documents seized from USK Govt</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Prosecutor's Office looking for link between Veladzic and TWRA' by <u>A. Sisic</u> – NN collocutor close to BiH State Prosecutor's Office confirms that the TWRA documents [Third World Relief Agency] seized by the members of FBiH MoI from the Archive of the Una Sana Cantonal Government concern business dealings between former Governor of this Canton, <b>Mirsad Veladzic</b>, and his link with this organisation. TWRA is brought into connection with the terrorist networks throughout the world. NN collocutor confirms that: <i>"The law enforcement bodies have found documents they were looking for at the Archive of Una Sana Canton Government. A large part of this documentation refers to dealings between <b>Veladzic</b> and TWRA in the period from 1995 to 1998."</i> The source further stresses that <b>Veladzic</b> is not the only person under investigation, without revealing name of any other person involved in this. Law enforcement agencies link TWRA with the late <b>Alija Izetbegovic</b>, as well as with his son <b>Bakic, Senad Sahinpasic and Hasan Cengic</b>.</p>