

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 6/5/2005

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
CoM session	BiH CoM session	SDS on police reform negotiations
Grave desecration in Prijedor	BiH – Turkey agreement	SIPA Director not appointed
BiH & Turkey agreement	Gregorian on Manjaca/Bileca events	BiH & Turkey agreement
Nikolic & Halilovic sign protocol	Borovcanin pleads not guilty	Lawrence Butler on Vlasic agreement

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
BiH CoM session	Russian medal to Raif Dizdarevic	Gregorian meets Stojicic
De-miner killed	Burning down of nazi flag in BiH	Terzic forms police maps commission
Murder in Sarajevo	Conference: RS – 10 years of DPA	KC and DNS against police reform
Borovcanin pleads not guilty	ICTY: Borovcanin pleaded not guilty	CoM session

Oslobodjenje	Raguz: Covic did have a big influence on appointment of officials
Dnevni Avaz	How plays dirty game of setting up racism to Sarajevo?
Dnevni List	BiH Court: Decision on Jelavic today
Vecernji List	Ante Jelavic awaiting freedom

Slobodna Dalmacija	SDA in pact with Covic
Glas Srpske	They threw dead people to Bosna river
Nezavisne Novine	BiH owes 4 billion KM
Blic	Crosses were broken, monuments were dismantled
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia-related titles
Srpski Nacional	Radovan, do not surrender!
Slobodna Bosna	War to the last man between Sarajevo and Albanian underground
Dani	Suffering of Serbs in Sarajevo : Truths and Lies

Political Developments/Appointments

Raguz: HDZ is a ship which will sink unless gaps filled

Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Covic did have a big influence on appointment of officials' by Vedrana Zivak – In an interview to daily, the member of HDZ Presidency and Deputy Speaker of BiH House of Representatives, **Martin Raguz**, described his party as *"a ship with many gaps which is about to sink unless those gaps are filled."* Asked to comment the approval of **Ivo Miro Jovic**'s candidacy to BiH Presidency at the session of BiH HoR, Raguz said: *"Neither I, nor **Vinko Zoric**, as the Chair of the HDZ Caucus, were consulted when candidate was being chosen. The majority of the Caucus believes that the procedure... was not transported, or sufficiently founded on the precise and clear criteria and guidelines. Beside, the final proposal was not even decided on at the session of the HDZ Presidency."* Asked whether it is true that **Dragan Covic** ensured Jovic is nominated, Raguz said he could not either deny or confirm this, however he did say that Covic *"certainly had a strong influence in placing a significant part of people on behalf of HDZ BiH."* On the conflict between him and Covic, Raguz said it was nothing personal, but a matter of their different political stances and ways of doing things.

Commenting the upcoming HDZ Congress, Raguz said he hopes that this will offer an opportunity to "fill the gaps" and for HDZ to turn to real democratic political party.

<p>Colak: Covic had influence during election of Ivo Miro Jovic</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Dragan Covic has influenced the selection of successor' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – HDZ President Barisa Colak has confirmed Dragan Covic, as Deputy HDZ President, has had a significant influence on selection of his successor at BiH Presidency. <i>'However, the nomination of Ivo Miro Jovic for BiH Presidency member was a decision of HDZ Presidency in which Dragan Covic has only one, not tow votes'</i>, Colak has stated. He rejected claims that the election of Jovic has caused a dispute within HDZ.</p>
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Ivo Miro Jovic: IC's space for acting should be narrowed down'

Dnevni Avaz pg 5, mentioned on cover, 'IC's space for acting should be narrowed down' by Husein Orahovac – In an interview to DA, the HDZ candidate for BiH Presidency who was approved by the BiH HoR, **Ivo Miro Jovic**, comments that he strongly believes that his appointment will receive full support before the BiH House of Peoples. Asked to comment the fact that HDZ deputies did not support him entirely at the HoR session, Jovic said this only proved that HDZ is a fully democratic party where all have a right on their opinion which in his case was clearly demonstrated. *"I think that after the Congress on 4 June, HDZ will be much stronger and we will manage to consolidate,"* said Jovic who also said that as a member of Presidency he would have a chance for some entirely different ideas as he would continue to work to already adopted working plan. *"I will do everything in order for domestic institution to take over the power and accept the responsibility for their actions. I want to narrow down the space for international community's acting as much as possible."* He concluded there were no signals at all whether international community supports his appointment or not.

<p>SD on election of Jovic into BiH Presidency: Covic in pact with SDA</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, front pg splash 'SDA in pact with Covic' and pg 15 'Bosniaks in pact with Covic', by <u>Marin Erceg</u> – carries an op-ed in which the author comments the election of Jovic into the BiH Presidency, stressing that Jovic was elected owing to the SDA MPs' votes. SD argues that the Bosniaks MPs voted in favour of Jovic because they need that kind of partner in the Presidency, someone who will not be politically and intellectually superior to Tihic and Paravac, and someone who will be obeying orders coming from the SDA and Dragan Covic, all under the watchful eye of the HR Paddy Ashdown. SD goes on to say that many European diplomats are saying that HDZ is in for isolation if Covic were to be elected into any office in the HDZ after the HDZ Convention. In that context SD writes: <i>"The only one on whose support Covic can still count is Paddy Ashdown and his circle"</i>.</p>
<p>NN op-ed: whose Presidency member is Jovic</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Whose Presidency member is Ivo Miro Jovic' by <u>Slavo Kukic</u> – the author wonders whose Presidency member is Ivo Miro Jovic since only two out of eight Croats, including himself, have voted for him at the state Parliament. The author claims it was SDA that supported Jovic's election, therefore his would should go in favor of them.</p>

**Dani/Slobodna
Bosna
critical of
Ivo Miro
Jovic**

Dani pg 7 "Personality in Focus" column by E.Ha. – Writing on **Ivo Miro Jovic**, column reads that this HDZ official is famous mostly by his incidental behavior, lobbying for immense increase of parliamentarians' salaries and establishment of Croat channel, and opposition to the education reform.

However, magazine notes that he was chosen for **Dragan Covic**'s successor because he would blindly follow party's instructions.

"It is clear HDZ believes that Jovic's shouts on endangered position of Croats will draw away attention from trials of high ranking HDZ officials... After all, too influential Covic left without little noise and he goes straight to the position of HDZ President," reads the analysis.

Slobodna Bosna pgs 6-7 'Ivo Miro Jovic's election irreversibly pushed HDZ into inter-party conflict' by Suzana Mijatovic – SB learned that HDZ Caucus in BiH HoR did everything to make Jovic to give up on his candidacy, and it also notes that this is clearly a beginning of the conflict between **Martin Raguz** and Dragan Covic over HDZ leadership.

<p>Jukic (BiH HoP, HDZ) expect Jovic will be confirmed</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pgs 4-5 'Jovic getting support from Croat delegates', by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – The BiH House of Peoples will vote about the election of Ivo Miro Jovic into the BiH Presidency at a session that is scheduled for Monday. According to the Speaker of BiH HoP, Velimir Jukic (HDZ), it is expected that Jovic will be supported by the Croat Caucus.</p> <p>Announcement also carried in Vecernji List, pg 2 'Confirmation of election of I. M. Jovic on Monday', by <u>dja.</u></p>
<p>Colak announces possible sanctions Raguz, Zoric, Andric</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'HDZ Presidnecy will sanction Raguz, Zoric and Andric?' by <u>F. V.</u>, ecernji List, pg 16 'New rift in HDZ because of Jovic', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – HDZ leader, Barisa Colak, stated for DA that at the next HDZ Presidency's session there could be a discussion on eventual responsibility of Martin Raguz, Vinko Zoric and Filip Andric, HDZ representatives in the BiH House of Representatives, due to their failure to support candidacy of Ivo Miro Jovic to the BiH Presidency. Colak did not want to elaborate, however DA learns from a HDZ source that there is also a possibility for the party to decided to exclude those three.</p>
<p>HDZ Mostar: Dragan Covic should be appointed new HDZ President</p>	<p>RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Dragan Covic should be appointed new HDZ President' – HDZ Mostar believes that the new Chairman of HDZ BIH should be Dragan Covic, former member of BIH Presidency.</p>

<p>DL: Bozo Ljubic to challenge Dragan Covic in HDZ?</p>	<p>Dnevni List pgs 4 and 5 ‘Bozo Ljubic counter-candidate to Dragan Covic?’ by <u>I. Glibusic</u> – According to a DL source, the session of the Herzegovina- Neretva Canton HDZ Board has been scheduled for today (Friday) and during this session an additional item should be added to the agenda – giving support to Dragan Covic’s candidacy for the position of the HDZ President. DL also says that a part of HDZ believe that current HDZ President Barisa Colak will not put forward his candidacy again after Covic was nominated. According to a source close to the HDZ top, for the time being it is only certain that Bozo Ljubic will put forward his candidacy for this position and he stands big chances to win, since HDZ members have not forgotten that he had the support of late Croatian President Franjo Tudjman for leading HDZ positions back in 1998.</p>
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<p>HSS disapproves way state Presidency member elected</p>	<p>RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'HDZ once again humiliated all Croats', Dnevni List, pg 5 'HDZ tricked and humiliated Croats one more time', Slobodna Dalmacija pg 15 'SDA with 2 members at state top' by <u>F. Mioc</u>, SRNA – The Croat Peasants' Party of BiH (HSS) expressed concern on Thursday over the Croatian Democratic Union's (HDZ) relations towards Croats in BiH, as it was left to the Party of Democratic Action (SDA) to choose the Croat member of the BiH Presidency. In the statement the HSS asks <i>"does the SDA have two members in the BiH Presidency"</i> and assesses that the HDZ has deceived and humiliated once again all Croats in BiH. <i>"This is just a continuation of the HDZ's hypocritical policies, where the struggle for power by individuals in the party is more important than the most vital Croat interests,"</i> the HSS points out.</p>
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**BiH CoM
postpones
appointment
of SIPA
Director**

RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'OHR to extend mandate to Sredoje Novic again?', **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Still no director' not signed – CoM BiH hasn't appointed a SIPA Director at a session held on Thursday. Deputy Minister for Treasury of the Institutions of BiH **Jusuf Kumalic** confirmed to the press after the session that the appointment has been postponed until the next session since RS and FBiH representatives haven't coordinated their political positions regarding the candidate for SIPA Director. CoM accepted the information on BiH foreign debt at the end of 2004. CoM also accepted an information on security in 2004 stating that the security situation is satisfactory expect when it comes to security of people and property. BiH Council of Ministers (CoM) requested from the OHR to extend mandate to the current SIPA acting director, **Sredoje Novic**. BiH Minister of Foreign affairs, **Mladen Ivanic** and BiH Minister of Security, **Barisa Colak** cannot agree on the issue who is going to be the new SIPA director.

Dnevni List pg 2 'Foreign debt of BiH about 4 billion KMs' by M. Zorlak, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Disagreement about appointment' by eme, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Foreign debt of BiH – 3, 977 billions KM' by Z. Rerig, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash and pg 3 'BiH owes four billion KM' by M. Cubro also reported on the session.

<p>Colak: Premier Terzic should put the issue of SIPA Director appointment on agenda</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Premier Terzic should put the proposal on vote’ – BiH Security Minister Barisa Colak has proposed his deputy Dragan Lukac for SIPA Director, while BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic insists that Novic should remain on the position. <i>“That is an agreement on arrangement of functions in BiH, which was signed by BiH Presidency previously”,</i> said Colak and added that, according to this agreement, SIPA Director should be come from Croat people. Colak also said that Premier Terzic should have put the issue on the agenda.</p>
<p>OHR: Appointment of SIPA Director an issue that should be resolved by CoM</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Appointment should be resolved by CoMTheOHR has already prolonged mandate to Novic earlier. <i>“This is about very important position because very important job has to be done for BiH citizens. Prolonging does not serve to interests of BiH citizens”,</i> said OHR Spokesperson, Sanela Tunovic. Tunovic adds that the issue of SIPA Director appointment should be resolved by CoM.</p>

**Dnevni Avaz:
Dokic
prepared to
resign**

Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Dokic prepared to resign' – BiH Minister of Transport and Communications, **Branko Dokic**, accused of misuse of his position and authorities, stated for BHT that he is ready to submit his resignation from the post of minister. BiH Council of Ministers Chair, **Adnan Terzic** expects Dokic's resignations but only when he finishes the work that he has started in the Ministry of Transport and Communication. *"It was said that the State interest is work to be done. It is never late for resignation, if that is solution"*, said Dokic. Terzic stressed that regarding Dokic case, they will not wait for the High Representative's intervention. *"According to the current situation, minister Dokic will not remain on his position and I believe that he will submit his resignation in a reasonable period"*, said Terzic. He added that Dokic has to finish several important projects and after that he expects from him to submit resignation in the next 10-15 days. **Oslobodjenje** pg 6, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3, announced on cover 'Branko Dokic will submit resignation at the beginning of the next week' by M. C also covered the issue.

**FBiH HoP
rejects
authorized
body's
conclusion on
three
channels in
constituent
languages**

Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Three PBS programs in three languages without support', mentioned on cover, by S. Sehercehajic – The conclusion prepared by the FBiH Parliament's joint commission for information which stipulates establishment of the PBS in BiH with three channels in languages of constituent people has not win majority votes before the delegates in FBiH House of Peoples. Even though the Chair of Commission, **Mate Bandur**, claims that the conclusions were supported by all in the Commission, daily gives statements by two members – **Fikret Becirevic** from SBiH and **Ante Colak** from HSS – both strongly opposing to establishment of national channels. HDZ member of the Commission, **Mile Lasic**, who also initiated this conclusion to be adopted, expressed strong disappointment with its rejection.

<p>Commission on the Balkans: Economic integration of region should be put in practice</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 9 'Economic integration of region should be put in practice' by <u>E. Mackic</u> – After resolving of the constitutional and status issues of the Balkan countries, establishment of a single economic space on the territory of the Balkans is the second pillar of the International Commission for the Balkans' strategy. Members of the Commission including Zlatko Lagumdzija believe that before the negotiations on admission to the EU start, free trade, which leads towards the customs union with the EU, should be established and adequate infrastructure should be developed. Lagumdzija added: <i>'Frankly speaking, the Balkans countries would accept this idea only if they believed that it would speed up their joining the EU.'</i></p>
<p>NN op-ed critical of nationalistic parties, crimes</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'You asked for it – you have it' by <u>Almedin Sisic</u> – The author criticizes nationalistic parties and holds them responsible for more frequent explosions and shootings by saying they have managed to avoid BiH to become <i>'a police state'</i>.</p>

<p>Dani int. w/ Dodik: SNSD and SDP will take over power in BiH in 2006 elections</p>	<p>Dani pgs 14-17 'SNSD and SDP will rule Bosnian in 2006', mentioned on cover, by <u>Vildana Selimbegovic</u> – Magazine carries an interview with the SNSD leader, Milorad Dodik, in which he states that initiatives such as demands for either RS separation or abolishment are unrealistic. <i>"We should follow the [proposal of the] Venice Commission... We would be ready to support the initiative on... one President... I also believe that the huge number of existing levels of authorities – cantonal before all – should be redefined to ensure this expensive apparatus is simplified."</i> Asked about judicial processes against him, Dodik stressed they are orchestrated and that they prevent him from <i>"carrying out some political activities, and that is exactly what many counted on,"</i> adding that at the same time there is no process being led against Radovan Karadzic and alike for stealing enormous amounts of money. Noting that SNSD's partners in FBiH are NHI and SDP, Dodik says he expects popularity of both his party and SDP to rise in 2006 for them to be able to form joint authority at BiH level.</p>
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Police Reform

<p>Terzic establishes Commission on Maps of Police Regions</p>	<p>BHT, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 3 'Negotiations postponed', FENA – BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic, after receiving the names of police reform experts, established a commission for making maps of the future police regions on Thursday, Terzic's Office stated. The commission members including Mate Jozic, Damir Hadzic, Dobrica Jonjic, Muhidin Alic, Mevludin Halilovic, Darko Matijasevic and his team will hold a first meeting in Sarajevo on Monday. In accordance with the agreement of representatives of political parties from the meeting at Vlasic members of the Commission will prepare possible solutions for the territorial organization of police in BiH until the next meeting of representatives of 11 political parties scheduled for May 16. Party for BiH representative Muhidin Alic said he believed the body's members would draw new maps on the basis of political positions presented in the course of Vlasic talks.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Commission on Police Maps to start its work on Monday', Dnevni List pg 3 'Commission for drafting maps of police regions formed' by <u>D.K.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Commission for maps' by <u>Srna</u> also covered the issue.</p>
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<p>RS MoI's Glusac: Cavic appointed Matijasevic to Commission as expert</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Cavic has appointed Matijasevic a delegate, as an expert' by <u>V. P.</u> – The Head of Interior Minister's Cabinet, Zoran Glusac, has stated RS President Dragan Cavic has appointed Darko Matijasevic a personal delegate at the commission for development of police maps following expert, not political, criteria.</p>
<p>PDHR Butler : Vlastic agreement a big step forward</p>	<p>BHT, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Vlastic agreement a big step forward', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Vlastic Agreement is a step towards Brussels' by <u>Srna</u>, EuroBlic pg RS3 'BiH will enter Europe with two entities' by <u>S. Popovic</u> – Principal Deputy High Representative to BiH, Lawrence Butler appraised in Zvornik, that Vlastic agreement on police reform is a great BiH step toward Brussels. Butler said, after talks with police officers in Zvornik, that police reform is absolutely important for BiH future because the criminal in this moment is crossing over BiH borders and it wins. Negations on police reform should continue in Sarajevo on 16th and 17th of May, said Butler.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 2 reports on Butler's visit to PotocariMemorialCenter.</p>

**Eastern
Sarajevo SDS
against
proposed
police reform
solutions**

BHT Zoran Sarenac – Analytics claims that the conflict between liberal and extreme streams in SDS is more visible with every day, regarding police maps and negotiations on police reform, reports BHT. Eastern Sarajevo SDS Municipal Board does not support negotiations on police reform. This Board demand referendum, with conclusion that police reform means Dayton Peace Agreement to be changed, said BHT reporter. *"I believe that the solution needs to be found. If it is not, than, in my opinion, a deep political crisis will follow"*, said RS President **Dragan Cavic**.

Reporter said that the others parliamentary parties from RS do not agree with SDS leaders. *"SNSD did not appointed any of its representatives to the Commission which should work on proposal of new police regions"*, said SNSD representative in RS National Assembly, **Igor Radojicic**, and added that they do not participate in that part of the work but they do expect to see the commission's proposal.

Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Lukavica Municipal Board of SDS opposes abolishment of RS MoI' by V. Popovic, **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Let people decide' by N. D. also carried SDS Lukavica/Eastern Sarajevo statement opposing police reform solutions that are contradicting current BiH/RS Constitutions.

<p>SD op-ed on police reform questions existence of entity MoIs</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 14 ‘Ministry of nothing’, by <u>Petar Milos</u> – Carries an op-ed in which the author comments on the statement by the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, that in the future the entity interior ministries cannot have the authority over the police forces. The author argues that nowhere in political practice in the world is there a police ministry that has not authority over the police forces, and in the same time the author wonders what’s the purpose of the entity MoIs apart from spending the taxpayers’ money.</p>
<p>RSNA Political Center Caucus: police reform is not pre-requisite for admission to EU</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 ‘It is not a pre-requisite for Europe’ by <u>N. D.</u> – Delegates of Center Club at RS NA say they will not support the police agreed upon during the talks on Vlasic and they will respect RS NA conclusions regarding the police reform. Delegate of Serb Patriotic Party at Center Club Radivoje Trbic says ‘<i>the story on police reform is a matter of politics and lobbying</i>’ of a part of the international community and parties from F BiH, and not a pre-requisite for the admission to EU.</p>
<p>DNS will not support Vlasic proposals</p>	<p>Glas srpske pg 5 ‘Vlasic without support’ <u>not signed</u> – Deputy President of DNS Hadzi Jovan Mitrovic says DNS will not support the transfer of police authorities to BiH level as it was agreed upon on Vlasic. He claims if RS lost police, its survival would be brought in question.</p>

<p>Jovicic demands from Cavic to dismiss RS parliament and sign out new elections</p>	<p>Nezavisne novine pg 8 'Jovicic: to preserve constitutional position of RS' by <u>Srna</u> – Spokesperson of the Headquarters for protection of RS constitutional position in frame of BiH Constitution, Slavko Jovicic, has stated Thursday the Headquarters demand from RS President Dragan Cavic to dismiss RS parliament and sign out new elections, if RS NA is not capable of protecting the constitutional position of RS (in the course of ongoing reforms).</p>
<p>Dani int. w/ Dodik: There will be more crisis in police reform</p>	<p>Dani pgs 14-17 'SNSD and SDP will rule Bosnian in 2006', mentioned on cover, by <u>Vildana Selimbegovic</u> – In an interview to Dani, the SNSD leader, Milorad Dodik, says that the defence reform should lead to a creation of the small professional army and abolishment of the conscription. On the Vlastic talks regarding police reform, Dodik notes that fact is that <i>"some serious people were there and took upon themselves serious responsibility to implement an agreement in institutions of the system."</i> However, Dodik adds that the saying <i>"nothing is agreed until all is agreed"</i> repeated number of times after Vlastic talks demonstrates that there will be more crisis in that process.</p>

Defence Reform

<p>RS Defence Ministry determines responsibility for Manjaca, Bileca incidents</p>	<p>Hayat, Oslobođenje pg 2 'Branko Trkulja dismissed', Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Four RS Army officers relieved from duties and sent to Military-Disciplinary Court' – RS Defence Ministry has held 11 RS Army members and RS Defence Ministry employees responsible for incidents occurred during the oath-taking ceremonies in the Bileac and Manjaca military facilities on April 16 this year. The most severely sanctioned are four low-ranking military officers, who have been relieved from duty and sent to military-disciplinary court for further procedure. RS Defence Minister Milovan Stankovic has also launched disciplinary procedure against Milan Davidovic, the Defence Ministry's Secretary. Moreover, Branko Trkulja, the Ministry's Spokesman, has been removed from office due to inappropriate statements on the incidents. Stankovic and BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic are expected to officially present the report on the incidents in Sarajevo on Friday.</p>
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**RSNA Speaker
Stojicic meets
with DRC Co-
chairman
Gregorian**

Oslobodjenje pg 4 'To professionalize army as soon as possible', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'Majority of parties from RS stands for abolishment of recruitment (regular military service)', **Nezavisne novine** pg 6 'Oath in Manjaca is the proof of necessity of reform' by A. Sekulic, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Recruits, at ease?' by M. Dzepina, **EuroBlic** pg RS3 'It is not known who is facing punishment' by Marija Milic, **SRNA** – RS National Assembly Speaker **Dusan Stojicic** on Thursday relayed to the co-chairman of the defence reform commission, **Raffi Gregorian**, the view of the majority of political parties and institutions in the RS that it is necessary to professionalize, as soon as possible, the armed forces, which means abolishing the draft and reserve formations. In a statement, the office of the RSNA Speaker cites Stojicic as pointing to certain parties and leaders in the Federation of BiH who are in an unprincipled way using the abolishment of the draft and army professionalization as a political means. Stojicic emphasized the significance of Bosnia and Hercegovina being accepted soon into the NATO's Partnership for Peace programme, provided that all entry criteria are fulfilled, stressing the significance of this in relation to the overall reform process. The statement says that Stojicic and Gregorian discussed the commission's current activities in harmonizing the working versions of the law on service in the BiH armed forces and amendments and addenda to the BiH law on defence.

<p>DRC's Gregorian: Manjaca, Bileca incidents prove necessity for defence reform in BiH</p>	<p>Pink Dragica Tojagic – Co-Chair of Defence Reform Commission, Raffi Gregorian met on Thursday with the RS National Assembly Speaker, Dusan Stojicic and representatives of the Assembly Board for Defence and Security. During the meeting, Gregorian said that the incidents, which happened during oath taking ceremony in Bileca and Manjaca was very serious, and that he expected RS and BiH bodies to undertake certain steps against responsible ones. Gregorian pointed out that the events in Bileca and Manjaca stressed out the necessity for having defence reform carried out in BiH. <i>“In terms of the work of the defence reform, we are now engaged with some extremely relevant issues, such as the issue of abolishment of recruit process, location of HQ, etc.”</i>, said Gregorian. Gregorian added that soldiers had to respect orders, and that the superior ones had to ensure that. On being asked why no international representative reacted on similar events which happened in Mostar and Capljina, Gregorian said that these events were also to be investigated and that, if necessary, certain measures were to be undertaken. RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, RTRS also covered the issue.</p>
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War Crimes/Organised Crime/Legal Proceedings/Incidents

<p>DA: Intelligence closely monitors will Karadzic appear at mother's funeral</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Will war criminal attend mother's funeral?', mentioned on cover 'Will Karadzic attend the funeral?' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – DA learns from well informed intelligence source that after the news on death of Radovan Karadzic's mother, the dozens of foreign intelligence officers 'occupied Pale' to follow the movement of his family. Secondly unit of intelligence has taken up its position in Zvornik, in case he decides to cross the border there in order to attend the funeral which takes place at Niksic city cemetery. Hayat, Oslobodjenje back pg 'Radovan Karadzic's mother dead', Dnevni List last pg 'Mother of Radovan Karadzic died' <u>not signed</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Mother of Radovan Karadzic died' <u>by H, Srpski Nacional</u> cover pg splash and pg 3 'Radovan, do not surrender' <u>by U. M.</u>, EuroBlic pg 3 'Mother of Radovan Karadzic died' <u>not signed</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 17, announced on cover 'She passed away while yearning for Radovan' <u>by M. Papovic</u>, Glas srpske pg 3 'Jovanka Karadzic died' <u>by Tanjug</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Mother of Radovan Karadzic passed away' <u>by Beta</u> also carried information that Jovanka Karadzic died.</p>
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<p>War crimes in Visoko not being processed</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg splash ‘They threw dead people to Bosna river’ by <u>N. Z.</u> – the article claims at least 400 Serbs have been detained in a concentration camp in Visoko. Only Niset Ramic was sentenced for crimes in Visoko, despite to the fact he had given a statement on order givers and executors to ICTY investigators. The article features a statement of Chairman of “Istina” Association Dusan Zurovac with regard to war crimes in Visoko.</p>
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**Feral
Tribune: Who
is
falsifying
passport**

Feral Tribune, front pg splash 'Who is falsifying passport' and pgs 4-5 'Klica around Gotovina', by Ivica Djikic – Carries a lengthy article, which talks about the issue of issuance of falsified Croatian passport to an ICTY indictee at large, Croatian Army general **Ante Gotovina**. According to Feral's "*senior intelligence sources*", intelligence services of BiH and Croatia, as well as foreign spies stationed in Sarajevo, have an information that Gotovina received a BiH passport and identity card in either late 1999 or early 2000, on basis of which he received a falsified Croatian passport. According to Feral, the fake BiH passports and IDs were issued in the late 90s and first two years of this decade in Siroki Brijeg and Drvar. Persons in charge of these operations allegedly were retired generals of the HVO **Stanko Sopta Baja** and **Zlatan Mijo Jelic** (Siroki Brijeg) and **Vinko Zuljevic Klica** (Drvar). Feral also mentions a Mostar businessman **Dinko Dika Slezak** as a part of network supporting Gotovina.

<p>Vjesnik: Interview with ICTY's Del Ponte</p>	<p>Vjesnik, front pg splash and pgs 2-3 'I believe Sanader', by <u>Bruno Lopandic</u> – Carries an interview with the Chief ICTY Prosecutor, Carla del Ponte. Inset entitled 'Deal with Karadzic?: Nonsense!' carries del Ponte as answering the journalist's question whether a deal was being made with Radovan Karadzic regarding his extradition and verdict/sentence. She says that nobody ever came to her with that sort of proposal, otherwise she would have been working on possibilities how to arrest Karadzic. Asked about Karadzic whereabouts, del Ponte says: <i>"I do not know, in Banja Luka, Serbia and Montenegro, it is that region"</i>.</p>
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**BiH Court
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Dnevni List, front pg splash 'BiH Court: Decision on Jelavic today' and pg 3 'Jelavic remains in custody because of possibility of escape!?', by E. Mackic, **Vecernji List**, front pg splash 'Ante Jelavic awaiting freedom' and pg 3 'Jelavic waiting for today's decision about freedom', by Dejan Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 17 'Jelavic could escape to Croatia', by Zlatko Tulic, and back pg 'Decision on cancelling detention to Jelavic today', by h – The BiH Court will today take a decision whether to release **Ante Jelavic** from custody following a request filed by his lawyer. According to Prosecutor **John McNair**, no matter if Jelavic hands over his passport and travel documents, there is still a danger that Jelavic escapes and hides somewhere in other country because he has financial means as well as an apartment in Split.

Nezavisne novine pg 4 'Decision on Jelavic's release from detention to follow today' by A. D., **Sarajevo media** also covered the issue.

<p>Dani comments on OHR's role in Alijagic's case</p>	<p>Dani pgs 32-33 'Ashdown is defending Vucurevic's Trebinje' by <u>A. Buric</u> carries a chronology of the Alijagic's case and quotes Salih Alijagic as saying that the Trebinje Municipality account has been de-blocked after the Trebinje political leadership visited a few Embassies in Sarajevo. Dani says that, so far, the practice has shown that such things never happen without the OHR's blessing and according to the article the OHR has not replied yet to the letter that Salih Alijagic sent a month ago and the OHR's spokesperson did not reply to the question on this issue. The author wonders whether the OHR is buying time for itself or the RS through 'freezing' of such cases.</p>
<p>Cross on grave of killed priest Matanovic broken</p>	<p>RHB, FTV, Dnevni List pg 41 'Cross on grave of killed priest Matanovic broken' <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List pg 3 'Cross on grave of killed reverend Matanovic also broken' by <u>B. Stevandic, E. Soldo</u>, EuroBlic cover pg splash and pg RS12 'Crosses were broken, monuments were dismantled' by <u>G. Savic</u>, Nezavisne novine pg 4, announced on cover 'Graves of Matanovic family were desecrated' by <u>D. Kovacevic</u> – unknown perpetrators have broken several crosses and monuments, including crosses at graves of Matanovic family (Priest Tomislav Matanovic and his parents) at Catholic graveyard in Prijedor. The police are conducting an investigation.</p>

Miscellaneous

**Dnevni Avaz:
How plays
dirty game of
setting up
racism to
Sarajevo?**

Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 3 'How plays dirty game of setting up racism to Sarajevo ?' – Sarajevo MoI spokesperson denies there is racism in Sarajevo [a comment published by Vecernji list and Blic following the incident in Dobrinja].

**Sarajevo
dailies on
Stolac issue:
Authorities
are not
reacting to
building of
monument to
victims from
Bleiburg**

Oslobodjenje, pg 7, mentioned on front 'Authorities are not reacting to building of monument to victims from Bleiburg', by Asaf Becirovic – Carries the President of Stolac Youth Forum, **Nerin Dizdar**, as saying that everybody knows that the Municipality, and even perhaps the Catholic Church, is funding the works. Zlatko Hadziomerovic, on behalf of the SDA of Stolac, requests a resignation from Minister Mehmedagic, effective immediately. On the other hand Minister Mehmedagic argues he will not resign. *"If they think that I should be removed, let them do it. I am looking forward to it!"*, said the Minister.

Dnevni Avaz, pg 8, mentioned on front 'Let them remove me, I am helpless in this situation', by M. Kukan – Minister Mehmedagic stresses that an adequate intervention to erection of monuments requires legal ground for it. In that context he says the problem came to be when the FBiH Constitutional Court declared as anti-constitutional the Law on construction of FBiH, which regulates the matter, and which in turn created a legal loophole

Dnevni Avaz, pg 8 'Hadzimuhamedovic: Minister Mehmedagic's claims are not true', by F. Vele – Member of the BiH Commission for preservation of national monuments, **Amra Hadzimuhamedovic**, refutes Minister Mehmedagic saying that there is indeed a legal ground to stop the works.

According to her, it is in the Law on implementation of decisions of Commission for preservation of national monuments. Avaz also reports that the said Commission met in Sarajevo, which sent a memo to the FBiH Prime Minister, Minister Mehmedagic, the OHR, Canton 7 MoI and Municipal Public Defender, asking them to protect the site at Radimlja.

<p>DL on situation in Stolac: HDZ and SDA orchestrating events</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 9, mentioned on front ‘HDZ and SDA provoking new crisis in Stolac’, by <u>Nermin Bise</u> – Reports that works on the memorial that is being built on Radimlja near Stolac continued on Thursday, after the works had stopped on Wednesday. The Head of Municipality of Stolac, Stjepan Boskovic, believes it is about another attempt to de-stabilize situation in Stolac. DL reckons that the whole situation is being orchestrated by the HDZ and SDA, since the local leaders of the parties, Mladen Boskovic and Zlatko Hadziomerovic, met yesterday (Thursday) to discuss the recent events. On the other hand, the President of Stolac Municipal Council, Ahmet Habota (SDA), who also attended the meeting, is criticizing the FBiH Minister of Urban Planning, Ramiz Mehmedagic, saying the Minister is irresponsibly acting when it comes to the application of the laws and that he is helped by the nationalistic HDZ in Stolac. According to DL’s unofficial information, the works on the memorial are being done by the local public utility company from Stolac, which leads the daily to wonder how it possible that the HDZ and SDA in Stolac know nothing about the issue.</p>
<p>DL op-ed on Stolac: Stolac for the fifth time!</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 ‘Stolac, for the fifth time!’ by <u>N. Bise</u> carries an editorial on the situation in Stolac and the author says that the situation is disastrous for ordinary citizens from the line of all 3 BiH peoples. According to the author, HDZ and SDA representatives in this town meet secretly and make various arrangements in favor of both parties’ members and to detriment of the Stolac citizens, while in public they behave in a way that it seems that they are in conflict.</p>