

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

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 6 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Human trafficking: 4 pers. arrested	Trial of Milosevic	RS Govt. activities
On 9-year education inCanton 10	UK on EU constitution	Milk producers with RS Govt.
Croatian assist. in constr. material	Earthquake in Turkey	Ibar bridge control

TV news broadcast on 5 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Transmission problems	Observer on Srebrenica genocide	Andan's apology
	Markovic on Srebrenica genocide	Serbian Gov. on Srebrenica events
	Zenica prisoners endangered	Arresting the war crimes indictees
	Andan's letter to Kevin Carty	Protests in Sarajevo

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Protest in front of US Embassy	Fight against trafficking	Andan's apology
Sid citizens on the videotape	Covic is new HDZ president	Spiric on investigation against Andan

Andan's letter to Kevin Carty	Indictments against Covic	Covic is elected president of HDZ
Spiric on investigation of Andan	Andan's apology	Terzic on director of SIPA

Oslobodjenje	Participation of Serbia in aggression against BiH documented
Dnevni Avaz	Bozo Ljubic claims that he has evidence that elections were fixed/falsified
Dnevni List	Marin Cilic conquered Paris (a junior from Medjugorje who won Roland Garros)
Vecernji List	Cilic winner at Roland Garros
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headline
Glas Srpske	New wave of violence
Nezavisne Novine	They go to Russia looking for a better livelihood
Blic	Connection between "Scorpions" and State Security is freely walking in Belgrade
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia related topics
Srpski Nacional	Carter knows

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

**BiH Minister
Dokic quits
after being
charged with
abuse of
power**

AFP – BiH Communication and Transport Minister **Branko Dokic** has resigned after being charged by a local court for abuse of power, the BiH Council of Ministers said Monday. *“Minister Dokic’s decision to resign is a proof of his readiness to respect European democratic principles,”* Prime Minister **Adnan Terzic** said in a statement. Dokic and another official were accused in March of misusing budget funds during their mandate in the RS Government, causing 460,000 euros in losses to the economy. He served as communication minister in the Republika Srpska from 2001 to 2003.

War Crimes

<p>Smail Cekic on role of Serbian MoI in aggression against BiH</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover pg splash, pgs 4-5 ‘Participation of Serbia in aggression against BiH documented’ by <u>Daniel Omeragic</u> – In a statement to daily, Smail Cekic, Director of the Institute for war crimes researches, stated that the documentation available shows that many units from SiCG (regular JNA units, special units of Serbian MoI and other military formations from SiCG, foreign mercenaries) and military units from the collaborationists from Republic of BiH and Republic of Croatia (RS Krajina) took part in the aggression against BIH. According to him, they committed crimes against peace and genocide and other forms of crimes, including slaughter of Bosniaks in Srebrenica. He also claims that the Serbian MoI played a significant role in carrying out the crimes in BiH. The State Security included the following units: Grey Wolves and Red Berets, Cayman, Scorpions, The Blues, etc.</p>
<p>Party for BiH: Snapshots to help BiH suit against SCG</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 5 ‘Snapshots/videotape help BiH suit against SCG’, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘Evidence of Serbian politics involvement in Srebrenica genocide’ – The Party for BiH on Sunday released a press statement, saying that the snapshots on liquidation of innocent Bosniaks from Srebrenica in July 1995 represent irrefutable evidence on involvement of Serbian policy in genocide committed in this BiH city and throughout BiH.</p>

<p>Sakib Softic on killing of Srebrenica men</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Snapshots will contribute to documentation of SiCG responsibility for genocide and aggression' by <u>S.S.</u> – Sakic Softic, legal representative of BiH in BiH lawsuit against SiCG, told daily that the snapshots on brutal killing of Srebrenica men witness the direct involvement of the SiCG in genocide against innocent Bosniak population in BiH, and this is irrefutable.</p>
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DA on presence
of SCG units in
BiH

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'General confusion and chaos at MoI's of RS and Serbia' by E.Sarac – Daily learns from its source that the Serbian MoI holds entire documentation proving other Serbian units along with "Scorpions" were present in the area of BiH. The documentation proves these units were subjugated to RS MoI. Daily's source notes: *"It was a single system of command from Belgrade through Pale and Banja Luka. RS MoI does not need to conduct additional investigation, since it has been holding evidence on involvement of Serbian units in genocide and aggression against BiH at well-kept archives in RS and Belgrade for 10 years now."*

Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Where were the snapshots until now?', **Glas Srpske** pg 4 'Too long trials in the Hague' – In a statement to APA (Austrian Press Agency), **Erhard Busek**, the Special Coordinator of Stability Pact for SE Europe, pledged in favour of accelerating the work of the ICTY, adding: *"It would be useful for the region if the things were developing faster."* Commenting on snapshots on murder of Bosniaks from Srebrenica, he described it as *"horrible"*, noting: *"Where were those snapshots so far? This issue should be investigated."*

<p>Reports on attacks of Serbs/Croats at Zenica prison following Srebrenica killings videotape presentation</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'New wave of violence' by <u>S. H. and O. M.</u> – Stojanka Delfogo, a sister of Vlastimir Pusara who serves his sentence for war crimes in Zenica prison, called GS Sunday and claimed her brother was attacked in prison. She claims showing of the record of Scorpions' crimes triggered a wave of violence in the prison, victims of which are Croats and Serbs sentenced for war crimes. Apart from Pusara, a Croat, Ivica Bakovic aka Baka, was too attacked and injured. A man, who wanted to stay anonymous, also contacted GS and said his father, who serves his sentence in Zenica prison, called him and told him to call police or anyone who might help them. The person says the prison guards have done nothing to prevent the violence and demands for Serb inmates to be transferred to a prison in RS.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Bosniak inmates are terrorizing Serbs' by <u>Srna</u> – also reported on the same matter.</p>
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**Nacional on
Carter-Karadzic
meeting in 1994**

Srpski Nacional cover pg splash 'Who is culpable for Srebrenica? Carter knows' and pg 4 'Carter knows the truth' by R. J. – the article refers to a meeting between then US President **Jim Carter** and **Radovan Karadzic**, held in Pale on December 20, 1994. On that occasion, they discussed a truce and Karadzic agreed to a ceasefire as of December 23, 1994 but according to anonymous witness of the meeting, he also expressed his suspicion that Muslims would not respect the truce. Karadzic also told Carter Muslim forces in Zepa and Srebrenica were constantly attacking neighboring villages and were killing Serb civilians and Carter replied to Karadzic that he [Karadzic] had both an obligation and right to protect those civilians. The author of the article wonders whether former President Jim Carter would be called to a responsibility over the act of crime of encouraging to events that followed in the area of Srebrenica and Zepa.

<p>Stanisic linked with Scorpio unit</p>	<p>EuroBlic cover pg splash ‘Connection between “Scorpions” and State Security is freely walking in Belgrade’, pg 4 ‘Founder of “Scorpions” is freely walking in Belgrade’ by <u>K.P.</u> – Daily carries statement of Jovan Mirilo, one of people whom members of “Scorpio” unit threatened, saying that the main link between “Scorpio” units with the State Security was Milan Milanovic Mrgud, member of Serbian MoI. According to him, Mirilo was the men of Jovica Stanisic, the-then Head of SS for liaison with para-military units.</p>
<p>Vucic from SRS on media campaign following publication of Srebrenica snapshots</p>	<p>EuroBlic pg 2 ‘Vucic: Plan for abolishment of RS’, Nacional pg 4 ‘Preparation for the abolishment of RS’ – Aleksandar Vucic, SRS General Secretary, stated that “<i>the aim of the media pursuit against Serb people and the state is the arrest of Ratko Mladic and formal abolishment of Republika Srpska</i>”. According to him, this plan should include abolishment of RS in three months time, when the talks on final status of Kosovo should commence. Vucic also condemned the crime committed against Bosniaks in Srebrenica, calling for punishment of all those responsible for those crimes. He said that Serbs as people are not responsible for separate crimes some people committed, announcing he would soon disclose information on crimes committed against Serbs ion former Yugoslavia.</p>

<p>Kojcic from DSS on snapshots</p>	<p>Nacional pg 4 'Bestiality of individuals to condemn the entire people?!' by <u>V.Dj.</u> – Dragoljub Kojcic, DSS delegate at the Serbian Parliament and one of founders of SDS, claims that constant release of Srebrenica snapshots has much deeper background than just pure justice, adding: <i>"Crimes has to be condemned...However, it is also known snapshots exist on unseen monstrous murders of Serbs in BiH, so I expect these are also released for the sake of this same justice..."</i> he added: <i>"I am afraid that some factors of IC do not wish well to Serbs and their goal is to make Serbian public feel collective guilt."</i></p>
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<p>Political Developments/Security/Appointments</p>	
<p>Ljubic: Election of HDZ President was fixed/falsified</p>	<p>Hayat, Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Bozo Ljubic claims that he has evidence that elections were fixed' and pg 4 'Ljubic claims that he has valid evidence about fixing of elections' by <u>F. Vele</u>, Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Bozo Ljubic suspects in regularity of elections' by <u>M. Karacic</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Splits within HDZ follow now?' by <u>V. Zivak</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Defeated Ljubic claims Covic was elected in a deceitful manner' by <u>V.Coric</u> – After the election of Dragan Covic for HDZ President, his counter-candidate Bozo Ljubic stated that he suspects in regularity of the elections and announced that he would file an appeal to the commission in charge of elections. According to Ljubic, on the list of those who voted for Covic there were 67 persons, who allegedly voted, however, there were no their signatures on the list. Ljubic announced that he was going to hold a press conference on this issue in Mostar on Monday (today) at 12:00 hrs. DA inset 'Covic: Suspicions about regularity are ridiculous' carries Covic as saying that suspicions about regularity of HDZ elections are ridiculous. Osl. also says that Ljubic received only 25 votes less from Covic and judging by this fact a newly elected HDZ president should have reason to be worried about the future of HDZ, that is faced with splits now.</p>

<p>Merdzo, Vlajan, Raguz on Covic's victory</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Bozo Ljubic claims that he has evidence that elections were fixed' and pg 4 'Ljubic claims that he has valid evidence about fixing of elections' by <u>F. Vele</u> says that most of the HDZ members who were against election of Dragan Covic for position of HDZ President believe that his election is a bad message and that HDZ might be faced with isolation. Former member of the HDZ Presidency Josip Merdzo stated that some actions against the HDZ organization in the Central Bosnia, which did not support Covic's candidacy, are being expected. Velimir Valjan from HDZ Central Bosnia believes that purges are to take place within HDZ and added that some provisions of a new HDZ Statute make pre-requisites for purges. DA inset under headline 'Raguz: HDZ lost opportunity' carries a commentary on Covic's election by member of the HDZ Presidency Martin Raguz, who says that HDZ has lost a chance and possibility to make an important step ahead.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'Defeated Ljubic claims Covic was elected in a deceitful manner' by <u>V. Coric</u> also carried Merdzo's statement.</p>
<p>HDZ BiH fills top posts</p>	<p>BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'New leadership of the party', Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Lozancic elected Covic's Deputy', FENA – After the election of Dragan Covic, former Croat member of the BiH Presidency who was sacked by High Representative Paddy Ashdown over graft charges in late March, as Chairman of the HDZ BiH, delegates of the HDZ BiH's ninth congress elected late on Saturday Niko Lozanic as the party's Vice-Chairman. Borjana Kristo, Marinko Cavara and Rade Bosnjak were elected as deputy/assistant chairmen of the HDZ BiH. The following delegates were named as members of the HDZ BiH presidency: Stipe Pelivan, Slavko Matic, Mijo Kresic, Davor Cordas, Mladen Bevanda, Mato Zvorko, Lidiya Bradara, Zeljko Raguz, Andjelko Mikulic and Marko Sinanovic.</p>
<p>OHR's Guzelova: Important is whether HDZ will carry out policy leading to BiH's Euro-Atlantic integration</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'The least important is who has been elected' – With regard to the election of Dragan Covic as HDZ BiH President, Chief OHR Spokesperson Irena Guzelova said that the least important was who had been elected. <i>"The much more important is whether the HDZ BiH will follow the example of Croatian HDZ and carry out policy that will lead to BiH's integration into Europe,"</i> said Guzelova.</p>

<p>Covic on future HDZ work, coop. with HDZ Croatia and IC</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on cover 'Bozo Ljubic suspects in regularity of elections' by <u>M. Karacic</u> – Before it was official announced that Dragan Covic was elected HDZ President, Covic called on unity of HDZ and announced that he would make a modern party out of HDZ in the next 6 months. Asked whether he would stand for the third entity, Covic said that in case that the RS survives, reorganization of BiH must be demanded. Covic added: <i>'The other two peoples must have the same status. I would stand for a slightly different organization of BiH with 5 or 6 regions.'</i> Vecernji List pgs 2 and 3 'D. Covic reorganizes party', mentioned on cover 'Niko Lozancic first associate of Dragan Covic' by <u>M. Relota</u> carries Covic as saying that his election would not be an obstacle for admission of HDZ in membership of European People's Party (EPS) and he believes that all the dust raised regarding this issue lately is a product of wrong interpretation of the letter sent by EPS President Wilfred Martens. Covic also announced good cooperation between HDZ BiH and HDZ Croatia, as well as between HDZ BiH and the International Community. Vecernji List pg 11 'Covic: With Sanader personally' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> carries that Covic called on Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader to build future relationship between HDZ BiH and HDZ Croatia not through a mediator but through a direct cooperation. VL also says that the official Zagreb has not reacted yet to Covic's election.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Herceg Bosnia in sight?' – Daily article refers to statement Dragan Covic gave, saying that if RS remained, BiH would have three entities.</p>
<p>DL open-edit. criticising Covic's election</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 9 'Obituary to HDZ' by <u>S. Kukic</u> carries a harsh commentary on election of Dragan Covic to the position of the HDZ President, in which the author describes Covic as a big manipulator surrounded by criminals who take care how to preserve the things they have stolen during the last year. The author expects that Covic would start with purges in order to secure a safe future to himself and control over all process within HDZ and BiH. The author says that only numerous court processes against Covic can stop him in the aforementioned intention.</p>
<p>NN: Reactions to election of Covic</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'HDZ did not choose European course by electing Covic' by <u>R.C.-V.P.</u> – Adil Osmanovic, SDA Vice President, stated that SDA finds the election of Dragan Covic not to be the best solution, owing to pending indictment against him. Other political parties (Svetozar Pudaric from SDP of BiH, Marko Tadic from HSS, Kresimir Zubak from NHI, Momcilo Novakovic from SDS, Tihomir Gligoric from SPRS, Mirko Blagojevic from SRS) share the view HDZ failed to choose the European course by electing Covic as HDZ President, as well as that this election would result in disbandment of party members and trust of voters.</p>

<p>Vjesnik commentary on Covic's election</p>	<p>Vjesnik pg 16 'Detrimental return of Dragan Covic' by A. <u>Zornija</u> carries a commentary on Covic's election and the author says that <i>'if HDZ was faced with announced isolation it would not be good for Croats at all especially on eve of, perhaps, crucial events in BiH, that is constitutional changes, which are an attempt to secure guaranteed constituency of peoples'</i>. According to the author, the decision that the HDZ seat does not move from Mostar to Sarajevo is continuation of the HDZ policy according to which HDZ remains focused on Herzegovina .</p>
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<p>RS Police Director regrets his claims on BiH links with Madrid bomb attack</p>	<p>Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Andan apologized for presenting inaccurate information', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Andan presented allegations without firm evidences', Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'I regret if I have upset BiH citizens' by Sn.K., Glas Srpske pg 3 'Neither grounded or useful' by G.Dakic, Verecnje Novosti pg 3 'I made a mistake, I deeply regret' by SL.P., SRNA – RS Police Director Dragomir Andan said he regretted it if his statements on Islamic group operations in BiH had caused disquiet among citizens in BiH and the RS.</p> <p><i>"I particularly regret any damage that my comments on the links between BiH and the Madrid bomb attack may have caused,"</i> says Andan's letter addresseed to EU Police Mission Commissioner Kevin Carty. Andan's letter to Carty – parts of which have been made public by the RS Ministry of the Interior – says that the intelligence in question is operational by nature and that it has not been established as true and therefore cannot be used as "clear evidence". <i>"Making intelligence information of an operational nature public too soon is professionally inadvisable and in this context can obviously be considered wrong and politically motivated, as the conclusions of your report to the High Representatives say, which I accept in principle,"</i> the letter says. Andan says that his <i>"statements were not politically motivated and that in this sense he does not wish to withdraw his claim"</i>. <i>"But, at the same time I accept that such a claim could be interpreted as police interference in political issues and that it is inappropriate that a director of the police should present such claims for political purposes,"</i> the letter says. In his letter Andan expresses his <i>"full personal commitment to upholding professional standards and making joint efforts on issues of security challenges"</i>. <i>"A high level of alertness, preventive work, intelligence and operational activities – these have to be the imperatives for the work of all security agencies and by the same token of the RS police, both in relation to our contribution to the broad international movement against terrorism and also in relation to our legal, professional and moral obligation to protect the citizens, society and institutions in the RS and BiH from this international scourge. Such an attitude of the RS police and myself as police director will be our absolute duty in line with professional standards of police work, to which particular attention will be paid also in public commentaries in order to prevent problems of this kind from appearing in future,"</i> the letter says in conclusion.</p>
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<p>BiH Presidency member Tihic says Andan should be removed</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'That man should be removed from the office' – According to Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic, the apology by RS Police Director Dragomir Andan regarding his statement on preparations for Madrid terrorist attack in BiH was not enough since this was not the first time Andan presented an inaccurate information. <i>"I think that man should be removed from the office,"</i> said Tihic.</p>
<p>SNSD's Spiric says a private investigation against Andan underway</p>	<p>Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'A private investigation against RS Police Director underway', Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Finally to appoint SIPA Director', Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'AID is running private investigations against Serb staff' by <u>V.Popovic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 5 'A private investigation' by <u>D.T.</u>, FENA – BiH House of Representatives Deputy Speaker and Alliance of Independent Social-Democrats (SNSD) Main and Executive Board member Nikola Spiric said that it was high time for the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) director to be appointed. Spiric told a press conference in Banja Luka on Sunday that High Representative Paddy Ashdown should react if the SIPA director is not appointed in accordance with the results of an open competition, not by imposing a solution, but by implementing the law. Spiric supported the initiative of BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic for early elections and said that this would provide a new parliamentary majority that would work on reforms more efficiently, instead of waiting for new elections. Spiric also talked about unofficial reports of a "private" investigation into the role of RS Police Director Dragomir Andan <i>"in the events of 1991"</i>, and added that BiH Security Minister Barisa Colak should respond whether this has been <i>"ordered"</i>, as well as <i>"are his assistants conducting private investigations in conjunction with Bosniaks, and in most cases against Serbs"</i>.</p> <p>According to Dnevni Avaz, Spiric said he had received the information on investigation against Andan from a source close to FBiH Interior Ministry. The Ministry's Spokesman, Robert Cvrtak, said he was not aware of any investigation against Andan being conducted by FBiH MoI.</p>

<p>Terzic to ask HR Ashdown to appoint new SIPA Director</p>	<p>RTRS Report by <u>Sladjana Jasarevic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Terzic asks help from Ashdown' by <u>R.C.-V.P.</u> – Chairman of BiH CoM Adnan Terzic will ask High Representative (HR) Paddy Ashdown on Monday to appoint the new director of State Information and Protection Agency (SIPA). Terzic stated that ministers from RS are obstructing the appointment of the new director. <i>"We insist that the new director of SIPA is Serb, because in this way practically no one from Serbian side will be in the institutions that are responsible for the security of BiH"</i> stated BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanic. <i>"I do not want to wait any longer, Mr. Ivanic knows that we have agreed upon that the Minister of Defence is Serb, director of OSA is Bosniak and director of SIPA should be a Croat, I cannot brake the agreement"</i> stated Terzic. Official attitude of OHR is that this situation must be resolved. <i>"The new director of SIPA must be elected as soon as possible"</i> stated Oleg Milisic, spokesperson of OHR. RTRS tried to interview BiH Minister of Security Barisa Colak but he was unavailable.</p>
<p>SDU leader Tokic: BiH is in deep crisis</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'BiH is in deep crisis' by <u>L. Sinanovic</u> – The SDU President, Sejfudin Tokic, commented to DA that BiH is in deep crisis, which is only confirmed in the statement by the Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, who said that extraordinary elections should be held. Tokic adds that Terzic's statement was admittance needed by BiH public who has been deceived for years that the country has guaranteed success.</p>
<p>SPRS to demand early elections</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Early elections' by <u>D. Trisic</u> – SPRS will demand for early elections to be organized before the end of the year. The party President, Petar Djokic, believes the ruling parties are responsible for defense and police reforms and he emphasized <i>'we have been exposed to humiliation'</i> due to their failure.</p>
<p>RS President Cavic: There is no BiH without entities</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 11 'There is no BiH without entities', Glas Srpske pg 3 'Nobody won' <u>not signed</u> – RS President Dragan Cavic, in an interview to Novi Sad TV "Panonija", has stated BiH cannot exist without the entities nor the entities can exist without BiH. <i>'As in accordance with the Dayton Peace Agreement, nobody won the war in BiH, and it is a fortune it was like that. If only one side had won, only one people would now be living in BiH, while others would be refugees'</i>, Cavic said. He had assessed that RS <i>'as relatively new historic fact'</i> is an element of stability, not instability, in the region.</p>

Kostunica on DA	Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'To respect Dayton and rule of Law' by <u>SRNA – Vojislav Kostunica</u> , Serbian President, stated in Belgrade Sunday that SiCG, as legal successor of SR Yugoslavia, the signatory of the Dayton Agreement., is consistent in respect of international integrity of BiH, stipulating the existence of RS as one entity.
5th Croat parties' mtg on const. changes held	Dnevni List pg 4 'Position of Croats is aggravating' by <u>De.L.</u> – The 5 th meeting of Croat parties and associations regarding constitutional changes was held in Rama on Friday. HDU, HKDU, HSS, HSP Djapic-Juriscic, NHI, CCD and some Croat associations attended this meeting. HSS President Marko Tadic stated that they discussed competence of state authority and organization of central authority bodies. Tadic expressed belief that Croat parties would reach consensus on most important issues regarding constitutional changes.
NN op-ed commends HR's announcement on transfer of authorities, criticizing competencies of existing institutions of BiH	Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Ashdown has nobody to transfer authority' by <u>Mirza Cubro</u> – The author notes that the policy international community is running is very confusing, inconsistent, hardly-comprehensible and unadjusted to the current mentality of this state. He commends the attempt for transfer of HR's powers onto local institutions of BiH, raising the issue of whom HR might transfer these authorities. He is critical of each and single BiH institution, starting with BiH Presidency, BiH COM, entity Government. He concludes the op-ed by saying that the best thing would be if the existing ruling authority had less powers possible, since their practice is to destroy anything they place their hands on.

Economic/Social Issues

<p>Hadzipasic: Unless conditions met, tender for Energopetrol will be cancelled</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Cancellation of tender for Energopetrol possible' by <u>Adnan Dzonlic</u> – In a statement to DA, the FBiH Prime Minister, Ahmet Hadzipasic, says that the Consortium of INA-MOL bidding to purchase Energopetrol shares has broken three key conditions stipulated by the agreement with the FBiH Government which could lead to cancellation of tender. The Government will seat on Thursday to take the joint stance. <i>"Previously agreed approach to INA's debts in BiH has been changed now in the response by the INA-MOL. Furthermore, the guarantees for investments have been 'turned' around in a way Government cannot accept them. Finally, the ownership structure... though agreed, has been significantly changed in the letter/agreement submitted by the Consortium. If they are not ready to adjust to our demands, tender will be cancelled,"</i> says Hadzipasic.</p>
<p>RTRS interview with PDHR Butler: Foreign investments in RS decreasing</p>	<p>RTRS Report by <u>Zorica Rulj</u> – Principal Deputy to High Representative (PDHR) Larry Butler in his interview for RTRS stated that foreign investments in RS are decreasing because RS did not implement adopted laws. <i>"If investors sense that politicians are not fully oriented toward EU integrity their interest for RS is decreasing"</i> said Butler . He added that isolation is equal to poverty. OHR stated that managers of the companies should report to the owners of those companies and not to the politicians.</p>

<p>Negotiations on status of HVO members who receive pensions from Croatia begin today</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Negotiations on destiny of HVO members begin today' by <u>A. Beus</u> carries that representatives of the Association of Homeland War Victims of Herceg Bosna are going to meet on Monday (today) with the Croatian delegation in order to resolve the status of HVO victims regarding the pensions that HVO victims receive from Croatia.</p>
<p>A large number of people from Foca/Cajnice go to Russia to look for job</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash 'They go to Russia looking for a better livelihood', pg 5 'They go to Moscow looking for better livelihood' by <u>Igor Jankovic</u> – Daily reports on temporary stays of people from Foca and Cajnice in Moscow, where they go in search for a better livelihood and work as construction workers.</p>

<p>NN criticizing appointment of Govedarica, former Director of Matres</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Obvious example of collusion between crime and authorities' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – The article carries reactions on the decision of RS Government to appoint Milorad Govedarica, who is under an investigation for embezzlement and abuse of office, to the position of the Chairman of "Elektrokrajina" Supervisory Board. SNSD believes this is a clear example of collusion between crime and authorities. SDP's Slobodan Popovic says this is a crime and only criminals can survive in such a model and he added: <i>'SDS can function only in such conditions, as well as SDA and HDZ'</i>. SDS's Momcilo Novakovic thinks RS Government should explain why it had decided to appoint Govedarica to this position. SPRS's Tihomir Gligoric thinks RS Government is under a control of criminals and even RS Prosecutor's Office is helpless before such personnel combinations. Mirko Blagojevic from SRS "Dr. Vojislav Seselj" said: <i>'We do not have RS Government, but we have an institution up to its neck in crime, which is under a control of RS President Dragan Cavic who is a generator of all crisis in RS'</i></p>
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