

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 6/9/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 6 September

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
BiH epidemiologist on avian flue	HR suspended pardoning powers	Ashdown press conference
FBiH HoR in session	FBiH HoR accepts defence reform	Jovic demands 3 rd entity in BiH
United HSP on Cro. lang., curriculum	Nationalised apartments issue	Egypt tragedy

TV news broadcast on 5 September

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Increase of fuel prices	Oil prices decreased on world market	Oil prices increased again
F BiH Assembly session on Tuesday	Gas prices increased in BiH	Seselj's testimonial at ICTY
Protest of "Dom" on Tuesday	New increasing of gas prices in RS	Exhibition on Srebrenica in Hague
Agreement on loan for health sector	RS CC will discuss RS NA conclusions	Ashdown on SDS

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
WN: 149 dead in plane crash	143 dead in plane crash in Sumatra	HR on politicians above the law
New school year started on Monday	Fraud in meat industry?	Report on protest of "Sana TIK"

Gas prices increased in BiH	Halilovic on VAT	Report on protest of BIH Refinery
Loan agreements for HSEP signed	Strike in wood factory “Sana”	Increase of fuel prices

Oslobodjenje	Experts foresee bird flu might kill around 50 million people
Dnevni Avaz	Enka, Behtel companies can construct Vc Corridor
Dnevni List	Wartime money from Saudi Arabia in heart of Sarajevo
Vecernji List	Features Croatia related front pg splash story
Slobodna Dalmacija	Cheated husband shot and caused national crisis (shooting in Glamoc)
Nezavisne Novine	“Gazelles” were sold without tender
Glas Srpske	Anger of little maharaja
EuroBlic	Fear from growth of prices
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related titles
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

<p>HR Ashdown suspends pardoning powers</p>	<p>RTRS, BH Radio1 by <u>Amir Suzanj</u> – The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, today made a decision to suspend power of executive officials at all levels to pardon convicted persons. The decision will be in effect until the adoption of the new state law on pardons, which has already been drafted. Such the HR move followed the decision by FBiH President Niko Lozancic to pardon his HDZ colleague Miroslav Prce. Ashdown said at a press conference in Sarajevo that it was about a widespread practice of misusing the law by executive officials. That is why the HR did not annulled Lozancic's and many other decisions of this kind. By his decisions Ashdown wanted to prevent compromising of the BiH legal system through protection of party colleagues/political allies from legal sanctioning. Ashdown expect the BiH Parliament to adopt the new legislation on the issue in October this year.</p>
<p>FBiH HoR decide to transfer entity's defence powers to state level</p>	<p>RHB, BH Radio1 by <u>Ljiljana Radl</u> – At an extraordinary session in Sarajevo today, the FBiH House of representatives decided to allow transfer of entity's authorities in the sector of defence to the state level. The deputies were addressed by Sarajevo-based NATO HQ Commander Louis Weber and BiH Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic. Today's decision will be followed by passage of necessary amendments to the FBiH Constitution and annulment of the current defence legislation in the entity.</p>

<p>Jovic advocates 3rd entity</p>	<p>RTRS – Ivo Miro Jovic, Chairperson of the BiH Presidency, has demanded creation of a 3rd entity, i.e. re-composition of BiH into a state with three levels of authority. In an interview to Belgrade daily “Politika”, Jovic stated that in such a BiH, re-composed in this manner, the middle level of authority might be called an entity, region or a federal unit. He stated that the number of such legislative units (with executive authority) would depend on potential agreement, while only some functions such as foreign affairs, foreign trade and monetary policy would be left at the level of the state. We do not accept centralized state, since it would offer an official chance of the majority people to dictate who to run our lives, Jovic said.</p>
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Economic, health and property issues

<p>Oil prices drastically increase in BiH; media speculate on consequences</p>	<p>PINKby <u>Jovanka Nina Stevanovic</u> – BiH will face drastic increase in the price of oil and oil derivatives in the next few days. While petrol in FBiH costs between 0,2 and 0,25 KM per litre more than it did just day before, the prices of diesel fuel and heating oil are expected to increase between 5 and 7 percent. The price of petrol in RS will be two KM per litre, starting on Tuesday. As a consequence, it is expected that the prices of other products and services will go up as well, mostly between two and three percent, according to some economic experts. After “Klas” and “Sprind” companies from Sarajevo increased the prices of two main bread products, other bakery companies will probably be forced to do the same. Although oil prices decreased at the world market on Monday, the Chair of the FBiH Group of Oil Importers and Distributors, Muhidin Alic, explained that it is possible that oil prices in BiH will go up one more time very soon. <i>“But, we hope that prices of oil and oil derivatives will go down during next days; if that happens, distributors in BiH will decrease the prices as well”</i>, optimistically concluded Alic. RHB – Chairman of RS Oil Distributors, Vukasin Vojinovic stated that fuel prices in RS will reach the price of 2 KM per litre as of Tuesday. Hayat, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 7, mentioned on cover, ‘Costs of transport in BiH to be increased for 20 to 30%’, Dnevni Avaz pg 9 ‘Most drastic rise in increase of petrol prices to date’, mentioned on cover, by <u>Aj. Delic</u>, Dnevni List pg 6 7 ‘Bread more expensive because of increased costs of transportation’ by <u>D. Pusic</u>, Vecernji List pg 4 ‘Price of fuel in BiH crossed limit of 2 KM’ by <u>M. Brkic-Milinkovic</u>, <u>E. Medunjanin</u>, EuroBlic cover pg splash and pg RS3 ‘Fear from growth of prices’ by <u>Tijana Veselinovic</u>– all report on the oil price increase, and examine the possible influence it would have in the prices of food and other goods.</p>
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<p>BiH, World Bank sign development loan for health sector</p>	<p>Hayat, FTV, RTRS, RHB, PINK, BHT1, Oslobođenje pg 4 '17 million US dollars for health sector', Dnevni List, pg 7 '17 million dollars for improvement to healthcare sector', by <u>Erna Mackic</u>, Glas srpske pg 2 '17 millions for healthcare' by <u>V. Bu.</u>, EuroBlic pg RS2 '17 million dollars for healthcare' by <u>D. S.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 10 '17 million dollars for better healthcare' by <u>R. Rakic</u>– BiH Finance and Treasury Minister Ljerka Maric and Head of the World Bank Mission to BiH Dirk Reinermann signed in Sarajevo on Wednesday an agreement on a development loan for the Health Sector Enhancement Project. Ceremony was also attended by entities' Presidents, Dragan Cavic and Niko Lozancic. The loan is worth 17 million USD, and 57 percent will go to the FBiH and 43 to the RS. The project will enhance primary health care along the family medicine model, as well as improve the quality, efficiency and accessibility of primary health care services.</p>
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<p>EC donates demining equipment</p>	<p>Hayat, RTRS, BHT1, RHB, PINK, Oslobođenje pg 5 'New equipment for deminers', Dnevni List pg 5 'Mine fields threaten one third of citizens' by M. Zorlak, Vecernji List pg 4 'Equipment for mine clearing' by F–Head of the EC Delegation to BiH Michael Humphreys delivered to the FBiH Civil Defence Administration and the RS Civil Administration a donation in demining equipment in total value of 220.000 Euros. This donation includes metal detectors, bullet-proof vests and visors. <i>"Even though great efforts have been made to identify the areas infested with mines and to clear those areas, another 1.366 communities affected by mines have been identified recently"</i>, said Humphreys adding that means that about 1.4 million people – or one third of BiH population – live in areas infested with mines and unexploded ordnance. Directors of FBiH and RS Civil Defence Administrations Alija Tihic and Dragan Tupajic believe that this donated equipment will significantly improve the safety of deminers.</p>
<p>CoM Chair Terzic on his meetings in Istanbul : Enka, Behtel companies can build Vc Corridor</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover page, pg 2 'Enka, Behtel companies can construct Vc Corridor' – BiH Council of Ministers Chairman Adnan Terzic and BiH Deputy Transport and Communications Minister Haris Basic met on Monday in Istanbul with the heads of Enka and Behtel companies, Sinan Tara and Michael Adams. <i>"We presented the Vc Corridor project and informed them on the status of the project documentation and ongoing preparations,"</i> Terzic told the daily. Terzic and Basic called on representatives of the both companies to support the project and participate at the upcoming conference on the Vc Corridor scheduled to take place on November 17 in Sarajevo .</p>

SDP on VAT Law	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Good morning minister and welcome to the cruel reality', mentioned on cover, by <u>R.I.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'A single VAT rate should be disputed' by <u>N.N.</u> – The SDP of BiH expects that Safet Halilovic, BiH Minister of Civil Affairs and President of the Party for BiH, obligates delegates of the Party for BiH to vote against the proposed Law on VAT.</p>
DA: VAT to increase prices in graphic industry for 90%?	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Graphic industry will be 90% more expensive' by <u>S. Skuletic</u> – Da publishes almost page long article according to which graphic industry will suffer 90% of prices increase following the introduction of the VAT. Amer Toskic, the Chair of the BiH Graphic Workers Trade Union, says that VAT introduction will complete destroy the industry, cause a large price increase of school text books, massive dismissals in printing houses and even closure of a number of companies.</p>

Op-eds on VAT	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Whose is VAT' by <u>Natasa Krsman</u> – Commenting on the VAT, the author reiterates the fact prices of a large number of products will increase as of January 2006, the prices which average families in BiH will not be able to handle. She stresses the opposition parties including SDP were repeatedly insisting on introduction of 3-level VAT rate instead of a single rate, with introduction of social programmes for the most vulnerable categories of population, in order to alleviate introduction of VAT. She concludes that the hardest thing would be to listen to all of the pre-election stories on how all politicians were warning of these increases, but they had to make it happen owing to persistence of the international community. She concludes: <i>"I guess we have elected our representatives to fulfil wishes of the IMF."</i> Dnevni List, pg 2 'Polemics about VAT', by <u>D. Kozina</u> – The author argues that politicians started discussing about negative effects of the law on VAT far too late, since the law was adopted in January 2005, which, according to <u>Kozina</u>, shows the attitude of BiH politicians towards the citizenry and lack of responsibility.</p>
DL: Saudis will not get attractive premises in Sarajevo	<p>Dnevni List, front pg splash 'Wartime money from Saudi Arabia in heart of Sarajevo' and pg 5 'Wartime money from Saudi Arabia in heart of Sarajevo!?', by <u>N. Bise</u> – Notes that attractive locations and business premises at Marijin Dvor, Sarajevo, will most likely not be given to the Saudi Arabia-based 'Shiddy Trading Est', despite earlier announcements since the company was labelled as the best bidder. DL's source reveals that the company has stated that its capital is valued at 6.000 KMs, and DL wonders how it is possible to announce an investment worth 100 million KMs with such small capital.</p>

<p>NN: irregularities in sale of military equipment in RS</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash 'Gazelles were sold without tender' and pgs 2-3 'Gazelle fled to Russia via Niksic' by <u>G. Maunaga</u> – the article reports on irregularities in sale of military equipment in RS and, as an example, it reads RS Directorate for Production and Sale of Weapons and Military Equipment sold a military helicopter to "LENS" firm from Niksic, which does not have a license to deal with foreign trades. This firm served only as a mediator while, allegedly, the final buyer is actually NPAK "Temp-avia" from Sankt Petersburg, Russia</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje: Bird flu might kill around 50 million people</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 'Experts foresee bird flu might kill around 50 million people' – Chief FBiH Epidemiologist Zlatko Puvacic told the daily that the warning of bird flu danger by leading medical experts in the world had to be taken seriously.</p>
<p>VL on privatization of telecommunications sector in BiH</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 2 'Fight for supremacy will be led in Bosnia and Herzegovina', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – Carries an article dedicated to the issue of telecommunication sector in BiH, in which the author notes that the privatization will first be carried out in the RS (Telekom Srpske). When it comes to the FBiH, VL argues it is a public secret that the FBiH Traffic and Communications Minister, Nedžad Brankovic, is the biggest advocator that the telecommunications sector remains the government property for as long as possible, which would provide money to "extinguish social fires".</p>

Police reform and related issues

<p>RS Constitutional Court to decide on police crossing of IEBL/ RS CoP and RSNA fail to agree on defence, police</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Gordana Cimesa</u> – The joint Commission of the RS National Assembly and RS Council of Peoples met on Monday to discuss the issue of invoking protection of the Vital National Interest in RS concerning the police reform and crossing of the inter-entity boundary line [IEBL]. After the delegates did not harmonize the stances on police reform, it was decided that the RS Constitutional Court will bring decision on the issue. Bosniak and Croat representatives at the RS CoP firmly underlined that the issue of crossing IEBL should not be an obstacle in the police reform. <i>“The representatives of RS Government participating in the police reform talks are flaunting with the conclusions as if they were fixed”</i> stated Remzija Kadric from Bosniak Caucus in the RS CoP. Reporter noted that is still not certain whether the issue of the VNI in defence area will be discussed at the RS Constitution Court. RS Association of Inmates appealed on Serb delegates in the RS Council of Peoples to launch a procedure for protection of vital national interest following the RS National Assembly’s decision to transfer defence authorities to the state level. The Serb delegates at the RS CoP claim that they still haven’t received the appeal adding that they heard for the initiative from the media. Desanka Radjevic from the Serb Caucus at the RS CoP stated that at the last session when they discussed the constitutionality of the RS NA’s decision she had realised that she wouldn’t have received the support if she had evoked on the protection of the VNI. The members of the Commission also failed to reach the agreement on the issue of the Law on war compensation, as Bosniak and Croat delegates believe that the solutions under the law are ‘humiliating’. Bosniaks withdrew their request for the harmonising the decision on the law on local self-rule. FTV, RTRS, BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Conclusions on police reform go before the RS Constitutional Court’ by <u>E.S.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Constitutional Court to decide on police and war reparations’ by <u>D. R.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Two disputable issues’ by <u>G. Dakic</u>, EuroBlic pg RS ‘Vital interest without an agreement’ by <u>R. R.</u>– also reports on RS Constitutional Court to discuss the police reform constitutionality.</p>
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<p>Cavic: 'If there is a need to abolish SDS, than abolish it, but that would only radicalise political scene'</p>	<p>RTRS, FTV, Hayat, BHT1, Dnevni List, pg 2 'Everything would be solved with departure of international community', by E. Mackic, EuroBlic pg RS2 'They are looking for a culprit, not for a solution' by Dusanka Stanisic, Glas srpske pg 5 'We both saw it and heard it' by V. Bugarin, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'If there is a need to abolish SDS, than abolish it, but that would only radicalise political scene' by Srna – RS President Dragan Cavic on Monday condemned the "threats" by the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, that he will punish the SDS if the talks on the police reform in BiH fail. Cavic added that Ashdown's announcement is <i>"not a way of finding a solution but a way of finding somebody to blame. Fine, let us blame the SDS. But what then? There is SNSD, PDP, Serb Radical Party... there are many other participants. Such a stance would only radicalize the political scene."</i> Cavic commented on option of banning SDS, stating that this would not mean more liberal political scene in RS. <i>"I believe we must all have enough common sense to find a solution acceptable to everyone in this country,"</i> concluded Cavic.</p>
<p>RS Govt: 'We do not obstruct police reform'</p>	<p>BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 7 'We do not obstruct police reform', Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Solutions twice rejected by the delegates cannot be accepted' by Srna, Glas srpske pg 5 'Pressure, that's what it is' by D. Momic – The RS Government on Monday announced that its negotiating team is not obstructing police reform in BiH and that it would not behave in this manner when dealing with any other matter relevant for BiH's admission into the EU. The statement reads that the pressures and even threats of sanctions are being increased and that the RS Government's negotiating team is particularly exposed to this. <i>"RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic and members of the Government's negotiating team reiterate that the progress realized so far in reforming the police structures in BiH is result of efforts by all sides in the negotiations and not a single institution, or individuals... The claims that the problem lies with the negotiating team from RS are groundless... It is forgotten that the negotiating team of the Entity Government must act in line with its constitutional competencies and legal authorities, and that it must respect the conclusions of the RS National Assembly,"</i> reads the statement underlying that the solutions already twice rejected cannot be accepted now.</p>

<p>Ashdown: progress in police so far insignificant</p>	<p>RTRS by <u>Sinisa Mihailovic</u> – In an interview to Dnevni Avaz, HR Paddy Ashdown expressed dissatisfaction with the current progress of the police reform negotiations, deeming the progress achieved so far was insignificant. OHR spokesperson Ljiljana Radetic stated that <i>“BiH might miss another date for the start of talks on Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU, which is the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement and than it would remain the only country in the region that did not start the SAA talks”</i>. Radetic added that it was time for SDS and RS politicians to come up with a solution on police reform in accordance with three EU principles. Reporter reiterated that Ashdown once again warned RS and particularly SDS that the time was running out and that it was necessary for the party and a number of RS politicians to finally change their position on police reform. The next meeting on police reform is scheduled for Wednesday in Sarajevo.</p>
<p>Ahead of continuation of police reform talks on Wednesday: Bukejlovic does not intend to change his position even if the price is his removal</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Bukejlovic does not intend to change his position even if the price is his removal’ <u>E.Sarac</u> – According to the daily, next meeting on police reform in BiH that is to take place in Sarajevo on Wednesday will bring nothing new. A draft framework agreement on the issue presented by RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic on the mountain of Bjelasnica last week is not acceptable for the European Commission since it has not been based on the three European principles. A source close to the RS negotiating team told the daily that Bukejlovic is aware of a fact he might be removed from office due to rejection of an agreement proposed by BiH CoM Chairman Terzic. At the same time, according to the daily, it is well-known that Bukejlovic is backed by more than 70 percent of SDS membership including the majority in the SDS Main Board and Presidency as well as RS National Assembly. The rest of SDS members are supporting RS and SDS President Dragan Cavic, who, according to well-informed sources, is just formally not essentially holding power in his hands. Because if the things are different, the police reform would have been carried out long time ago. In this situation, PDP and SNSD see their chance to score political points before the next year’s general elections.</p>

<p>GS: HR working with an aim to destroy RS</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'Anger of little maharaja' by <u>N. G.</u> – The article brings a number of statements HR Paddy Ashdown gave since December 2004 to papers in BiH with regard to the Dayton Agreement and speculations on abolishment of RS and it concludes by saying: <i>'the short review of the High Representative's statements brings to a conclusion that Paddy, perhaps, does not know what Ashdown is saying. However, it is more likely that "the little maharaja" – as one of British papers called him because of the way in which he fulfills his duties – knows what he is doing. He is working with an aim to destroy RS. Upon whose order and for whose interests?'</i></p>
<p>Center Club, Associations: HR has no right to abolish RS, threats inappropriate</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Protection of constituency' <u>not signed</u> (Center Club), Glas Srpske pg 5 'Bad message' <u>not signed</u> (RS Veterans' Association – Savo Cvjetinovic), Glas Srpske pg 5 'Enough of a stick!' <u>not signed</u> (RS Association of Families of Missing Persons – Milijana Bojic), Glas Srpske pg 5 'He wishes to strip everyone of their powers' by <u>E. G. S.</u> (RS Association of POWs – Slavko Jovicic) – all listed persons/organizations believe HR has no right to abolish RS and they believe threats brought by HR are inappropriate.</p>

<p>RS politicians commenting on HR's statement</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'He needs a culprit' by Z. Markovic – Commenting on HR, Paddy Ashdown's announcement (regarding ban of SDS work), daily notes that Ashdown would – if possible by any means – like to erase Serb people from the political map of BiH. Mladen Bosic, SDS Vice President, stated that it is clear to SDS that Ashdown will not accuse himself for the failure of police reform, but instead <i>"he needs a culprit on duty, and the easiest way is to blame SDS."</i> Bosic added that Ashdown is most probably thinking of ways of his departure and how he will be remembered. Krstan Simic, SNSD Vice President, stated that statements like this one serve as further pressure against RS. Gavrilo Antonic, PDP Executive Director, stressed that the basic task of Ashdown is to protect and implement Dayton Agreement, not instead to threaten with abolishment of Srpska, which is the category established on Dayton. Marko Pavic, DNS President, stated that Ashdown has no powers to abolish RS. Milanko Mihajlica, President of Serb Radical Party, stated it should not be expected that RS Government would succumb to threats and pressures of the High Representative. According to GS inset 'The will of people', Zarko Marjanac, Secretary General of the SP RS, stated that HR has been gradually abolishing RS through the reforms implemented so far.</p>
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Education issues

<p>Media: HDZ and SDA are making ethnically pure schools in Stolac</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 13 'HDZ and SDA are making ethnically pure schools', mentioned on front 'Schools being divided into Bosniak and Croats schools', by <u>Sanja Bjelica</u> – DL learns from a source from one of schools in Stolac that the ruling parties in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton have reached an agreement on separation of 'two schools under one roof', which would result in formation of ethnically pure schools. Similar confirmation comes from a teacher of Stolac High School, Miro Sutalo, who says that the order came last week from the HNC Education Minister, Jago Musa, and his deputy, Enes Hasanagic, when the two visited Stolac last Wednesday. Despite numerous attempts, DL could not contact anyone in the HNC Government, the Head of Municipality and president of local HDZ in Stolac. It was only the SDA, which condemned such moves. According to Sutalo, Teachers' Council of the High School that works in accordance to the Croat curriculum are adamant not to leave the school premises. Similar comes from the teachers of elementary school that work according to the Bosnian curriculum, who say they'll not allow "<i>ethnic purification of schools</i>", and they also called on the relevant state, FBiH, cantonal and local authorities, as well as the OHR to make sure that children have proper education. Vecernji List, pg 7 'Petition against moving', by <u>Frano Matic</u> – Union of Stolac High School employees (Croat curriculum) have started an initiative against the decision of the Education Minister. The parents also condemned the decision. (similar article with statement by Sutalo is carried by Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 15, mentioned on front 'War for Stolac High School', by <u>Zoran Zekic</u>) Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Moving out of Croat students postponed the school', mentioned on cover, Nezavisne Novine pg 8, announced on cover 'HDZ and SDA Ministers are separating children on national grounds' by <u>V. Coric</u> – also report on the intention to separate schools.</p>
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<p>Official says decision to separate schools never made, school to start on 12 Sept?</p>	<p>BHT1 <u>Martina Kristo Antelj</u> – Ahmet Habeta, Chair of Stolac Municipality Council claimed that the Council had never discussed the implementation of decision on separation of schools. Dnevni Avaz pg 12 ‘Two schools and no pupils under one roof’ by <u>E. Vele</u> – DA carries Omer Spaho, the Chair of the Primary Education Trade Union in the Canton, stating that the classes will begin in this Canton on 12 September. Daily speculate that reasons for postponing classes is most probably existence of ‘two schools under one roof’. However, DA says that under the pressure coming from the international community, HNK Education Minister Jago Muso is now trying to unified these schools as he was already under sanctions for allowing this problem which is present not only in Stolac, but also in Capljina and Prozor. DA inset ‘Journalists make problems’ carries that asked about this issue HNC Prime Minister Miroslav Coric stated: ‘Classes will start on Monday, why are you making a problem?’</p>
<p>Capljina Municipality also brings decision to separate schools?</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 13 ‘Schools being separated into Bosniak and Croat one’, <u>not signed</u> – Notes that the Municipal Council of Capljina, at its session held in late August, took a decision to separate the Capljina High School into separate, Bosniak and Croat high schools. DL could not manage to find out who requested the separation. Unofficially, there is a plan to build another building, which would accommodate the Bosniak pupils.</p>
<p>OSCE: ‘Two schools under one roof’ not acceptable</p>	<p>BHT 1 – Chief of OSCE Mission in BiH Douglas Davidson stated that OSCE can’t force the unification of schools, and emphasized that people must understand the unification of schools is not going to endanger the education in their mother tongue. Erna Ribar from UNICEF stressed that the political obstructions are having a very negative influence on the children. Musa and Boskovic didn’t comment this issue. FTV – OSCE also reminded that the existence of “two schools under one roof” is not acceptable.</p>

<p>Problems with education in Janja</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'SWAT team prevented conflict between Bosniaks and those pointing three fingers [i.e. Serbs]' by <u>E.M.</u> – DA reports that several hundreds of Bosniaks gathered on Monday morning in Janja primary school yard to protest against the conditions of schooling for their children. Parents have not sent their children to schools, but demand that their requests are met. They warn that the school's management prevents the education in Bosnian language and rights of children returnees have been breached. DA says that the protests were close to becoming a conflict several times, after some youth gathered to provoke gathered Bosniaks. Security was provided by the RS SWAT team. Glas Srpske pg 3 'Bells for rebellion' by <u>S. Radjen – Todoric</u>, EuroBlic pg RS6 'They are demanding for a removal of director' by <u>Lj. Lj.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 8 'Children returnees are demanding for their rights' by <u>Z. K.</u> – also reports.</p>
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Other political issues

<p>SD on shooting in Glamoc: No national background behind incident</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, front pg splash and pg 14 'Cheated husband shot and caused national crisis', by <u>Frano Mioc</u> – Three cafes in Glamoc were damaged in shooting in Sunday night. On that occasion, Glamoc Municipal Council held an extraordinary session. BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac reacted, stating that the shooting was yet another attempt to frighten and threaten the returnees. However, the police investigation reveal that the shooting was not caused by political factors. According to the police, the shooting was caused by a man who had discovered that his wife was cheating on him. Glamoc Mayor Rade Gvero stated that he didn't believe the police and the Cantonal Government. <u>Mioc</u> criticized that fact that every negative event is being used to increase ethnic tensions. FTV carries report along the same line.</p>
<p>Paravac says incidents provoked returnees</p>	<p>FTV, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Endangered lives' by <u>G. D.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Evens in Glamoc should be condemned' by <u>N. M.</u>, Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Intimidating returnees', Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Lives of returnees threatened', Glas Srpske pg 2 'Fire bringing fear' by <u>G.Dakic</u> – <i>"The latest events in Glamoc, which have ended without a loss of life on by chance, are nothing else but an attempt to pressure and intimidate returnees and therefore need to be condemned by the entire BiH public,"</i> BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac stated. <i>"We want and wish to believe that the time of violence and fear has passed, however, fully aware of the conditions under which returnees in Glamoc live, including fear of shortages and poverty, they are now also facing threats to their mere existence,"</i> Paravac said.</p>

<p>Media speculate on reasons for possible Bozanic's candidacy for BiH Ambassador to Croatia</p>	<p>Vecernji List pgs 10 and 11, mentioned on cover 'Karadzic's wartime Minister Ambassador in Croatia?' by <u>D. Jazvic</u> – Argues that the crisis in the diplomatic relations between Croatia and BiH might deepen if the Serb member of the BiH Presidency, Borislav Paravac, puts forward candidacy of the wartime Radovan Karadzic's Information Minister Dragan Bozanic for the position of the BiH Ambassador to Croatia. VL says that on the ground of the Bozanic candidacy, the Serb side would preserve estrangement in the diplomatic relations between BiH and Croatia for another 6 months at least. VL says that the office of the Croatian President Stjepan Mesic did not want to comment on this possibility until BiH comes with an official proposal for this position. Vecernji List pg 10 'New suspicious face' by <u>M. Jajcinovic</u> – comments on the possibility that Bozanic becomes the BiH Ambassador to Croatia and the author says: "A proposal that a person from Radovan Karadzic's TV becomes a BiH Ambassador shows all unnaturalness of the Bosnian political reality with the so-called RS as 'a state within a state' and with absolutistic authorities of international protectors." Slobodna Dalmacija pg 12, mentioned on cover 'War-monger in front of wall of silence' by <u>S. Selimovic</u> says that if the BiH Presidency decides that Karadzic's close associate Bozanic becomes the BiH Ambassador to Croatia, Croatia would most probably deprive him of credentials by using 'an institute of silence'. BHT1 – BiH Presidency member Borislav Paravac denied the claims of media that Dragan Bozanic is going to be appointed as BiH ambassador in Croatia.</p>
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<p>Sarajevo press on candidates for position of BiH Ambassador to Croatia</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Zdravko Todorovic a candidate for the Ambassador in Zagreb?' <u>E. Sarac</u> – DA learns from the source close to the BiH Foreign Ministry that Zdravko Todorovic, former BiH Ambassador to Australia, could be a candidate for the BiH Ambassador to Croatia.</p> <p>DA comments that while it is certain that Dragan Bozanic will not be approved, a Serb side only uses his nomination to keep the relations with Croatia at the current level.</p> <p>According to speculations in diplomatic circles, one of the possible candidates is also BiH Assistant Foreign Minister for Bilateral Relations Ana Trisic Babic. However, DA adds that her chances are small as she is "Milorad Dodik's player." Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Ana Trisic Babic has the best chances', mentioned on cover – On the other side, Oslobodjenje learns from sources close to the BiH state institutions that Trisic-Babic is currently the only potential candidate for the BiH Ambassador to Croatia who would easily get the agreement in Zagreb/be approved as the Ambassador by Croatian Government.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Name of the candidate in two or three weeks' by <u>D. Zadavec</u> – BiH Charge d' Affaires in Croatia, Djordje Latinovic, told daily that Foreign Minister, Mladen Ivanic, is expected to nominate the candidate for the ambassadorial post very soon and to forward the proposal to the BiH presidency. He adds that the decision should be made within two to three weeks.</p>
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<p>Professor Lukic: I will not leave</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg 'I will not leave' by <u>N.Z.</u> – Professor Radomir Lukic does not intend to withdraw from the position of Dean of East Sarajevo Law Faculty, neither does he intend to self-willingly terminate employment with this high educational institution, in spite of HR, Paddy Ashdown's request. Lukic says that <i>"in March 2002, I abandoned SDS and filed resignation to the position at SDS Chair Board. Hence, the reasons over which Ashdown removed me from position do not stand."</i> He also adds that Ashdown's request to RS Premier (to implement HR's decision regarding Lukic) is not based on Law, since Govenrment does not elect Deans, but instead Council of Faculties. EuroBlic pg RS2 'Let Ashdown and Government just do their jobs' by <u>D. S.</u> – Also reported on Lukic's statement.</p>
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<p>BH Telecom announces annulling contract for collection of RTV fees</p>	<p>BHT1 <u>Sanita Lisica</u> – BH Telecom announced the quitting of contract with PBS System on collection of TV fees together with the telephone bills. OHR commented this announcement, stating that it is opposing the admittance of BiH to the EU and the HR's decision. BH Telecom also announced that they are going to insist on change of the article on fee collection by telecom operators even before the adoption of the new law on PBS.</p> <p>Slavo Kukic, Head of PBS Steering Board claimed that the announcement was made under pressure of ministries, who want to control the editorial policy of the public TV channels. Danko Ruzicic from RTRS stated that Telecom RS didn't make similar announcements.</p> <p>FBiH Minister for Transport and Telecommunications Nedžad Brankovic stated that a new law should be adopted in order to have clear regulations regarding the collection of TV fees. According to FTV, Brankovic had asked the Manager of PBS and HT Mostar to quit the contract as well. Stipe Prlic, Manager of HT Mostar stated that the management of HT Mostar is going to analyze the implementation of the contract with PBS.</p> <p>The new law on PBS, which is still I parliament procedure, states that the TV fees are going to be collected by the telecom operators in next five years.</p>
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<p>Jovic meets former SBS Acting Director</p>	<p>RHB, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Not even simplest problems cannot be solved in SBS' by Fena – BiH Presidency Chair Ivo Miro Jovic met former SBS Acting Director, Robert Peric, in Sarajevo on Monday to discuss the murder case in the SBS which occurred last month near Cajnice. Peric also informed Jovic about the situation and stressed that the Service does not have a Director since July 17 this year, as a result of which not even the simplest status issues of its members can be resolved, let alone bigger and far more important issues concerning their existence. Jovic described this situation as unacceptable and expressed deep concern over the events and stressed that relevant structures need to resolve this situation as soon as possible, the BiH Presidency stated.</p>
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<p>VN: Bosniak politicians afraid of results of caucus in BiH</p>	<p>Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'Bosnia with a million souls less' by <u>M.Labus</u> – Writing about the issue of census, the author notes that BiH and Moldavia are the only two states in Europe, that have not carried out census over the last 15 years. The author notes that Bosniaks find the current status, based on 1991 census (which was not verified according to daily) suitable. Author stresses that the Bosniaks politicians are mostly afraid of results of the new census in BiH, owing to many reasons the most important of which is their aim to create a new nation – Bosnians. Article further notes that the representatives of Serbs, who would find census result most favourable, are not even trying for the time being to “lobby” for census, seemingly afraid of re-surfacing of accusations for ethnic cleansing (based on the fact 90% of RS population are Serbs). According to unofficial results of many organisations, 3,363,796 people make BiH population, out of whom 1,698,599 are Bosniaks, 1,132,014 are Serbs and 510,843 are Croats.</p>
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<p>VL: Dzihanovic stopping appointments of Ministers Crnkic and Mandic</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 3 'Vice President of FBIH against appointments of new ministers in Government', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u> – VL notes that despite the fact that the FBIH President, Niko Lozancic, last week signed a decision to appoint new Ministers for Defenders' Issues and Healthcare, it is still unclear whether the new Ministers, Zahid Crnkic and Vjekoslav Mandic, will assume the posts. According to available information, the decision had not been forwarded to the FBIH Parliament for confirmation until yesterday, and VL claims it is likely that the FBiH Vice President, Sahbaz Dzihanovic, is stopping the appointments by not co-signing the decision. Apparently, he is arguing that the outgoing Ministers (Nadarevic and Lucic) did not present thorough reports on their work and the way they handled their budgets, nor they decisively presented reasons behind the resignations.</p>
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War crimes

<p>Stankovic to be transferred to BiH judiciary</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Radovan Stankovic will be transferred to BiH Court at beginning of October', Vecernji List pg 2 'Stankovic case arrives next month' by df, Dnevni List pg 2 'Transferring of bill of indictment, evidence and indictee Stankovic' by NINA – Following the decision of the ICTY from September 1 to transfer the case against Radovan Stankovic to the BiH judiciary, arrival of Stankovic to Sarajevo can be expected in early October, FENA learns from the BiH Court. The ICTY's Appeals Chamber rejected Stankovic's appeal, therefore the indictment, the documentation and the indictee will be transferred from The Hague to Sarajevo within 30 days.</p>
<p>BiH Prosecution launches investigation for war crimes against Mandic</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Investigation on war crimes launched against Mandic', mentioned on cover, by H.O. – DA learns from the source close to investigative bodies that the BiH Prosecution has launched the investigation against Momcilo Mandic for war crimes. The source explains the investigation has been commenced on the basis of the documents submitted by the Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecution. Madic has been transferred from Kula prison to the BiH Court 's detention unit, and while media have speculated on the reasons, the source underlines that this was just a decision in line with the law as all war crimes suspects processed by the BiH Court must be detained in its prison facilities.</p>