

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 7/10/2004

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BH TV 1</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FED TV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RT RS</b> (19,30)
FBIH HoR in session	Trial of Naser Oric started	Return process in RS	Suspect of threat email
RS war archive in ICTY	RS war archive in ICTY	RS war archive in ICTY	RS war archive in ICTY
RS MoI on war criminals	Train accident in Srebrenik	Trial of Naser Oric started	Cavic visited prisoners
Trial of Naser Oric started	De-mining project in BiH	De-mining project in BiH	Trial of Naser Oric started

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	The census would be an award to Karadzic; Trial for Omarska and Keraterm in BiH?; Parliament to decide on sending troops to missions
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Naser Oric broke into tears in the courtroom; Halilovic: Stories on division in Party for BiH are ridiculous
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Vrankic postpones solution to old foreign currency savings
<b>Vecernji List</b>	68 million marks stolen from state
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Head of municipality having won 27 votes!
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	They have been preparing repression against politicians and public persons; Trial to Naser Oric has commenced; They sent 600 wartime documents to the Hague ; Participants in war crimes are employed at OSA; Presidency members allowed to spend 36,000 KM per year for food and beverages

<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Record is decreasing price
<b>EuroBlic</b>	Blind boxes at elections; Prosecutor: He is responsible for murdering and torturing Serbs; The Government must pay 36 million KM

<b>War crimes</b>
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<p><b>Trial of Naser Oric starts in ICTY</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Dnevni Avaz</b> cover splash 'Naser Oric cried in the courtroom', pg 3 'Naser Oric cried watching war shots from Srebrenica' by <u>Almasa Hadzic</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 3 'The warlord or extraordinary warrior' by <u>Sense</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 8 'Naser Oric before ICTY' by <u>H</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 9 'Trial to Naser Oric started' by <u>NINA</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 4 ''Trail to Naser Oric' by <u>f</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, cover and pg. 4 'Trial to Naser Oric commenced' by <u>Borjana Radmanovic</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b>, pg. 11 'Mater of war was planting death' by <u>Beta</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b>, cover 'Prosecutor: He is responsible for murdering and torturing Serbs' and pg. RS3 'Wubben: He is responsible for murders of Serbs' by <u>Srna</u>, <b>Vecernje novosti</b>, pg. 17 'He torched, looted, killed' <u>not signed</u>— The trial of the wartime commander of BiH Army in Srebrenica, <b>Naser Oric</b>, opened before the ICTY on Wednesday. Oric is charged with six counts of breaches of the laws and customs of war committed by his forces during attacks on some 50 Serb villages in the general area of Srebrenica in 1992 and 1993. Oric is accused of murder of 7 persons and severe torture of 11 Serb prisoners held captured in the police station of Srebrenica. Prosecutor <b>Jan Wubben</b> described Oric as a warlord who had been aware of beatings of Serb prisoners, but tolerated them. The accused was also charged because of having a full control of his subordinates, said Wubben.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> – Prosecutor added that goal of Oric's troops was to carry out ethnical cleansing in Srebrenica area and prevent return of expelled Serbs. Oric's defence attorney claims that Oric has been fighting in order to protect the starving people of Srebrenica. Some analysts believe that his arrest was carried out at certain time in order to show equal guilt of all sides.</p> <p><b>FTV</b> – The trial is expected to last for a year.</p> <p><b>RTRS</b> –Oric was arrested by SFOR in Tuzla in April 2003 and at his initial appearance before the judges he pleaded not guilty to the charges.</p>
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<p>RS submits 600 documents to ICTY</p>	<p>RHB, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'RS sent 600 documents to the Hague' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 2 'Documentation submitted to the Hague' by Fena, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Minutes of RS Supreme Headquarters sent to ICTY' by NINA, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'RS handed over part of requested documentation' by B.S., <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, cover and pg. 2 'They sent 600 wartime documents to the Hague' by V. Popovic, <b>Glas Srpske</b>, pg. 2 '600 documents for the Hague' by G. K, <b>EuroBlic</b>, pg. RS3 'Archives without needed minutes' by M. J. – The RS Secretariat for relations with the ICTY and researching war crimes sent to the ICTY approx 600 documents concerning activities of the RS Supreme Command and RS Army Headquarters during the war, which it received from the RS Ministry of Defence, Secretariat Director <b>Zivojin Mijatovic</b> confirmed to FENA. The documents were forwarded in accordance with the order of the ICTY requesting the RS to deliver records from all sessions of the Supreme Command held between November 30 1992 and November 31 1995 within 30 days.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> – According to Mijatovic, this is not the entire archive of the RS Supreme Command. RS MoI has also submitted some documents to ICTY on Wednesday. <b>Zoran Glusac</b>, Spokesman of RS Interior Ministry, didn't want to speak about contents of the documents submitted.</p> <p><b>RTRS, FTV, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 inset 'The Government needs more time' – Prime Minister <b>Dragan Mikerevic</b> said that the government needs more time to collect and submit wartime archives to ICTY, as requested by Main Prosecutor <b>Carla Del Ponte</b>, adding that such process should not have a deadline set. Mikerevic commented: <i>"I think that we will need certain time to collect more documents. This will be a continuous task, just like our cooperation with ICTY must be continuous."</i></p>
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<p><b>Merron appoints council to discuss possibility of Omarska, Keraterm war crimes trials in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover, pg 6 'Trials for Omarska and Keraterm in BiH?' by <u>Sense</u> – The ICTY President <b>Theodor Merron</b> has appointed the members of the Council to decide whether the trials for war crimes committed in Omarska and Keraterm concentration camps can be processed in BiH. The prosecution has submitted such request on 2 September, however Merron has objected to bring decision without further explanations whether <i>"BiH can assign the case to the competent court immediately and ensure all legal and technical conditions for fair trial."</i></p>
<p><b>VL on on Croats who returned from ICTY</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> front and pgs 18 and 19 'The Hague detainees have been forgotten' by <u>Z. Jurilj</u> and <u>D. Ravic</u> carries a lengthy article on the Croats who have been either acquitted of ICTY charges or served ICTY sentences and returned to BiH or Croatia. The article carries stories of a few of them and the authors conclude that in spite of promises about their employment given by Croat and Croatian politicians most of them were left alone when they returned from the ICTY and they managed to find job primarily thanks to their friends. VL goes on to say that it is also not certain whether the UN Security Council will admit the stand to pay compensation to ICTY detainees who were acquitted of charges.</p>
<p><b>Deputy COMSFOR visits Kevljani mass grave</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'SFOR will continue to war on arrests of war criminals' by <u>M. Zgonjanin</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 'Search for missing persons and criminals' by <u>B. Kahrimanovic</u> – Deputy SFOR Commander, <b>Matthew Sykes</b> visited the mass grave location in Stari Kevljani in Prijedor region. Sykes assured expert team for missing persons that SFOR will work more than ever to arrest the war crimes suspects at large, adding that both NATO and EUFOR will continue to search for them. So far, 248 bodies were exhumed from Kevljani mass grave, which is considered one of the biggest mass graves found in Prijedor region.</p>

<p><b>FBIH HoR postpones voting on proposal of Law on Internal Debt</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front and pg 3 'Vrankic postpones solution to old foreign currency savings', by <u>Erna Mackic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b>, pg 2 'Old foreign currency savings again out on hold', by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u> – The House of Representatives of the FBiH Parliament postponed the voting on the Proposal of law on determining and settling of internal obligations of FBiH, which should deal with the issue of old foreign currency savings. The postponement came at request of the FBiH Finance Minister, <b>Dragan Vrankic</b>, who explains that the FBiH Government prepared nine new amendments to the Proposal that should change the text of the law. Vrankic claims that the MPs should be informed about details of the amendments, therefore he asked that the voting be postponed. DL also reads that the actual amount of old foreign currency savings is not known, and the new version of the law stipulates that the verification is to be made in next nine months. Vrankic explains:</p> <p><i>"After that, the Government will, through the Parliament, in form of a special law, in other words through amendments to the law, determine all elements of way of payments i.e. how much in cash, how much in bonds, interest rates etc".</i></p> <p><b>RHB, FTV, BHT1, Oslobođenje</b> pg 6 'Voting on internal debt postponed' by <u>A. Terzic</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Old currency savings holders still to wait' by <u>A.Basic</u> – also covered the session.</p>
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**Tihic, Paravac  
meet Swiss  
businessmen**

**RHB** – The Chairman of the BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic**, Presidency member **Borislav Paravac** and Head of BiH Presidency member Dragan Covic's Cabinet **Daria Krsticevic** took part in the presentation of BiH economic potentials to Swiss businesspersons in Zurich on Wednesday. Projects concerning tourism, wood and food industry, as well as opportunities for investment in the industry, agriculture, power and mining were presented. Tihic said that economic development of BiH is the basis for the development and establishment of a sustainable economy in BiH. He added that BiH has the most liberal law on investments which does not make a difference between domestic and foreign investors. Tihic reminded that BiH is especially interested in investments in the development of its roads, primarily the European corridor and its 5c segment in the length of 320 km going through the entire BiH. Constructive proposals for improving investments into BiH potentials were presented during the second part of the conference. Swiss businesspersons underlined positive examples and experiences of investing in BiH.

**BHT 1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'BiH has the most liberal law on investment' by Fena, **Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Invitation for investors to build Vc corridor' by **Onasa, Dnevni List** pg 4 'Meeting of BiH Presidency members with businessmen' not signed – also reported on the visit.

**Update to  
Terzic-Sanader  
meeting,  
Cavtat  
hospital**

**BHT 1** – Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers **Adnan Terzic** and Croatian Prime Minister **Ivo Sanader** discussed issue of Ploce port, sale of the children's hospital in Cavtat and other economic issues. **Ratko Macek**, Spokesman of Croatian Government confirmed that Croatia is willing to redefine agreement on Ploce port. New agreement will not jeopardize BiH's special status in the Port. Sanader and Terzic discussed the issue of children's hospital in Cavtat, which is the property of Sarajevo University Clinical Centre. According to unofficial information, the sale has been ceased for Croatian authorities to consider complaints of BiH authorities. Terzic and Sanader discussed the agreement on property relations and management of Trebisnjica electricity plant and Bucko lake. This has been a preparatory meeting for Terzic's upcoming official visit to Zagreb.

**Dnevni List**, pg 5 'New agreement on Ploce Port being prepared', mentioned on front, by Ivica Glibusic, **Vecernji List**, pg 11 'Croatia prepares new agreement for Ploce port', by Deana Knezevic, Dean Jazvic – also cover the meeting btw Terzic and Sander.

**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Sanader and Terzic talked about Ploce port in Zagreb' by Fena – Terzic plans the official visit in mid- November, or latest by the end of the year. His advisor, **Orhan Pasalic** stated that BiH expects Croatia to accept its stand on the property issue. BiH legal representative, **Dragica Miletic**, was present at the meeting organized by OHR at which he informed the IC representatives on the legal activities undertaken to protect BiH property in Cavtat. *"Joint stance is that there must be signing of the agreement between BiH and Croatia, which will regulate the property-legal relations between two countries. OHR agrees that signatories of the Succession Agreement must respect it completely and it should be above any law, whether herre or in Croatia,"* stated Miletic following the meeting.

**FTV** – Hospital in Cavtat has been sold to Croatian company "Camel". However, purchasing contract hasn't been signed, and deadline for signing it expired on Wednesday.



<p><b>VL feature on tax evasions in FBiH</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b>, front and pg 3 '68 million marks stolen from state', by <u>Milan Sutalo</u> – features an article that deals with issue of collection of revenues in the FBiH, in which the daily notes that the FBiH Tax Administration (FBiH TA) has collected, until end of August, 2.732.300.000 KMs of revenues, which is an increase by 13% in comparison to 2003. Still, VL notes that a number of tax evasions in the FBiH has increased. In that context, the daily notes that the FBiH TA pressed 158 criminal charges in first 8 months of 2004, which cover tax evasions estimated to be in the region of 68 million KMs. The advisor to the Director of FBiH TA, <b>Amela Mulavdic</b>, notes that even when a company's account is blocked because of failure to honour financial obligations, owner(s) register new companies on names of their family members or friends or do business through other companies.</p>
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<p><b>OHR on unification of electro-energy system in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Surplus of energy will be easier to sell' by L. Sinanovic – In an statement to DA, the OHR Spokesperson <b>Kevin Sullivan</b> states on the unification of the electro-energy system in BiH: <i>"Synchronization of the electro-energy system in BiH, i.e. of the entire south Balkans with Europe, can be seen through two separate segments. First refers to the fact that south Balkans to date has operated entirely differently from European frequency,... and the division line went through central Bosnia. And now, than 10 after, it will be much easier to enable much easier distribution of the energy,"</i> Sullivan said. Secondly, he explains, this process is justified in long-term view as the unification will allow consolidation and further development of the market in BiH, and distributors will sell the surplus of electricity much easier. <i>"Synchronization of the BiH electro-energy system with European presents a big economic potential and opens possibilities for development,"</i> Sullivan concludes.</p> <p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 16 'United electro-energy system as of Sunday' <u>not signed</u> and <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> last pg 'BiH electricity goes to Europe' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> – On the same topic, OHR South spokesperson, <b>Sanela Tunovic</b>, stated that this reform involved separating the generation and distribution functions currently handled by the Elektroprivredas and allocating these functions to a Transmission Company, and an Independent System Operator. Separating integrated utilities into separate functions is in accordance with the European Union directives and has been implemented throughout the Western Europe. Unbundling promotes transparency, reduces cost, increases efficiency and attracts investment, stated Tunovic.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> – BHT 1 stresses that as of Sunday, BiH will become the integral part of the European electro-energy system, which is the biggest such system in the world. Installations in BIH were reconstructed with help of the 20 million KKM credit given by the World Bank.</p>
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<p><b>FTV on privatisation of Natron company</b></p>	<p><b>FTV</b> by <u>Gordana Ristovic</u> – Privatisation of “Natron” paper factory will not be completed soon. FTV comments that “Natron” has been quite successful in its activities during this year, however stresses that the strong investments are necessary to launch new production lines. Signatories of the contract to fund the join company “Natron”, Zenica-Sdoboj Cantonal government and consortium of companies from Austria failed to reach agreement on their future cooperation. FTV reports that several days ago two sides were not successful on reaching the agreement on the price of wood supply and that the Austrian investor has not completed the investment plan to date. In the meantime, deadline on exclusive negotiations with Austrian consortium has expired. Turkish company “Hayat” is still interested in privatization of “Natron” and according to <b>Nedžad Polić</b>, ZDK Prime Minister, negotiation with Turkish company became serious. FTV says that due to the OHR request, ZDK government will continue to negotiate with both interested parties.</p>
<p><b>RS pensioners to protest</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b>, pg. 3 ‘Blockades as warning’ by <u>B. T. J.</u> – RS Association of Pensioners has announced they would organise protests at the end of October should the RS NA fail to hold a special session at which they should resolve pensioners’ issues. <i>‘New protests would cause great unrests, we would stop traffic, we would occupy the building of RS Government and block RS border crossings’</i>, <b>Rade Rakuć</b>, the Head of the RS Association of Pensioners, has stated.</p>

## Political issues

<p><b>FBiH HoR returns amendments on self-governance law for reconsideration</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, front and pg 3 'Vrankic postpones solution to old foreign currency savings', by <u>Erna Mackic</u> – The House of Representatives of the FBiH Parliament discussed on Wednesday amendments to the FBiH Constitution that are related to the issue of local self-government, which are necessary to adopt the law on local self-government.</p> <p>Apparently, after the Chairman of the Constitutional commission (of FBiH HoR), <b>Slavisa Sucur</b>, presented the position of the Commission, a fiery discussion among the MPs followed. Sucur notes that the amendments to the FBiH Constitution have been worked on for more than a year and he is surprised to see that people who actually worked on the amendments suddenly came up with new positions. <i>"I fear that the sudden change in positions has perhaps got to do with some calculations to see what the outcome of the municipal elections is going to be like"</i>, says Sucur.</p> <p><b>RHB, FTV, BHT1, Oslobodjenje</b> pg 6 'Voting on internal debt postponed' by <u>A. Terzic</u>– also covered.</p>
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**Election  
Commission:  
Possible  
surprise**

**RHB, Oslobođenje** pg 2 'Possible surprises',  
**Vecernji List** pg 2 'Even candidates who received smaller number of votes can win' by F. Nezavisne Novine, pg. 5 'Victory of candidates that won less votes in the first round is possible' by Fena – BiH Election Commission member **Lidija Korac** stated for FENA that pursuant to solutions offered by the preferential system of electing candidates for mayors it is theoretically possible that candidates who won much less votes in the first round of voting be elected in the second round thanks to votes from the second and subsequent preferences. She said that options offered by the preferential system depend on to what extent the voters used the first and subsequent preferences and that it is entirely possible that political parties recommended to voters to use the options of the preferential system. The preferential system gives strong changes to moderate candidates, Korac said.

**BHT 1** – BiH Election Commission counted 4.000 votes from abroad out of total approx. 143.000 registered voters [Election Commission expects that about 65.000 have voted]

**Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'It is too soon to pronounce winners for heads of municipalities in FBiH' by A. Malagic – The Chair of the BiH Election Commission, **Vehid Sehic**, states that no party should pronounce victory in any of the municipalities in FBiH too early. He added that the counting of votes in absence and from diaspora could change some of the results, as well as the preferential system of vote.

<p><b>DA on Mostar elections</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Kapic: SDP doesn't want into the block of pro-Bosnian parties' by <u>F.Vele</u> – DA learns that <i>"thanks to"</i> SDP representatives in Hercegovina, the initiative of creating pro-Bosnian parties in new Mostar City Council will most probably not be implemented. This has been confirmed by the president of the SDP HNK branch, <b>Huso Kapic</b>, how denied any possibility of being in coalition with SDA or Party for BiH in order to create. Current Mostar Mayor and chair of SDA Mostar board, <b>Hamdija Jahic</b>, says that SDP's opinion is not good for unified Mostar. Inset under title 'A favour to a HDZ-led Coalition' reads that <i>"according to the opinion of the independent analysts, with this attitude, SDP in a certain way did a favor for the Coalition of the Croat parties led by HDZ... enabling these parties to impose the solution for city on Neretva."</i></p>
<p><b>Halilovic says the most important SBiH has 'control packet'</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 5 'Halilovic: The stories on division in Party for BiH are ridiculous', mentioned on cover, by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – The leader of the Party for BiH, <b>Safet Halilovic</b> comments to the election results: <i>"SBiH has certain oscillations in the election results, but they are close to those of 2000 municipal results... [The party] has a reason to be satisfied with these election results. On the other hand, every party desires better results... but in principle we are satisfied that we won the sufficient number of mandates to have the 'control packet' and to say in big party's 'troika' in BiH."</i> He denied any possibility of division inside the party.</p>

<p><b>Lagumdžija on election results</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4-5 They got 12 mayoral positions in BiH' by <u>S. Rozajac</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 6 'Heads of municipalities secured in 12 municipalities', by <u>Danka Polovina-Mandic</u> – According to the SDP President, <b>Zlatko Lagumdžija</b>, the party can be satisfied with results achieved in the local elections. Apparently, SDP has already won 12 offices of heads of municipalities, whilst its candidates will go into second round in additional 15 municipalities. Lagumdžija acknowledges that the SDA has won more votes than the SDP (175.000 to 135.000), however he reminds that two years ago the SDA won twice as many votes as the SDP</p>
<p><b>DL claims HSS is second strongest Croat party in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 8 'HSS takes over supremacy from NHI, merger to follow', by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – The author claims that, judging by election results, the HSS has become second strongest (after HDZ) party with the Croat prefix, replacing the NHI in the second place. Despite not winning elections in any municipality, the HSS managed to win seats in many municipal councils. Still, the author reminds that the two parties announced a possibility of merging after the elections, which leads the author to say that a possible merger would represent a respectable factor</p>

<p><b>DA on results of elections in Brcko</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Djapo is the most serious candidate for Brcko Mayor' by <u>E. Razanica</u> – As according to the current information, SDP and SDS will each have six delegates at Brcko District Assembly. DA carries that the most serious candidates for the position of the Brcko District Mayor is <b>Mirsad Djapo</b> of SDP. SDA will have four delegates at the Assembly, Party for BiH 3, HDZ 3, RS Socialists 3, HSS-NHI 2, SNSD 2 and 1 delegate will be from DA.</p>
<p><b>DL: FBiH Civil Service Agency concerned with delay in appointments of heads of departments and services in MO CA</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b>, pg 16 'Urgently appoint heads of city departments and services', mentioned on front, by <u>Zvonimir Jukic</u> – the daily learns from sources close to the FBiH Civil Service Agency that the said Agency is concerned with the fact that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Mostar, <b>Hamdija Jahic</b> and <b>Ljubo Beslic</b> respectively, are yet to appoint heads of 5 departments and 16 services in the City administration of Mostar, although the relevant procedure was completed almost a week ago. DL notes that all in all, 97 candidates submitted 400 applications for the said positions since candidates applied for several jobs. On basis of the applications, the relevant Commission started with interviews of candidates, all candidates were graded and lists for every position will be prepared. Apparently, Jahic, Beslic as well as the OHR received the list on basis of which Jahic and Beslic have to choose which candidates are to be selected. DL concludes that the aforementioned Agency will send a protest note in case the appointments are not made in due course.</p>



**Oslobodjenje  
feature on  
possibility of  
new census**

**Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pgs 4-5 'The census would be an award to Karadzic' by Az. Kalamujic – The Helsinki Committee in BiH stated on Tuesday that it is necessary to carry out population census in BiH assessing that after that authorities could make better voters lists. Committee has stated that the elections went in fair and democratic manner, however noted the big issues with the registration of the citizens for voting and a number of issues with the voters' lists. Daily writes that census issue has been discussed in the state parliament for the several times, however political consensus has never been reached. Article brings several comments of the BiH politicians. Leader of SBiH, **Safet Halilovic**, says that carrying out the new census would be an award to all those who support the politics of **Radovan Karadzic**, as the number of returned Bosniaks in RS is symbolic. SDA Vice President, Bakir Izetbegovic is of the same opinion, also stressing that there should be no census without Annex 7 of the DPA implemented and refugees returned. SDS Vice President **Bosko Siljegovic** says that the return process was completed and that conditions for census in BiH were made long time ago. HDZ Vice President **Niko Lozancic** commented that census should be carried as soon as possible.

<p><b>Adoption of the Law on stabilization and accession agreement in delay</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, pg. 3 'BiH Parliament did not respect deadline it has set for itself' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – BiH Parliament has overstepped the deadline set for the adoption of a set of laws needed for the start of negotiations on stabilization and accession agreement (SAA). The Parliament had had an obligation to adopt the set of laws by September 30. <b>Martin Raguz</b>, the Chairman of HoR of BiH Parliament, says it is not important that the deadline would be overstepped for 10-15 days. <i>'I think the true problem is the implementation of laws and we need to pay full attention to this, although we have little time left to implement it until the end of the year, by which time EC expects to see a progress in fulfilling of pre-requisites'</i>, Raguz said. <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, CoM Chairman, thinks the delay in the adoption of the laws would not cause any delay in start of negotiations on SAA. <b>Frane Maroevic</b>, EC Spokesperson, reminded that the EC has stated it expected to see BiH making a progress by the end of the year.</p>
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<p><b>New EC Commission for Foreign Affairs on EU expansion</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1 – Oli Ren</b>, next EU Commissioner for External Affairs, said that the countries of the Western Balkans are invited to join EU despite the time they need to meet all the political requirements. Ren will take over the function of <b>Chris Patten</b> on November 1.</p> <p>According to Ren, expansion of EU will include the margin parts of Europe, such as the Western Balkans, and it will be carried out to as long as year of 2013. Oli Ren: <i>“The transfer of responsibilities for Western Balkans to EU Commissioner who is in charge of expansion gives a cleat sign that [these] countries will become EU members when they get ready for that.”</i> Ren already warned Croatia to solve problems with Slovenia , and Serbia to start cooperation with ICTY.</p>
<p><b>DL op-ed on possibility that BiH joins Europe</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 ‘Deluding’ by <u>D. Polovina-Mandic</u> – carries an editorial about BiH’s aspirations to join the EU and the author reminds that the NATO’s Parliamentary Assembly sent a message to BiH that it would be accepted into NATO’s Partnership for Peace programme only when <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b> are arrested and when BiH changes its complicated constitutional and legal organization. The author says that these two conditions are something that BiH cannot meet at the moment and apart from them violation of human rights, basic freedoms, democracy etc. is also on scene in BiH. The author concludes the editorial by saying: <i>“Because of all these reasons there is an open question whether the stories of international and domestic officials who say that BiH is on a doorstep of open doors of Europe are just deluding?”</i></p>

## Security and legal issues

**Session of  
BiH joint  
Commission  
for security  
and defence  
policy**

**Dnevni List**, pg 7 'Sending of BiH de-miners to Iraq after adoption of law', by Danka Polovina-Mandic – Sending of a BiH de-mining team to Iraq could be halted until there is a relevant law in place in case the Joint commission for defence and security policy of the BiH Parliament adopts the Proposal of resolution submitted by the SDP at next session of the commission. Chairman of the said commission, **Bosko Siljegovic**, explains that the resolution, in general, got the green light, however there were some remarks to the Proposal of law on participation of BiH armed forces and state employees in peace operations abroad, which were also acknowledged by the proponent of the Proposal, **Momcilo Novakovic**. Siljegovic goes on to say that the commission passed a conclusion that all members of the commission, who had remarks to the Proposal, should work together with the proponent to improve the Proposal of the law. The BiH MoD is also given 7 days to deliver its opinion in written form. Apparently, the submitted amendments stipulate that the decision on participation of BiH armed forces, police forces and state officials in peace missions abroad should be made by the (BiH) Parliamentary Assembly, whilst the BiH Presidency is to take decisions on sending and withdrawing them.

**Oslobodjenje** cover, pg 5 'Parliament decides on sending troops to missions' by A.Prlenda, **Glas Srpske**, pg. 2 'Everyone gets their own jurisdiction' not signed, **Nezavisne Novine**, pg. 3 'Amendments were adopted' by Srna – also report.

<p><b>Update to Rajo Krsmanovic trial [acid acetic anhydride affair]</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine</b>, pg. 6 '13,3 tons of heroin could have been produced out of the imported acetic acid anhydride' by <u>A. Durmo</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b>, pg. 10 'Regularly over the border' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u> – Trial to <b>Rajo Krsmanovic</b>, the accused of importing vinegar acetic acid anhydride to produce heroine, has continued on Wednesday. Main proceeding has been postponed to 19 October, as the first Prosecution witness RS Health Minister <b>Marin Kvaternik</b> could not be present at the court. Chemical engineer <b>Nedžad Vejzagic</b> who works in the FBiH Interior Ministry confirmed that when the import was made BiH didn't have the necessary legislation to control it. Court expert <b>Hilmija Masovic</b> stated that the packages of vinegar acid examined were not corresponding to the labels on the packages. Masovic revealed the information that out of 1kg of anhydride mixed with other substances it is possible to produce 1,804 grams of heroin. Defence attorney <b>Mithat Koco</b> stated that there is no evidence that his client was selling the anhydrite to drug producers. To remind, in January this year it was published that BiH Prosecutor would investigate Rajo Krsmanovic from Bijeljina, one of the owners of "RBS Company", Bijeljina for importing 19.872.000 litres of acetic acid anhydride in November 2003. At the end of the month, he was arrested under suspicion of producing the heroin. The import of acetic acid anhydride and its use for drugs production were a major affairs in RS in the first half of the year.</p>
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<p><b>PSC BL arrest suspect for threat mail</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 10 'A writer of letter on medical treatment' by <u>V.J.</u>; <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 37 'He threatened to Dragan Cavic, RS Government and the Media' by <u>S. Karic</u> –The PSC Banja Luka arrested and questioned <b>Zeljko Vuckovac</b> suspected of sending the threatening email to RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> and the RS Government. According to unofficial information, <b>Vuckovac</b> is a mentally ill person, known for throwing a stone at "Banski Dvor" (where the RS President's Cabinet is situated) about a month ago. Prosecutor <b>Aleksandar Simonovic</b> confirmed that he questioned Vuckovac and also ordered that the suspect should be sent for a psychiatric examination. He also said that did not send the suspect to custody as there were no legal grounds to do that.</p> <p><b>RTRS, Oslobođenje</b> pg 8 'Zeljko Vuckovac arrested', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 'Zeljko Vuckovac threatened the Government and Dragan Cavic' by <u>E. Sarac</u> – also covered.</p>
<p><b>NN on OSA appointments</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, cover and pg. 2 'Participants in war crimes are employed at OSA' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – A collocutor from OSA has confirmed that OSA has taken from the entity services several employees who had participated or witnessed war crimes. <i>'Names of some of employees are brought in relation with events in Silos camp near Tarcin or in relation with disappearance of soldiers in Krajina'</i>, the collocutor claims.</p>

<p><b>Mektic on exchange of confidential information</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'The exchange of confidential information with EU will be carried out under strict rules' by <u>M.K.</u> – The Deputy BiH Security Minister <b>Dragan Mektic</b> says in a statement to DA that the agreement signed with EU on exchange of confidential information stipulates the cooperation with all institutions of EU member states. He further explains that the agreement bids BiH to create normative procedures for securing the confidential information. Such information is considered to be on the fight against terrorism and organized crimes, as well as military, intelligence and diplomatic data.</p>
<p><b>Avdic denies connection btw terrorism and BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 4 'Thesis on BiH's connection to terrorism is anti-Bosnian political project' by <u>H. Orahovac</u> – The member of the BiH parliamentary delegation, <b>Sead Avdic</b>, has participated in the session of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly dedicated to the issue of terrorism. He addressed participants. In a statement to DA, Avdic said: "Lately, the thesis is being promoted according to which BiH is connected to the international terrorism. I believe that is an anti-Bosnian political project with an aim to stop BiH's move towards the Euro-Atlantic integrations," Avdic stresses.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> – Chief of delegation of BiH Parliament Assembly <b>Almir Jahic</b> also addressed the participants stressing a danger of equalizing terrorism and a specific religion, especially Islam.</p>



<p><b>NN update to Pogorelica case</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, cover 'They have been preparing repression against politicians and public persons' and pg. 3 'Repressive measures against public persons in BiH were being prepared' by <u>A. Susic</u> – According to a document of former AID intelligence service, reads that persons who had been trained at "Pogorelica" camp in 1996 had been developing the most repressive measures against international community, "Croat side" and opposition leaders. <i>NN</i> article carries excerpts of documents signed by <b>Enver Mujezinovic</b>, then head of AID Sarajevo Office, on findings in relation to Pogorelica camp.</p>
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**SD update to  
Hercegovacka  
bank case**

**Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 9 'Favorable loans were also granted in Sarajevo', mentioned on cover, by Z. Tulic carries an article regarding the Hercegovacka Banka case and the author wonders whether the settlement between former Federation of BiH Defence Minister **Miroslav Prce** and the BiH Prosecution reveals all absurdity of justice in BiH. The author goes on to say that many banks in BiH were operating the same way as the Hercegovacka Banka did and as an example the author states the Sarajevo Canton, which was also approving loans to MPs, people working in the executive authority etc. according to the very similar criteria and under very similar conditions like Hercegovacka Banka. SD says that the decision on granting this kind of loans was signed by then Prime Minister of the Sarajevo Canton **Beriz Belkic**.

On the same issue **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 9 'Prce sentenced because of favorable loans' by B. Magas carries an interview with Prce's lawyer **Zarko Bulic** who says that his client came to settlement with the BiH Prosecution because on the ground of their previous experience with the BiH Prosecution they were not convinced that the law will be respected in the court procedure.

<p><b>Trial of Asim Fazlic, Senad Kobilic scheduled for 20 October</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Trial against Asim Fazlic commences on 20 October' by <u>A.D.</u> – The trial against <b>Asim Fazlic</b>, the former Deputy Director of the BiH Interpol's Office charged with nine crimes, and <b>Senad Kobilic</b>, who has been charged as <b>Fazlic's</b> accomplice in money extortion, has been scheduled for October 20, the BiH Court confirmed. The charges against the two were brought on June 27 by <b>John McNair</b>, the Chief of the Special Department for Organised Crime of the BiH Court .</p>
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