

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 7/2/2003

<b>CROAT 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)
Jaganjac's appointment	SFOR raids TV Kakanj	Confusion over FBiH PM	Agency for State Service
Agency for State Service	Biggest BiH police action	SFOR blocks Kakanj TV	RS guarantees for Vidovic
Ecological bomb/Mostar	Solana – Djindjic	ICTY Sarajevo on Jelusic	Group for finding MP
Blackis feels better	War against Iraq		Hays on VAT and customs

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Ibrahimovic sacrificed in return for Hadzipasic?; SFOR raided a TV station; Goran Jelusic's sentence to 40 yrs of prison remains unchanged; Finding the missing persons – the year of great opportunities; Agency for State service – a step towards a modern BiH
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Bond – I support Terzic and wish he would succeed; Aldino Huko killed 19 year-old Haris H. with a gun shot; Hadzipasic – all ministers have to devise a program; Housing situation – 11,675 veterans requesting loans; CIPS – Lagumdzija gave the job to 'Postanska Bank' without issuing a tender;
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Interview with Alija Behmen – we have more of State of BiH every day; Prior to 8 <sup>th</sup> Convention of the HDZ BiH, divisions more evident – Merdzo's second half?
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	BiH supports Colin Powell; Miroslav Nikolic from the US to office of Defence Minister?

<b>Glas Srpski</b>	District Court in Doboj: Kotorsko – new developments; The cause of death of Goran Golubovic established – the State Border Service member killed by a bullet
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	According to the estimates of the international institutions in BiH – some 100 million KM per year taken from the RS ‘Elektroprivreda’ for illegal flows; Ivan Tomljenovic, Vice President of the RS: I feel I am dispensable – nobody asks me anything!; A joint action of the EUPM and police forces of entities – intensive search for stolen cars; A session of the FBiH House of Representatives – the SDA and HDZ want Bosniak for FBiH Prime Minister
<b>Blic</b>	31 customs officials dismissed because of forged diplomas; Civil Service Agency is responsible for the recruitment of civil servants in BiH; Snow blocks roads, villages without electricity
<b>SLOBODNA BOSNA</b>	No more denials!; British spy Julian Braithwaite is a real head of OHR!
<b>DANI</b>	Reis came to his senses

**Federation PM**

**SDA**

Oslobodjenje pg. 1, 4 and 5 by S. Sehercehajic – on yesterday's extraordinary session of the SDA during which it was decided to 'sacrifice', as the daily puts it, Muhamed Ibrahimovic, the current FBiH HoR Chair, in order to proceed with the appointment of Ahmed Hadzipasic as the new Federation PM. This means that Ibrahimovic will step down from his current post and leave it to his colleague Dusanka Pecanac from the Pensioner's Party. The changes had to be made following a decision by the HJPC to appoint Amir Jaganjac as the new FBiH Supreme Court President. The SDA expects the same principle will be implemented by the HJPC in the RS where none of the key-posts are given to Croats and Bosniaks.

Oslobodjenje pg. 2 'The SDA requesting that state prosecutor be Bosniak' – one of yesterday's session conclusion was for the FBiH HoR to appoint today new FBiH government headed by Hadzipasic. They think the HJPC violated the principle of equality of the constituent BiH peoples in the process of appointing individuals to head positions in the judiciary. They request the mistake to be corrected by appointing a Bosniak to the state prosecutor post.

Dnevni List pg. 1 and 3 by Miso Relota – according to information that DL got from the SDA HQ, the Presidency rendered which of the two executive positions the party would hold on to, the Speaker of the Federation HoR or Federation PM. According to announcements DL has got, the SDA Presidency will opt to keep the office of Federation PM.

Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 15 'Hadzipasic will be Prime Minister' – "We will observe the constitutional procedure and I expect that a Government with Ahmet Hadzipasic at its head, will be appointed on Friday," said Lozancic.

Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 15 by Marijan Sivric 'Barriers to equality' – reads that "this case of the appointment of the President of Supreme Court and a reaction by the Bosniak political pinnacle once again turn the focus on numerous shortcomings of the implemented constitutional reforms. They are precise in many technical details, but did not ensure the true equality of peoples and would be a barrier to the functioning of the system".

<b>Tunovic</b>	<p>An insert with the above article entitled ‘We do not have to wait Federation PM’ – a statement by HJPC Spokeswoman, Sanela Tunovic, that Jaganjac was appointed to the post because he was considered the best candidate. As for the claims that they shouldn’t have appointed FBiH Supreme Court president before the Federation PM was appointed, she said that chairmen of the FBiH HoR and HoP should have not been appointed either before the Federation PM was. According to the daily, Tunovic could not explain, even after consulting with her boss (Jan Erik Oja), how the FBiH PM would be appointed if there were no for HoR and HoP chairmen.</p>
<b>Lozancic</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 ‘No change of nominations for the Federation PM’ – Federation President, Niko Lozancic, stated the Constitution clearly defined that president of the government was to be appointed first and then president of the Supreme Court. He said that they would therefore respect the Constitutional procedure and appoint today the new Federation government headed by Hadzipasic.</p>
<b>Dzihanovic</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 ‘The appointment of the FBiH government should not be postponed’ – FBiH Vice-President, Sahbaz Dzihanovic, said there was no reason to postpone the appointment of the new FBiH government. He, expects the Federation HoR to do so today.</p>
<b>Tihic</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 ‘The OHR can not check candidates based on dossiers prepared by Munir Alibabic’ by <u>F. Mandal</u> – Tihic stated his party would insist at today’s session of the FBiH HoR that the new FBiH government be appointed. “We are not happy with the way the HJPC conducts their appointments at the most senior positions in the judiciary. Out of eight such posts Bosniaks got only one – the post of the FBiH Supreme Court president, which is the least important one,” said Tihic.</p>

<b>Oja</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 'The Constitution does not oblige us to wait for the appointment of the Federation PM' – Jan Erik Oja, head of the HJPC, said they did indeed appoint the head of the FBiH supreme Court before the Federation PM was, but that the Constitution did not oblige them to wait for the appointment of the Federation PM. The daily points out that Jaganjac's appointment might not get a confirmation. Oja stated that Jaganjac has been elected for the post, but the appointment did not have to be confirmed.</p>
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<b>Political Affairs</b>	
<b>SDA on OHR vetting</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 2 'The OHR can not check candidates based on dossiers prepared by Munir Alibabic' – Sulejman Tihic said his party was not satisfied with the vetting procedures conducted by the OHR and other international organizations. "This is the case of a classic abuse of the vetting institution. We have nothing against candidates being checked, but it is clear that the procedure is conducted based on files, or rather dossiers, prepared by the removed FOSS Director Munir Alibabic. It was actually Alibabic who did everything to compromise parties and their reps who won at the last election." Oslobodjenje pg. 5 'The OHR misusing the vetting process' – on the conclusions from yesterday's SDA session, one of which refers to the OHR vetting procedure. "The SDA Presidency does not think the OHR vetting process is conducted on the basis of objective evidence."</p>

<p><b>Ambassador Bond</b></p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg. 1 and 5 – the daily conducted an interview with the US Ambassador in BiH, Clifford Bond, who emphasized the importance of the US presence in Balkans. Asked what kind of reform the US was now expecting from BiH, Bond said they were listed in the 'Jobs and Justice' program. He however pointed out as two most important tasks the introduction of VAT and single customs. As for the changes in the DPA, he said it was something that BiH citizens had to agree upon. Asked what he expected from RS officials in terms of arresting war criminals, Bond said he thought they could do a lot on cutting off Karadzic's web support. About the EU taking over from the NATO, he said it should be realised under certain conditions, meaning the US presence should continue regardless of the take over. Talking about new officials, he said he wished Terzic would succeed even though there was inconsistency between the fact that the new government were made of nationalist parties and what was expected from them. An insert 'An extremely good co-operation with Ashdown' – denied rumours that him and HR Ashdown did not get along. On the contrary, he said there was a high level of unity and agreement on things that should be done in BiH.</p>
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<b>Hadzipasic</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 1 and 8 – an interview with the Federation PM-to-be Ahmet Hadzipasic. Talking about future priorities of the new Federation government, Hadzipasic listed the reduction of unemployment, speeding up the privatisation, attracting foreign investments, social policy, taking care of veterans, demobilized soldiers and pensioners. As for concrete measures that should be implemented, Hadzipasic said laws had to be adopted, implemented and good relations had to be preserved with the IC. About the first 100 days of the government, Hadzipasic said he would insist on the moves that would lead to economic progress in areas where country had the resources.</p>
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**State Agency  
for Service**

Avaz pg. 4 'The institution of a modern European state established' – on yesterday's ceremony that marked the opening of the State Agency for Service. Director of the Agency, Jakob Finci, said the establishment represented a great step on the road of the establishment of a professional, responsible, efficient and economic state service. HR Ashdown attended the service and addressed all present by saying that the institution of a modern European state has been established. Adnan Terzic, CoM Chair, emphasized that the current and future BiH governments had to consider professionalism and expertise as the key criteria.

Oslobodjenje pg. 1 and 6 – quoted HR Ashdown as saying that the Agency would not serve political interests, but protect professional standards of BiH. Finci said that the opening of the Agency proved that the Com was committed to reforms, and that the Agency already started with the implementation of reforms.

Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'State Service Agency begins to work', Glas Srpski pg. 2 'Profession is the most important'- the dailies report that the official beginning of work of CSA was marked yesterday in Sarajevo. Carried above statements by Finci and Ashdown.

Blic pg. 7 'Time for professionals' – the establishment of the CSA has been financially helped by the European Commission, and Head of its delegation in BiH, Michael Humphries, said the help would continue.

Dnevni List pg. 5 'Civil Service Agency starts working' – on the opening ceremony of the Agency and a statement by Agency Director, Jakub Finci, who stressed that 'this was a small step for BiH, but a big step on the road to establishing a professional, responsible, efficient and economic State Service'.

Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 17 'Expertise is the first criteria'.



<b>Mostar</b>	Avaz pg. 8 'Orucevic and SBiH have to accept the current situation' – criticisms to the SBiH platform on the unification of Mostar by the Croat Demo-Christians. Their message to Safet Orucevic and 'the brotherhood' (as they refer to his associates probably) is to accept the current situation regardless of how little they like it.
<b>Lozancic – CoE Monitoring Group</b>	Avaz pg. 8 'The authority is irrational and inefficient' – on yesterday's meeting between the Federation government and the Coe Secretariat Monitoring Group. Members of the Group assessed the structuring of the BiH authority bodies was complicated, irrational and inefficient. They suggested that solution be found to eliminate the shortcomings.
<b>Students write to HR Ashdown</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 11 'Abolish entities and nationalist divisions will disappear' – the Association of Students from the Sarajevo University of Law yesterday sent an open letter to HR Ashdown requesting he devised the DPA and abolished entities. The abolishing of entities would mean improvement of political and economic situation for all, and all national and nationalist divisions in this state would be reduced and neutralized," reads the letter. They appealed to Ashdown to help them in their requests and by doing so help young people in BiH. They further wrote they did not feel the decision on the constitutionality was being implemented in the RS considering the prefix 'Srpski' in the names of many towns, as well as fascist insignias used in the smaller entity. They said they believed HR would support them since they knew local politicians would not.</p>

**HDZ on new appointments**

Slobodna Dalmacija pg. 1 and 15 by Zlatko Tulic – repeating that Miroslav Nikolic is a new HDZ candidate for the office of Federation Defense Minister after the previous two candidates have been rejected, and says that Nikolic was supposed to replace the Secretary General of Standing Committee for Military Matters (SG SCMM), Stjepan Pocrnja 'who was appointed to the post by former member of the BiH Presidency Jozo Krizanovic'. Now, according to SD, HDZ believes that General Zeljko Glasnovic would be a good solution for the SG SCMM. The problem with Glasnovic, says the daily, is that he has no certification of completed high education and goes on to say that Glasnovic 'who is regarded as one of the most competent members in the Federation Army' is likely to become the commander of the Croat component of the Federation Army.

<p><b>Behmen</b></p>	<p>Dnevni list pg. 1 and 7- a lengthy interview with Alija Behmen. A kind of an overview of what the current FBiH government has achieved during its tenure. As the most significant changes, Behmen lists the abolishment of parallelisms in the government and all the other Federation institutions, the passing of the amendments to the Constitutions that ensure the equality of all peoples throughout BiH, the reform and stabilization of fiscal policy that made the budget sustainable, reforms of the health and employment funds, as well as of the pension funds, the creation of a single intelligence agency. Behmen also adds that the year 2001 marked the rate in the return process far higher than it was the case in all the years before that altogether. As for the economy, he says there has been production growth but abuses and illegal moves in the privatization process as well – ‘Aluminij’, HPT ‘Mostar’, Sarajevo ‘Tobacco Factory’, ‘Agrokomerc’.</p> <p>Behmen adds that the FBiH government got directly involved in such cases. As to the question whether the situation in Mostar is far from normal, Behmen replies positively adding the provisions of the Interim Statute have not been implemented.</p>
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<b>Tomljenovic</b>	<p> Nezavisne Novine, pg. 7 'I am Cavic's ikebana (flower arrangement)' – NN carries an interview with RS Vice President (Croat), Ivan Tomljenovic, where said that in the last two months the RS President, Dragan Cavic, did not have even a single working meeting with him and the other Vice President Adil Osmanovic. 'It seems that I am neglected because of my party affiliation, not because of my nationality. I do not belong to the SDS – SDA coalition. Dragan Cavic represents the SDS, Adil Osmanovic the SDA and their cooperation is very good. Vice Presidents are nothing more than ikebanas (flower arrangements) in the Cabinet. Maybe Cavic believes it is okay. He says he sticks to the Constitution. The Vice Presidents are supposed to do what he tells them. If he is not doing so, the vice presidents do nothing. If something does not change I will request the change of the Constitution Article, which defines the relations between the president and vice presidents.' </p>
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**DL on HDZ**

Dnevni List pg. 1 and 7 by Eduard Babic – about the alleged rifts within the HDZ BiH in light of the forthcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Convention of the party scheduled for April 26, 2003. In that context, DL says there will be a fight for supremacy within the party between the ‘rightists’ and ‘leftists’. With regards to the first (rightist), the daily says there is not a leader of this group. It does however say nothing can be done without the knowledge of the former President of the party, Bozo Raic. Moreover, this group has allegedly lost its might after some of its members ‘have been disciplined by IC representatives’. Regarding the ‘leftists’, DL claims they are gathered around the Croat member of BiH Presidency and HDZ Vice President, Dragan Covic. The daily goes on to say that there is no way Covic will run for the post because that would imply ‘a silent war with the OHR’. DL further claims that HDZ delegates from the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton will be the decisive factor in the election of the new HDZ BiH President and wonders whether President of HDZ in HNK, Josip Merdzo, who is said to have influence to select delegates from the HNK, could emerge as the new HDZ President.

<p><b>Ploce port</b></p>	<p>Jutarnji list pg. 8 by <u>J. Brajlovic</u> – commenting on Dragan Covic’s statement, who stated in the media that stances about the Agreement on Ploce Port violates Croatian sovereignty are unacceptable. Milivoj Barbir, a member of the Ploce Port Steering Board, stated the following at a press conference yesterday. “The statement by Dragan Covic, a BiH Presidency member, is inaccurate because he is not well informed, because he has not read the Ploce Port – Neum Agreement and because I do not believe that a representative of the Croat people in BiH could claim something like that if he were well informed.”</p>
<p><b>SB on terrorism</b></p>	<p>Slobodna Bosna pg. 16-19 ‘The most dangerous cities in BiH are Mostar and Prijedor; only one fifth of terrorists revealed’ by <u>Adnan Buturovic</u> – “This week, the Interior Ministries of the RS and BiH Federation submitted to the BiH government detailed reports on the terrorists acts committed last year. According to the analysis, there was a total of 60 such actions in the Federation and 69 in the RS. The number was increased comparing to 2001 when a total of 123 terrorist attacks occurred,” wrote Buturovic. He added that the largest number of attacks took place in Mostar (FBiH) and Prijedor (RS).</p>

<b>DANI front page story</b>	<p>BH Dani pg. 22-23 'Reis came to his senses' By <u>Esad Hecimovic</u> – "Following the return from Davos (World Economic Forum session), Head of the BiH Islamic Community Mustafa Ceric promoted his book entitled 'Faith, people homeland' in Zenica. That was an opportunity to give back to the Bosnian Muslims already forgotten greetings, which were being repressed for ten years now by the Saudi norms in the Bosnian Islam...It seems Reis realized that all what was being promoted during the ten hardest years, from promoting 'pure' Islam to obvious politicisation of the religion, was nothing but a shortcut to hell," Hecimovic wrote.</p>
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<b>Economic Affairs</b>	
<b>Ashdown – Beecroft</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 8 'Encourage young entrepreneurs to invest in BiH economy' – Mario Brkic, OHR Spokesperson, announced that HR Ashdown and OSCE Head Robert Beecroft would travel today to Travnik to participate in a seminar for young entrepreneurs. "The goal of the seminar is to identify the ways of encouraging investors to establish new businesses, because small and semi entrepreneurship are the future of BiH economy," said Brkic. Oslobodjenje pg. 15 'Talks with young people about business' – that Ashdown and Beecroft will address a group of young people between the age of 17 and 25 who will participate at a seminar for young entrepreneurs.</p>

<p><b>Privatisation of RS 'Elektroprivreda'</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'Some 100 million KM per year taken from the RS Elektroprivreda for illegal flows' – the daily has learnt from a source close to international institutions in BiH. The daily's source confirmed OHR's claim that the RS 'Elektroprivreda' was managed in the interest of politicians, not citizens. The daily once again quotes OHR Chief Spokesman, Julian Braithwaite, who said that certain amounts of money simply got lost from the RS 'Elektroprivreda'. The Chairman of the 'Elektroprivreda' Trade Union, Mirko Djukic, says that the TU is aware of some illegal transactions within the company. 'For sure, there is truth in OHR's claims, but the police should deal with it,' said Djukic.</p>
<p><b>OHR on PDHR's meeting in BL</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 6 'The RS authorities are for customs and VAT at BiH level'- the daily quotes OHR Spokesman, Mario Brkic, as saying at a press conference yesterday in Sarajevo that after his two day's visit to Banja Luka and extensive talks with RS officials, the PDHR Donald Hays believes that the RS leadership is committed to the establishment of single customs and VAT at BiH level. Brkic also mentioned statement given by RS Prime Minister, Dragan Mikerevic, after meeting with Hays, during which he expressed the RS commitment to the EU standards.</p>



<p><b>RS officials on VAT and single customs</b></p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg. 7 'The opposition does not want an extraordinary session of the RS National Assembly'- the daily reports that opposition parties do not support PDP's initiative for holding of a special session of the RS NA where deputies should take a stand on the introduction of VAT and customs at the state level. SDS Spokesman, Dusan Stojicic, said that his party was of the view that the RS NA should take a stand on such important strategic issues. On the other hand, SNSD Spokesman, Igor Radojicic, claims that the NA cannot discuss customs and VAT without any concrete concept and proposal. The Socialist Party leader, Petar Djokic, agrees with the SNSD and believes that the RS government should create its view on the issue before the session of the RS NA is scheduled. The SDP BiH delegate to RS NA, Slobodan Popovic, claims this is only PDP attempt to make a fuss in the public and place them in a position to defend the interests of the entity. Secretary General of the RS NA, Mirko Stevanovic, stated that a regular session of the RS NA was scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February.</p>
<p><b>People's Party Working for Prosperity on VAT and customs</b></p>	<p>Dnevni List pg. 4 by <u>S. K.</u> 'Support to unified customs and VAT' – reports that the People's Party Working for Prosperity (NSRZB) supports the idea of introduction of unified tax and customs system. "If we want the State to function, and NSRZB wants that kind of the State, then unified VAT and customs administration is inevitability and it is pointless to discuss whether we need such a system or not".</p>

**GS on VAT and  
single customs**

Glas Srpski pg. 5 'Solution behind closed doors' by D. Vrhovac Mihajlovic- the author writes that one cannot avoid getting an impression that this time as well as many times before, the pressure of the international community representatives on the highest RS leadership to accept single customs at BiH level does not have economic, but political background. First of all, according to GS, the international officials do not have developed strategy in distribution of customs income at BiH level. Due to the fact that the overall income from the customs makes two thirds of the RS budget (or 355 million KM), it is absolutely uncertain how much money and according to which criteria would end up in the RS budget. Also, whether they are aware of that or not, none of the international representatives ever mentioned, at least not in public, that introduction of single customs would require radical legislative changes, at BiH level as well as at the RS and FBiH level. There is one logical question: why should we continue with all these experiments and change everything when it is known that from 2005, the tax free zone will exist in BiH. Or, does it make sense to invest into something that will have to be abandoned very soon after it is even properly established? The author concludes that at this point the international expert group has not yet made technical details on collecting the tax income and its redistribution at BiH level. At this moment, nobody knows how much would the RS get. The author also emphasizes that the international representatives keep saying that RS and BiH Federation lose hundreds of millions of marks, with the estimates going up to 600 million KM. GS has already asked international officials on several occasions how did they get the information but – never got the answer.

## **OHR/International Community Affairs**

### **HR Ashdown on OHR Mission plan**

Nezavisne Novine pg. 3 'OHR will grow into powerful force' – excerpts of an interview that HR Paddy Ashdown gave to SRNA and FENA news agencies. Ashdown commented on OHR's Mission Implementation Plan and said that the plan envisaged the transformation of OHR from an intervention organisation and powerful force into more conventional organisation, like the ones that already existed in other countries. Ashdown emphasised that this plan was OHR's, not the plan of the international community and that it did not represent OHR's exit strategy.

**Slobodna  
Bosna on  
Ashdown**

Slobodna Bosna pg. 5-8 'Ashdown has within a month given three different statements on Karadzic, and Braithwaite denied all of them!' by Danka Savic – Media in BiH have in the past weeks been full of interviews and statements given by the High Representative Paddy Ashdown, but the denials of these statements as well, which have by rule been made public by his Spokesman Julian Braithwaite. "Not a single High Representative of the international community in BiH nor any other senior international official was so far like Ashdown in the situation in which his spokesperson denied so many times his statements for media," Savic wrote. In a separate article on the issue, 'When Braithwaite is denying, it is clear that Paddy did something wrong again', the Slobodna Bosna Editor-in-Chief Senad Avdic wrote that 'as in his public addresses Paddy Ashdown speaks what he believes, Julian Brtaithwaite in his denials presents the official position of the British government on the particular issues'.

<b>SB more on Ashdown</b>	<p>Slobodna Bosna pg. 12 'Braithwaite and Ashdown forbids OSCE to contact with Slobodna Bosna' – "At a meeting with heads of the OSCE Mission to BiH, Ashdown suggested them to warn their spokespersons not to respond to articles published in Slobodna Bosna, but to deny them constantly through other media houses, either directly or indirectly. The similar suggestions have been delivered to the heads of the missions of Council of Europe and the European Commission," said the article (signed by <u>A.M.</u>).</p>
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<b>Civil Affairs</b>	
<b>CIPS – Lagumdzija</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 9 'Lagumdzija's gave job worth several million KM to Loja without a tender' by <u>Adi Hadziarapovic</u> – further attacks on Zlatko Lagumdzija and information of his involvement in the CIPS projects. The daily claims the project is slowly unfolding, and reveals that Lagumdzija gave job of the depositing bank to the 'Postanska Bank', which hasn't got legally approved census for its work. The daily goes on to claim that family-relations of Lagumdzija with CIPS Director Skrbic and Director of the 'Postanska Bank' Mufid Lojo resulted in the job, worth 16,8 million Euro, being given to the above mentioned Bank that only had three instead of necessary 15 million KM capital.</p>

<b>CIPS – BiH Consumers Union</b>	<p>Avaz pg. 9 ‘The price of issued IDs reduce to five KM’ – a reaction by the BiH Consumers Union to the recent statement by Terzic that the price of new IDs should be 10 KM. The union thinks that thus cannot fully satisfy interests of BiH citizens. “In this situation we are rightfully asking whether other documents included in the CIPS project (i.e. passport, driving licenses) will also become the subjects of public disapproval,” said Union Secretary Mesud Lakota. Oslobođenje pg. 6 ‘reduce the price pf new documents’ – a statement by the BiH Consumers Union.</p>
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<b>Police Affairs</b>	
<b>DANI on 19 Sarajevo policemen</b>	<p>BH Dani op-ed by Editor-in-Chief <u>Senad Pecanin</u> – Pecanin invited the magazine readers to attend a protest rally/rally of support to the 19 decertified Sarajevo special policemen scheduled for February 8 in the Sarajevo Kamerni Teatar 55. “I do not have any illusions that we in Dani and you, dear readers, are able to influence the decisions being made by the current occupant of the ‘White House’ in Vrbanja. However, maybe I am naïve, but I believe that we can force him (Paddy Ashdown) to even re-consider (think about) the possibility to review the decision on the destiny of the guys who were so many times during the war and after the war jeopardizing their own lives while protecting ours,” Pecanin wrote.</p>