OHR BiH Media Round-up, 7/6/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 7 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	**BH Radio 1** (12,00 hrs)	**RTRS** (12,00 hrs)
BiH HoR delegation inVatican	Mittal Steel employees in hospital	BiH citizens not equal before Law
RS PM still insists of referendum	FBiH HoR in session	Croatia to indict Strbac
Del Ponte before UN SC	Rycroft asks Halilovic's withdrawal	UN SC on Serbian-ICTY relations

TV news broadcast on 6 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
FBiH HoR session in Sarajevo	OHR on police reform	FBiH HoR in session
BiH delegation to visit Vatican	SBS marked 6th anniversary	Mittal Steel workers in hunger strike
HDZ President meets war veterans	Siljegovic regarding SBS	Explosion in Jahorina injures three
Oil prices reached $73 a barrel	ITA unblocked single account	Human trading in BiH

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
Three Bosniaks injured by a bomb	Explosion in Jahorina injures three	3 Bosniaks injured in Jahorina
Civil victims of war protested in SA	Civil victims' requests met	ITA single account unblocked

Sale of flats with tenancy rights	FBiH HoR in session	Nicholl on BiH banking supervision
Mittal Steel workers' strike	3 RS Army officials to be trialled	Spiric sent request to BiH CC

Oslobodjenje	[RS PM Dodik] Referendum is only way out
Dnevni Avaz	Rycroft demanded Halilovic to withdraw the statement
Dnevni List	Hand grenade thrown at workers (incident on Jahorina)
Vecernji List	June dawns saved Dalmatia and BiH (anniversary of HVO operations from 1992)
Slobodna Dalmacija	'Committee' is down (HDZ BiH and HDZ 1990 in conflict in Capljina)
Nezavisne Novine	Invalids "entered" the law *[protest of civil victims of war in Sarajevo]*
Glas Srpske	Justice, not balance sheet of crimes *[Amor Masovic reacts on information by Milivoje Ivanisevic on 5.515 killed Sarajevo Serbs]*
EuroBlic	Writing off of cumulative interests and payment of debts in installments too [Elektrokrajina announced new method of calculation of electricity bills]
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related titles

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

ICTY Prosecutor and President submit reports to UNSC	**RTRS, BH Radio 1, RHB – Fausto Pocar,** ICTY President, and **Carla del Ponte,** ICTY Chief Prosecutor, will today submit regular report to UN Security Council, also including assessment on cooperation of Serbia with ICTY. As expected, Del Ponte will assess Belgrade authorities are not fully cooperating with the ICTY Prosecution, since it failed to apprehend General **Ratko Mladic** and that five more suspects are still at large.
FBiH HoR in sessions to discuss veterans rights; SDA proposes declaration to ask IC to sanction 'anti-Dayton activities'	**BH Radio 1** by Maida Alic– The FBiH House of Representatives has commenced extraordinary session in Sarajevo to discuss changes to the FBiH Law on rights of veterans and their families. These changes refer to regulating of rights of former members of National Defence Western Bosna. FBiH Government has sent amendments to this Law in urgent parliamentary procedure, by the order of FBiH Constitutional Court. Head of the SDA Caucus **Semsudin Mehmedovic** proposed passing of the Declaration, by which the International Community is asked to sanction certain political forces because of anti-Dayton activities. This first of all refers to individuals, such as RS PM and SNSD leader **Milorad Dodik** who are advocating for referendum on RS succession.

Economic, social and property issues

FBiH HoR accepts demands of civil victims of war accepted by FBiH HoR, which passes the amendments to the Law, foreseeing increase of disability payments	**Hayat** by Nebojsa Radulovic – The FBiH House of Representatives accepted on Tuesday the request of the FBiH Union of Civilian Victims of War for bringing monthly payments to civilian victims of war to the level of 70 % of what is being paid to war veterans for the same level of disability per month. By adopting the proposed changes to the social protection for civil war victims and families with children, the HoR has instructed "*the FBiH to pay 50 percent of that money, while the remaining 20 percent will be paid by Cantons*", as explained SDA Caucus Chair **Semsudin Mehmedovic**. Approximately 200 members of the FBiH Union of Civil Victims of War protested on Tuesday in Sarajevo in front of the FBiH Parliament's building at the time of the HoR session. During the protests, **Senida Karovic**, Chair of the Union, repeated civil war victims "*are product of war just alike the disabled veterans*", however she noted satisfaction with the agreement. FBiH Minister of Labour and Social Policy **Radovan Vignjevic** was booed when he arrived to address the demonstrators. However he noted that the Government would encounter great problems in trying to implement this decision of the FBiH HoR, as the monthly benefits per user would now be about 514 KM, which is a great burden for the Government. **BHT1-** The FBiH Government fears that such solution is not possible. *"I think that the FBiH and Cantons' budgets would hardly be able to handle this…I am afraid these are unreal solutions*", said Minister Vignjevic. **Dnevni List**, pg 3 'Civilian victims are victims of charitable MPs', by Mensud Zorlak – DL comments that the MPs adopted the amendments led by emotions, not common sense, since there is not enough money for the civilian victims of war. **RHB, PINK, FTV, Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5 '514KM per month to civil victims of the war', mentioned on cover by S.Se, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'Deputies supported ivil victims of the war' by A.Hadziarapovic, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'Invalids "entered" the law' and pg 3 'Demands of invalids were adopted' by R. Rakic, **Vecernji List**, pg 4 'Civilians victims of war seeking rights in front of Parliament', by ra – also covered.

ITA single account unblocked, revenues allocated to entities, Brcko by coefficients for first three months in 2006	**RTRS** by Biljana Knezevic – Indirect Taxation Administration [ITA] single account was unblocked on Tuesday. Resources for month of June would be allocated in accordance with temporary allocation coefficients for the first three months of 2006. If permanent coefficients are not determined by June 20, single account might be blocked again in July. On Tuesday, the amount of 32.5 million KM from single ITA account was allocated to entities and Brcko District [RS 29.76%, FBiH 66.77% and Brcko District 3.46%]. RS believes that new fixed allocation coefficient should be established on grounds of new and reliable allocation model. "*It is impossible that the final expenditure from the last year, which was around 32% falls to the final expenditure of 29,5%. This is a model, which is not good. The software is not a problem but data coming from the field*", said RS Finance Minister **Aleksandar Dzombic.**ITA Steering Board presented information from the field and concluded that 50% of VAT claim forms were not handed or filled in properly. RTRS comments this proves RS stance that allocation has not been done in accordance with the correct information, thus data is not reliable grounds to determine fixed coefficients. **Miodrag Kudic**, Member of ITA Steering Board said he is not optimistic about this issue being solved by the end of the month. **Joly Dixon**, ITA Steering Board Chair, said that he is very optimistic due to successful introduction of VAT, increase of credit rating, collection of more resources than expected etc. "*There is no perfect system. But we can certainly establish the system that everyone will trust in. This way every side will get just amount and no one will be damaged*", said Dixon. FBiH and RS agree that present law on allocation of the resources should be changed. ITA established new working group, which should discuss and propose new fixed allocation coefficient. **PINK, BHT1, Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'It is necessary to find a permanent solution' by R. Segrt [Dzombic, Kudic], **Glas Srpske** cover pg report 'BAM 32 million unblocked' by Srna, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'It is necessary to find a permanent solution' by R. Segrt Inset 'Dixon: all models of distribution should be analysed – also covered.

ITA SB' Working Group to submit long-term solutions by June 19	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 9 'Allocation on new coefficients for the first time' by T.Lazovic– At Tuesday's session of ITA Steering Board, the decision on establishment of the Working Group was passed with a task to, by June 19, submit proposals for long-term decision on allocation of revenues. Members are BiH Finance Minister **Ljerka Maric**, entities Finance Ministers **Dragan Vrankic** and **Aleksandar Dzombic**, with an assistance by one ITA SB representative and one ITA staff member.
Former Central Bank Governor Nicholl: RS should transfer banking supervision to state level	**PINK-** Former Governor of BiH Central Bank **Peter Nicholl** believes that the RS Government should bring decision on transfer of banking supervision to the state level if it wants to make improvement in this area. Commenting the statement of **Aleksandar Dzombic**, RS Finance Minister, that transfer of banking supervision to the BiH Central Bank would be a mistake since the BiH Central Bank has no resources and infrastructure for the banking supervision [Dzombic agreed to supervision of independent institution with a seat in Banja Luka which would be made through a merge of two existing; for more details please see Media Round-up from June 6], Nichol said that this statement is of political nature. Nicholl reminded that FBiH agreed to transfer banking supervision to the state level and to send this proposal to the FBiH Parliament. **BHT1, RTRS, Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Banking agencies must be put under [supervision] of BiH Central Bank' by D. R., **Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'Dzombic's statements on banking supervision are of political nature' by Fena– carried as well.
FBiH Constitutional Court discusses law on sale of apartments with tenancy rights	**Hayat-** FBiH House of Representatives on Tuesday did not discuss the law on the sale of apartments with tenancy rights; instead, this law was discussed before the FBiH Constitutional Court, because 35 delegates in the FBiH House of Representatives asked for the CC's assessment of the constitutionality of this law's Article 47. Controversial article deprives bearers of tenancy rights on nationalised apartments of the right to buy them up. Media emphasised that solving of this issue depends on the adoption of the law on restitution. **FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 'Discussion on privatization of nationalized apartments held' not signed, **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 'Privatization of nationalized apartment would be enabled' by S.Rozajac – also carried.

RS PM Dodik: economic issues to be discussed at meeting with Serbian delegation	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Topic will be economy, not politics' by N. N., **Blic** pg 3 'Kostunica goes to Belgrade' – RS PM **Milorad Dodik** confirmed a delegation of Serbian Government should pay a visit to Banja Luka on Friday but he added the topic of the discussion would be of economic, not political nature.
Oslobodjenje op-ed: Peljesac bridge is only cause for certain inter-Croatian political argues	**Oslobodjenje** pg 9 'Sanader and Mesic on the bridge' by Darjan Zadravec – Commenting dispute over the issue of 'Peljesac bridge' among Croatian politicians, i.e. Croatian President **Stipe Mesic** and PM **Ivo Sanader**, editorial reads: "*In the end, it is likely that all the disputes regarding the 'Bridge land-Peljesac' is only the cause for certain inter-Croatian [pre-elections] political argues, with a try to transpose the consequences to BiH.*"

Security, police, war crimes and judicial issues

Three men injured in bomb attack in Jahorina; Police's investigation continues, one person detained	**BHT1-** Three Bosniaks from Trnovo, **Enes Causevic, Dzenan Kadic** and **Dzafer Kadic** were injured at Jahorina when an unidentified person last night threw a bomb at them. Two of them suffered only mild injuries while one was seriously injured. They were hospitalized at Kosevo hospital in Sarajevo and are out of life danger. Causevic says that he cannot believe that someone tried to kill them without any particular reason. He adds that he has no trust in police. "*I simply do not believe that the Police is going to do anything at all*", says Causevic. **Danka Tesic,** Spokesperson of the Public Security Centre East Sarajevo, said that the Police is investigation the case. **FTV** – One person has been arrested under suspicion for committing of this crime and is being investigated by the police. **RTRS –** District Prosecutor of East Sarajevo **Ranka Mrsic** said that one person is suspected. **Radomir Kezunovic,** East Sarajevo Mayor condemned this attack. Crime Police East Sarajevo conducted the investigation. East Sarajevo Police and Sarajevo Canton Police are taking joint activities regarding this case. **Hayat, Dnevni List**, front pg splash and pg 20 'Hand grenade thrown at workers', by A. Krajinovic, M. Sefer, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 32, mentioned on cover 'Bomb threw on three Bosniaks' by E.Halac, **Oslobodjenje** pg 37 'Hand grenade injured three workers' by D.P.– also carried.

VL connects Jahorina bomb incident with criminal showdowns in East Sarajevo	**Vecernji List**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Hand grenade thrown at workers', by Robert Soldo – inset 'What is doctor to Darko Elez?' by rs – Reporting on the bomb explosion at Jahorina which injured three, VL says that incident took place in front of a weekend house of one **Dr. Dusko Elez**, journalists were interested whether Dr. Elez is related to **Darko Elez** from East Sarajevo, who is believed to be a member of criminal milieu and who had to flee to Serbia after conflicts with **Djordjo Zdrale**. VL also reminds that several 'Molotov cocktails' were thrown at property belonging to people close to Darko Elez last weekend.
OHR disappointed with the fact that RS representatives withdrawn from PRD SB active participation	**PINK**– OHR stated it is disappointment with the decision of the RS Representatives to withdraw from the active participation at the Police Reform Directorate Steering Baord. OHR Spokesperson **Kevin Sullivan** said that BiH citizens would benefit the most from the police reform. OHR pointed out to th BiH State Border Service as a positive example of the reform in the area of security. Sullivan also said that the HR **Christian Schwarz Schilling** would continue to lobby at the EU for the mitigation of the visa regime for BiH citizens. According to Sullivan, in order to achieve liberalization of visa regime, BiH has to prove that can efficiently secure BiH borders. **BHT1, FTV, Dnevni List**, pg 5 'Ease visa regime through reforms', not signed – carried part about PRD .

DEPOS: RS should withdraw from PRD	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'RS should withdraw from Police Reform Directorate' by Z.K., **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Assent losing support' – **Nedjo Djuric,** DEPOS Chair, Tuesday stated that RS should withdraw its assent given on further police reform flow, i.e. the work of Police Reform Directorate in order to re-open discussion on this issue. AT the press conference in Bijeljina, he has stated it is realistic to expect that new session of RS NA is scheduled and assent to future police reform flow is withdrawn, including the work of the PRD.
RS Minister of Interior supported selection of Uros Pena for RS Police Director	**Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Minister Cadjo supports Pena' by V. J. – RS Minister of Interior **Stanislav Cadjo** has forwarded a positive opinion on the selected candidate for RS Police Director **Uros Pena** to the Independent Board for the Selection of RS Police Director, as according to Chair of the Board **Ilija Lukic.** He added the Board would hold a session on Friday, June 9, to prepare the opinion and necessary documentation and forward it to RS Government. He added he believes RS Government might be deciding on the appointment at one of the sessions next week already.

US Department's report on human trafficking: BiH has not yet reached standards to eradicate this crime	**Hayat** by Lejla Gutlic – The U.S. State Department issued its annual report on human trafficking in the world in 2006, which identifies 12 countries as doing nothing or very little to prevent the modern day practice of slavery. BiH is mentioned in this report in a positive context, as a country that fights this form of crime, even though – according to U.S. Secretary of the State **Condoleezza Rice** – it has not yet reached the standards necessary for the full eradication of human trafficking. International organizations estimate that organizers of human trafficking have earned approximately KM 320 million in BiH in 2000. The situation has improved over last couple of years, partially thanks to the BiH State Border Service. **BHT1-** The State Department states that one of the reasons may be low sanction politics BiH carries out in terms of the issue. Despite this, BiH State Border Service points out that it has achieved good results. **Dnevni List**, pg 5 '70 investigations on human trafficking launched', by Danijela Kozina – the report notes that in 2005, 70 investigations into human trafficking covering 118 suspects were launched in BiH. **Vecernji List**, pg 2 'Human traffickers are treated mildly', by Eldina Medunjanin, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5 'BiH achieved progress and crossed over to the second group' by R. Cengic, **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'Youngest victim had 14 years' by A.Omeragic, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 10 'BiH is only in Europe that gives humanitarian visa to trafficking victims' by L.Sinanovic – carries excerpts from the report.

SBS celebrates its sixth anniversary; emphasis on success in preventing of drugs and human trafficking	**PINK, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'In six years SBS made significant results' by E.Sarac – State Bordar Service celebrated sixth anniversary of its establishment and on that occasion the ceremony was held in building of BiH Joint Institutions attended by many officials including the HR **Christian Schwarz-Schilling**. As SBS Director **Vinko Dumancic** stated, SBS has made significant results in these six years. *"As greatest success we see the fact that we managed to put under the control the illegal migrations… According the Agreement on Readmission in 2002 Croatia has returned 1.117 immigrants, while this year there were only 12 [of these cases]"* said Dumancic. Deputy BiH Security Minister, **Dragan Mektic** emphasized the importance and role that SBS has had in preventing of drugs and human trafficking.

HDZ leader Covic met HVO veterans; they condemn “brutal arrest” of Radic and others; Radic, Brekalo, Sunjic questioned, put in one-month detention	**RHB–** Representatives of associations that originate from the homeland war visited on Tuesday main HDZ office in Mostar, where they held a meeting with HDZ leader **Dragan Covic**. They discussed problems that veterans, disabled persons and members of fallen soldiers’ families are facing, especially regarding the implementation of the law on rights of veterans in FBiH and the inter-state agreement between BiH and Croatia on solving the status of HVO veterans and victims. Members of Croat veterans’ associations and HDZ president Covic once again condemned “*brutal arrest*” of Herceg Bosna Association of HVO Veterans of Homeland War President **Marko Radic**. [Radic, along with **Emir Brekalo** and **Dragan Sunjic** was arrested last Friday in Mostar in SIPA action, which provoked harsh reactions of HVO veterans- please see Media Round-ups from June 2 and June 6]. **Dnevni List**, pg 3 ‘One month detention to Mostarians’, by E. Mackic – reports that Radic, **Damir Brekalo** and **Dragan Sunjic**, arrested by SIPA last Friday under suspicion of war crimes, were questioned by the BiH Prosecution and that the judge for initial proceedings has ordered that they be put in one-month detention starting June 2. According to information coming from the Prosecution, indictment has not been raised as yet.

DL: ICTY judges to visit execution sites in Herzegovina	**Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Visit to execution sites in Herzegovina', by M. Batarello – according to information at disposal of DL, a delegation of the ICTY, which includes judge **Jean-Claude Antonetti** and several other judges, was supposed to arrive to Sarajevo on Tuesday. The aim of the visit is to visit numerous execution sites from the last war in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, such as Kostajnica, Buturovic Polje, Doljani, Rastani, Dretelj, Vojno, Sovici, Stolac, Gabela etc. DL notes that the visit came to be following the last Friday's arrest of **Marko Radic, Damir Brekalo** and **Dragan Sunjic**, who are suspected of committing war crimes in the Mostar area.

RS Association of former detention camp inmates ask balance sheet on justice, not crimes committed against Serbs in Sarajevo during the war	**Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Justice instead of balance sheet of crimes' by G.Klepic – Daily notes that the issue of suffering of Serbs in Sarajevo during the war is a topic that will not exhausted soon. Reminding of recent statement of **Milovoje Ivanisevic,** Head of the Centre for investigating crimes against Serbs (who said Sarajevo was a brutal, hellish camp for tens of thousand of Serbs in war, adding 5515 of them were murdered, around 20,000 Serbs had been at some of 123 Muslim-run camps in Sarajevo, hundreds of Serb girls and women were raped), daily also reminds of reaction it caused with **Amor Masovic,** Chair of the FBiH Commission for Missing persons, who denied these claims in FBiH media saying that without evidence they prove nothing. Ivanisevic confirms to daily the Center has information on 3350 persons, mainly executors, *"to whom names of leading officials of Sarajevo City and its municipalities should be added".* He also stresses: *"The number of Serb victims is constantly being forged and diminished. We do not bid with numbers, since we hold lists of victims."* Reacting on Masovic' statement, **Slavko Jovicic,** President of the RS Association of former detention camp inmates says Masovic *"should not deny suffering of Serbs in Sarajevo… but instead as President of F BiH Commission to provide response on what happened with them and comply with decision of BiH CC dated 27 May 2005."* He also says: *"I do not ask balance sheet on crimes, but on justice!"*

RS PM Dodik: RS delegates not to return to Parliament until members of Sarajevo Comm. appointed	**Vecernje Novosti** pg 5 'They will not erase us' by J. Simic Inset 'Sarajevo victims' – reads RS delegates would not participate in the work of BiH Parliament until the proposal on establishing of a commission that would investigate on crimes against Serbs in Sarajevo is accepted. '*Members of this commission should be appointed in the course of the next week but, in case this does not happen, we still will not participate in the work of BiH Parliament',* RS PM **Milorad Dodik** stated.
Oslobodjenje: BiH CoM to verify candidates for Commission for Sarajevo on Thursday	**Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'Appointment of Commission for Sarajevo on Thursday?' By A.Terzic – Daily carries that BiH Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees received proposal for candidates Commission for sufferings of Serbs, Croats, Bosniaks, Jews and others in Sarajevo in period 1992-95, which composition BiH Council of Ministers should verified at its Thursday's session. Daily learns that proposals were submitted by RS Government, Mayor of East Sarajevo and Canton Sarajevo Committee for Coordination of veteran's associations. Deputy BiH Minister for Human Rights and Refugees **Ivica Marinovic** said: "*We expect to have complete lists of proposed names, on which basis we will make final choice of candidates for the Commission members*."

WP op-ed by Serbian President Tadic: Serbia now must meet obligations towards ICTY	**Washington Post** pg 23 'Opportunity in the Balkans' op-ed by Boris Tadic – Referring to political and social perspective of Serbia after Montenegrin separation and in light of ongoing negotiations on status of Kosovo, editorial written by the Serbian President **Boris Tadic** reads: "*With the decision on Montenegro behind us, we must ensure that our obligation to the ICTY is met. Serbia seeks intensified cooperation with international actors so that our efforts can be independently verified… Those in Serbia who are complicit in the protection of General **Ratko Mladic**, who is charged with war crimes in Bosnia, are the least patriotic of Serbs. They are part of that political culture that hijacked Serbia and its history some 15 years ago, using patriotism to camouflage their nefarious actions.*" Commenting Kosovo issue, Tadic underlined: "*A negotiated outcome on the future status of Kosovo is the only possible and feasible solution, and we all – Serbs, Albanians and the entire region – share the same interest in achieving such an outcome.*"

OSCE supports designing National Strategy for Prosecuting War Crimes in BiH	**BHT1**, **FTV**, **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 'BiH needs strategy for prosecuting war crimes' – BiH Chief Prosecutor **Marinko Jurcevic** received support from representatives of the OSCE Mission to BiH regarding the activities on designing the National Strategy for Prosecuting War Crimes in BiH. The Strategy should strictly define the roles of courts and prosecutor's offices, government institutions, non-governmental and government organizations, religious communities and all other structures of BiH society in resolving the problems of prosecuting war crimes and eliminating the consequences of war crimes. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 'Support for designing National strategy for processing war crimes' – also covered.

BiH Court President Kreso: It is not disputable that we need foreign judges; HR should use Bonn powers and impose Law on Criminal Procedure	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 5, mentioned on cover 'It is not disputable that we need foreign judges' by Husein Orahovac – In an interview for daily BiH Court President **Meddzida Kreso** said that detention period [one year] for cases with confirmed indictments should be prolonged, for if the process is not over in the period of one year, than the indictee must be released from detention, even if charged for war crimes: "*Imagine that such person escapes to Croatia or Serbia if one has one of citizenships of these states. It is over, end of story on verdict, for issue of extradition is not solved.*" Kreso said she believes BiH Parliament will adopt amendment on Law on Criminal Procedure she herself submitted: "*But the procedure is slow and it would not be bad if High Representative 'activates' his Bonn powers and impose the mentioned change.*" She explained that she addressed authority at the state level complaining about pressures on work of BiH Court, after "*those who are authorised to protect independence judicial authority [High Judicial Prosecutorial Council] showed no interest to do so*." Kreso stated that her dispute with UK Ambassador **Matthew Rycroft**was solved, adding that BiH needs foreign judges, but the quality ones with reputation. She underlined most of foreign judges working for BiH Court are experts. Kreso also noted that BiH citizens are not all the same before the law having in mind that the BiH Court can pass verdicts for more than 40 years of imprisonment, while the entities' country for the same crime can sentence someone to 20 years of prison maximum.

FBiH Association of Judges: HJPC should take BiH Court President Kreso's remarks seriously	**Oslobodjenje** pg 2 'HJPC should takes Meddzida Kreso seriously' by A. O. – Upon considering a letter of BiH Court Chair **Meddzida Kreso,** who was recently under pressures of international and BiH officials, FBiH Association of Judges on Tuesday stated they believe HJPC should take Kreso's remarks seriously *[the remarks were made because of jeopardizing of dignity and independence of judicial authorities through the way in which a part of the international community communicated with her]* and added it is the obligation of judges to preserve and improve independence of judicial authorities and they warned that the current reform of judiciary, apart from progress, principles of partnership relation are often being violated. Chair of HJPC **Branko Peric** did not want to comment on the letter of the Association. HJPC stated they have not received the letter, therefore they cannot comment on it. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 5 'Remarks are serious and HJPC should take these into consideration' by Onasa – also reported.

GS op-ed: Citizens need jobs, defence reform model should be applied in police reform as well, stance of BiH Court Chair on appointment of judges justified	**Glas Srpske** op-ed pg 2 'Truth is bitter' by Miroslav Mikes – The author comments on several issues: criticising statements of officials from all three peoples (Cardinals for saying Croats who support constitutional changes are acting as Judas, Serbs for wanting to have special relations with Serbia and **Sulejman Tihic** for saying that the arrival of Turkish ship to BiH territorial water is a significant message) and adds the greatest achievement in BiH is construction of jails, courtrooms, raising of war crimes indictments…The author welcomes these achievements but notes citizens need to have jobs, education, tolerance etc. He compared defence reform and police reform and wondered why cannot the defence reform model be used in reforming of the police in such way to have a single MoI Law, financing from BiH budget and BiH MoI with two components – RS MoI and F BiH MoI. He added: *'Police reform is indeed necessary, but a reform should not be in a political function of weakening of one of the entities'*. The author also referred to the appointment of judges to BiH Court and assessed statements of foreign diplomats (that their Governments made donations to the Court) as inappropriate because such statements imply they should have an influence on appointment of judges, leading to indirect influence on independence of the Court, which they would have never allowed to happen in their countries. Therefore, the author welcomed the stances of BiH Court Chair **Meddzida Kreso** and BiH Presidency. He concluded by sending a message to foreign diplomats: *'Your principles must be applied here as well. In that way, we will become a democratic state, which is good both for you and for us'*.

Debate on referendum initiative, elections and other political issues	
RS PM Dodik: RS referendum would be an adventure, but if others insist RS was created on genocide we would answer with referendum	**RTRS –** Holding a lecture in 'Matica Srpska' in Novi Sad, RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik** said that the referendum on RS secession would be political adventure. He added that RS minimum requirement is to be good partner in all terms in BiH. "*However, if those in Sarajevo constantly repeat the RS should not exist and that the RS was created on genocide, they will get the answer: people and referendum,*" said Dodik. **BHT1, Oslobodjenje** cover splash pg 3 'Referendum is the only way out' by B.Boskov, Belgrade, Inset 'Kostunica and Dodik to talk about referendum', **Vecernje Novosti** pg 5 'They will not erase us' by J. Simic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Signing out the referenda would be a political adventure' by Agencies, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Businessmen do not need borders' not signed **–** also covered.

RS PM Dodik: Set 90% threshold for referendum, and you would see what real state of mind in RS is	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Dodik: It has to be insisted on the initiative in order for others to accept that it is the only way out' not signed – Noting that referendum in RS would be "an adventure", RS PM **Milorad Dodik** also notes that one should keep insisting on it in order for others to accept it *"as the only way out"*. He further explained that his initiative was a result of Sarajevo politicians advocating for abolishment of the entity. However, Dodik noted that it is clear for the RS Government that referendum has no international legitimacy. *"But when they asked me what do I think about the fact that 55% of voters was necessary for Montenegrin independence, I have said, give us 90% and you will see what the real state of mind is in the RS."* However, Dodik stated that there is no success of the referendum without international legitimacy, which doesn't mean that there will be no referendum in the future. *"Argument that there can be no referendum in the RS, because it did not exist in time of former Yugoslavia, can't hold on, because what to do with Kosovo than which also wasn't a republic in ex Yugoslavia"* said Dodik.

Serbian Finance Minister Dinkic on Serbian Gov visit to Banja Luka : We will certainly discuss RS referendum	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Dinkic: Among other issues, we will discuss scheduling referendum in RS' by Onasa/Srna – Serbian Finance Minister **Mladjan Dinkic** announced that first official visit of Serbian Government, after becoming sovereign state, will be to Banja Luka. He confirmed that RS Prime Minister **Vojislav Kostunica** would head delegation. Onasa carries that Dinkic announced that one of topics for discussion will be "*RS PM **Milorad Dodik**'sstanding for scheduling referendum on status of RS*". RS Government cabinet stated that Serbian delegation would visit Banja Luka on Friday [June 9].
RS PM Dodik: Sarajevo and Banjaluka to determine destiny of BiH/Croats make minority of 8%	**Danas** Serbian daily 'A voice stronger than arms' – Serbian daily "Danas" reports that **Milorad Dodik,** RS Premier stated in Novi Sad Tuesday that relations between Sarajevo and Banja Luka will determine destiny of BiH, since BiH has practically become dual-national state with Serbs and Bosniaks as majority population, while Croats have become ethnic minority, since they already make less than 8% of population. Dodik concluded by saying: "*People in RS is ready for BiH where it would feel comfortable. However, we are not ready to be a service for various desires expressed by the representatives of the international community or the other side.*" In an inset 'Assassins identified' Dodik stated that "*those who ordered, organised and were to execute some sort of assassination*" against him have been identified, adding that media publication of story on assassination has slow down and aggravated investigation.

DL op-ed: As long as Sarajevo calls RS product of genocide, referendum shouldn't be surprise	**Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Why referendum', by Sanja Bjelica – commenting on the initiative on organization of the separation referendum in the RS, Bjelica notes that the fact that the (Orthodox) Bishop of Zahumlje-Herzegovina **Grigorije** signed the initiative for separation gives the story an additional feel to it, which basically sends a message to the Orthodox believers. Bjelica argues that such initiative can only have negative consequences, however the author reckons that as long as the Sarajevo-based politicians and media keep calling the RS a product of genocide, such initiatives should not surprise anyone.
Oslobodjenje op-ed slams Sarajevo 's mild reaction on RS PM Dodik's talk of RS referendum	**Oslobodjenje** pg 9 'People and referendum' op-ed by Senka Kurtovic – Editorial slams Sarajevo politicians for inappropriate reactions on RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik**'s talk of RS referendum, calling it mild. Author notes: "*Serious political game launched in Banja Luka turns into farce in Sarajevo,*" adding that Dodik is right when he said that any kind of unilateral initiative [for abolishment of RS] could have only one response – people and referendum.

BiH Foreign Minister Ivanic: London 'Time' maps are not far from reality	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'London daily maps are not far from reality' by N.D. – Commenting the map and accompanying article, which anticipates creation of some about 20 new as independent states in Europe by 2020, among them Herceg-Bosna and RS, published by London daily 'Times', BiH Foreign Minister **Mladen Ivanic** state for DA: "*The obvious fact is that authors of this map only marked territory on which there are certain problems in states functioning. I believe that in the near future every of them [states] will try to solve disagreements they have, and that would be decisive for the future of states controversial map is referring to.*" Ivanic stressed that if these states do not manage to solve internal disagreements, contenting all the peoples, "*it is not unrealistic and it is quite logic that they are divided*."

DA op-ed smashes BiH Foreign Minister Ivanic for his statement that London 'Times' maps are not unrealistic	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 3 'Ivanic's nonsense' by Edina Sarac – Smashing Foreign Minister **Mladen Ivanic** who stated that maps published by London 'Times' suggesting division of BiH are not unrealistic, editorial reads: "*It never happened in a history of one country that its Foreign Minister supports idea of country's division!*" Author notes that Ivanic has always been recognized as a politician who plays safe moves, pointing: "*It is a valid question worth of every worry why he gave such statement at this moment? … Did he receive signal from certain centres of power, to throw bait and check how would public react? Or he is only shooting pre-election blanks? Whatever it is, it is scandalous that a Foreign Minister supports idea of secessionism. Nobody is marvelled anymore by [RS Prime Minister **Milorad** **Dodik**, who is only an entity PM, from whom such thing is not unusual to hear. Ivanic, considering his function, is something else.*"

UK Ambassador critical of statement by SBiH's Halilovic	**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash, pg 2 'Rycroft demanded Halilovic to withdraw the statement' by E.Sarac – UK Ambassador **Matthew Rycroft**denied claims of SBiH Vice President **Safet Halilovic**, who said that some from British Government support RS succession efforts: "*That is one irresponsible and completely incorrect statement that should be withdrew immediately.*" On Tuesday, in a statement to DA Halilovic condemned London 'Times' for publishing the map and accompanying article, which anticipates creation of Herceg-Bosna and RS as independent states by 2020. Halilovic said that the article was not an incident or innocent journalist's imaginations, but demonstration of aims of certain British intelligence circles against BiH's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

SBiH Halilovic: I have never mentioned British government	**Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'I never mentioned British Government' by E.Sarac – Responding to the reaction by the UK Ambassador **Matthew Rycroft**, SBiH's **Safet Halilovic** stated: *"Such reaction of the honourable British Ambassador Rycroft is probably result of miscommunication. Namely, British Government was not even mentioned in what was published in 'Dnevni Avaz', nor accused of supporting secessionism."* Praising both UK's and Rycroft's personal contribution to reform processes in BiH, Halilovic further explains his Tuesday's statement: *"I reminded that there were periods when parts of British diplomatic-intelligence circles also had similar stances, what was good not for BiH, nor for the region. And to check that, it would be sufficient to recall the role of **Robert Owen** [he probably meant **David Owen**, former British Foreign Secretary and EC representative for BiH in 1993] mediator in solving drama in BiH."*

SDU's Tokic: We must let our neighbours know they cannot have part of BiH; It is up to SBIH whether to join SDU-BOSS, no coalition with HDZ BiH, NHI	**Dnevni List**, pg 6, mentioned on front 'RS will never be in state of Serbia', by Resad Dautefendic – carries an interview with the SDU leader, **Sejfudin Tokic**, in which he, while referring to separation referendum initiatives in the RS, says that *"these are dangerous cries for chopping of BiH"* therefore *"we must let our neighbours know that they cannot take a part our country"*. Asked whether the SDU will make a coalition arrangement with the HDZ 1990 since the two parties stood against the constitutional changes, Tokic says one can talk about continuation of activities between the parties regarding the changes to the Constitution after the elections. He further commented that it is up to the SBIH to decide whether it would join the SDU-BOSS coalition, ruling out a possibility that the HDZ BiH and NHI join the coalition.

SD: Croat parties eager to form coalition in RS, still to make arrangements	**Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 13, mentioned on front 'All-Croat coalition for RS', by Marko Karacic – judging by statements of officials of Croat parties, says SD, the parties are interested in forming an all-Croat coalition for the RS, however parties have different ideas how to go ahead. **Zeljko Asic** from the HSP Djapic-Jurisic says the presidents of HSP Djapic-Jurisic and NHI (they formed coalition on Monday) agreed to go into coalition with other Croat parties in the RS believing that it would show at least a minimum of unity for the Croats in the RS. HDZ BiH's **Miso Relota** says his party will take decision how to proceed at the next session of HDZ BiH Presidency, however it is likely that the party would like to cooperate with parties with firm infrastructure, not going into details which parties they might be. (SD speculates these might be HNZ and HSS)

NN: Political parties have not prepared election lists as yet	**Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'Candidates known by July' by V.Popovic – Daily observes that although BiH Election has set 1 July as deadline by which political parties should deliver lists of candidates for the upcoming elections, the parties are still far from concrete proposals and political opponents are carefully measuring power of the others. **Goran Milojevic,** PDP Presidency member, has confirmed that PDP Chair Board will reach final decision on list at its session on 23 June, adding it is not likely PDP will form pre-election coalitions. Daily learns from unofficial sources **Mladen Ivanic,** PDP President would be a candidate for BiH presidency, while holder of list for BiH HoR may be **Dragan Mikerevic.** SNSD has not reached any final decision on this. However, it is speculated that **Nebojsa Radmanovic** would be proposed for the BiH presidency, while **Nikola Spiric** would be proposed to be holder of list for BiH HoR. Unofficially, daily learns **Milorad Dodik** would be holder of list for RS NA. **Svetlana Cenic,** DEPOS Co-Chair, will most likely be holder of list for BiH HoR. **Pero Bukejlovic** would be proposed to BiH presidency if he joins DEPOS.

Oslobodjenje: The biggest parties will enter elections alone, others are negotiating	**Oslobodjenje** pgs 4-5, announced on cover 'The biggest parties will enter elections alone, others are negotiating' by A. Omeragic – The article reports SDP and SDA would run at the elections independently, while Party for BiH is still negotiating on a coalition with BOSS and SDU. SDU and BOSS confirmed their willingness on Monday to form a coalition, while SDU's **Sejfudin Tokic** expressed his hope other parties too would join the coalition – "Patriotic block". HDZ had invited Croat parties to form a block but, so far, it is only certain HNZ would cooperate with them. NHI and HSP Djapic-Jurisic already announced these two parties would form a coalition and nominate **Zvonko Jurisic** (from HSP Djapic-Jurisic) for BiH Presidency member, and they would enter coalition with other parties too if they support this nomination. HDZ 1990's **Vinko Zoric** confirmed they are negotiating on coalition with HSS, and the coalition would include their partners from past – HKDU, HDU and Croat Demo-Christians. SNSD, SDS and PDP would, most probably, run at the elections independently. Inset 'Coalition with citizens' – BPS (**Sefer Halilovic**) and Peoples' Party " Radom za boljitak" confirmed they would run at the elections independently, while LDS stated they are willing to enter coalitions with citizens' parties and GDS said they want to cooperate with citizens only.

Changes to BiH Election Law will be applied as of October	**Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Only one bench allowed' by Z. Markovic – **Momcilo Novakovic,** member of the Task Force, that worked on change and addenda to the BiH Election Law adopted in April this year, confirmed to daily that as of October elections, the provisions of the BiH Election Law – which does not allow simultaneous positions at local and entities' parliament or BiH Parliament – will be applied. GS reminds of many examples of dual-functions present in BiH, where delegates get two salaries.
BiH HoR delegation in Vatican : Discussion on general situation in BiH, region incl. const. changes	**Dnevni List**, pg 4, mentioned on front 'Improve relations with Holy Sea', by Ljiljana Vidacak, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'Raguz, Dzaferovic, Spiric and Zoric today in Vatican' not signed – a senior delegation of the BiH House of Representatives led by its Speaker, **Martin Raguz**, is visiting Vatican on Wednesday to meet, among others, with the Pope **Benedict XVI.** Raguz told DL that topics of talks would include general relations between BiH and Vatican , general situation in BiH and region including the issue of constitutional changes in BiH.

SDP Lagumdzija meets Holbrooke: Failure of const. changes radicalised scene	**BHT1**, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 8 'Non-adoption of constitutional amendments radicalised political scene', **Dnevni List**, pg 6 'Lagumdzija and Holbrooke about constitution changes', by NINA, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'Constitutional amendments halted integration' by G. G., **Glas Srpske** pg 5,**Oslobodjenje** pg 5 'Constitution before Parliament after elections' – SDP leader **Zlatko Lagumdzija** and US official **Richard Holbrooke** met in New York and discussed constitutional reform in BiH agreeing the failure of it temporarily stooped the process of BiH integration and encouraged separatists and radicalised the political scene, SDP stated adding that the opponents of constitutional changes have opened a space for irresponsible statements of a possible referendum and allowed an opportunity for the authorities to be pardoned for the economic and social situation in BiH. They also concluded that the authorities would have a next chance after the elections.

Opposition leaders not satisfied with the Government' result	**EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Much words, less deeds' by Rajna Radosavljevic – Regarding first 100 days of work of RS Government, **Tarik Sadovic,** Head of SDA Caucus to RS NA, did not want to comment on speculation (that Bosniaks parties are considering the possibility to withdraw support to RS Government), stressing SDA is extremely dissatisfied with **Milorad Dodik's** "turbo nationalistic" stances on referendum and police reform. **Muharem Murselovic,** SzBiH member, also expressed dissatisfaction with the results RS Government achieved, stressing that if stories on referendum continue, party will withdraw support to Government. SDP' **Slobodan Popovic** stated his party mostly objects recently adopted Law on Privatisation, finding it not to be good for BiH citizens. SDS **Dusan Stojicic** claims that "*some moves Government made led to destruction of reforms, while other led to complete blamage. Story with special prosecution faced fiasco.*" According to Inset 'SNSD and PDP satisfied', SNSD **Krstan Simic and** PDP' **Veselin Poljasevic** expressed satisfaction with the results RS Government achieved. **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6 'They are dissatisfied with so far work of the Government' by Srna – Leaders of SRS and RS Serb Party, **Milanko Mihajlica** and **Predrag Lazarevic** respectively, have stated they were dissatisfied with the so far work of RS Government and they assessed the Government had done nothing to improve social situation. **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Referendum goal' by D. Mo. – carries a similar report.