

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 7/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 7 July

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs) | RTRS (12,00 hrs) |
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| NATO arrested Sasa Karadzic | Karadzic's son detained |
| Suspect for Potocari explos. released | Potocari case update |
| EU Parliament on Srebrenica Decl. | Explosions at London metro |

TV news broadcast on 6 July

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs) | TV PINK (18,00 hrs) | BHT 1 (19,00 hrs) |
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| Covic visited Glamoc and Drvar | Investigation on explosive continues | Man arrested for Potocari incident |
| Hadzipasic to visit Glamoc and Drvar | All preparations finished for Potocari | Prodanovic arrested |
| Corrid. Vc route through BiH agreed | Mesic and Marovic on war crimes | Preparations for Potocari ceremony |
| Terzic attends the mtg with farmers | Terzic met with farmers | Srebrenica billboards in Belgrade |

| NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs) | FTV (19,30 hrs) | RTRS (19,30 hrs) |
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| Investigation on explosive continues | Man arrested for Potocari incident | Arrests for Potocari incident |
| All preparations finished for Potocari | Preparations for Potocari ceremony | ICTY indictee Prodanovic arrested? |

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| HR on safety of commemoration | Factory opened in Potocari | EU parliament on Balkan situation |
| Recognition "Srebrenica 1995" | Awards for Ashdown and Mazowiecki | All preparations finished for Potocari |

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| Oslobodjenje | Two persons detained |
| Dnevni Avaz | [Ashdown]: Everybody will be safe on 11 th July |
| Dnevni List | Millions lost because of visa regime |
| Vecernji List | Used a gun to try to get back to work (hostage situation in Ljubuski) |
| Slobodna Dalmacija | Behind the wheel with only 0,3 percent of alcohol in blood (Proposal of law on security in traffic in BiH) |
| Nezavisne Novine | Arms from BiH at battle fields in Rwanda and Congo |
| Glas Srpske | Arrest in Tuzla ; Rumours are dangerous |
| EuroBlic | Commemoration will pass without incidents |
| Vecernje novosti | Metal industry in export (SiCG) |
| Srpski Nacional | Features Serbian related topics |

| LATEST NEWS OF TODAY | |
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| NATO detains Karadzic's son | RHB, RTRS – NATO soldiers arrested son of Radovan Karadzic, Sasa Karadzic , in Pale this morning. It has been supposed that in this way NATO wants to get information about Radovan Karadzic. The RS MoI was not informed about these NATO's activities. |

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| <p>Police releases suspect for Potocari explosion</p> | <p>RHB, RTRS – A person from the Tuzla Canton, who was arrested on Tuesday due to suspicion that he was connected to planting the explosion in Potocari, was released last night due to the lack of evidence. Some media reported that the person was Sabahudin Salihovic. Spokesperson of the FBiH MoI Robert Cvrtak reiterated that the BiH Prosecution is in charge of this investigation on this case.</p> |
| <p>Protests of Srebrenica association on 11 July</p> | <p>SRNA – On behalf of several associations from Srebrenica, Ibran Mustafic, announces that peaceful protests will be held in Potocari on July 11 because of arrival of Serbian President, Boris Tadic, ICTY President, Theodor Meron, and UK Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw.</p> |

Srebrenica commemoration

**FBiH MoI says
one Bosniak
detained
brought into
connection
with explosive**

Hayat, Dnevni List, pg 8 'Ashdown: Speculations about perpetrators are dangerous', not signed–
"FBiH MoI officers in cooperation with the Tuzla Canton MoI officers arrested one person from Tuzla area on July 5, 2005. That person was brought in connection with the explosive which was found near Potocari last night", stated FBiH MoI Spokesperson, **Robert Cvrtak**. FBiH MoI and Tuzla Canton MoI are searching several locations that were used by arrested person. Cvrtak confirmed that BIH prosecution and SIPA are searching the house of the perpetrator.

BHT 1, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 inset 'Sabahudin S. detained', **Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pg 3 'Two persons detained' by Avdo Avdic – All speculate that **Sabahudin S.** from Tuzla was arrested regarding the explosive planted.

RHB, FTV, PINK, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Police detained one person' by E.H. – A.J – these media report on one Bosniak detainee. **Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'Arrest in Tuzla' by V.J. – It carries statement by Cvrtak on arrest of one person from Tuzla.

Daily gives his initials as S.M. **Dnevni List**, pg 8 'Ashdown: Speculations about perpetrators are dangerous', not signed, **Vecernji List**, pgs 4-5 'Silence about 'arrested'', mentioned on front 'Investigation ongoing, nobody arrested yet', by Branka Stevandic, Dejan Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 6 'Serbs claim: Bosniaks planted explosive', by A. Macanovic, M. Erceg – All three articles report that a person of Bosniak nationality was arrested in Tuzla in connection with the Potocari explosives. There are no names or other details.

Dnevni List, pg 8 'Ashdown: Speculations about perpetrators are dangerous', not signed, **Vecernji List**, pgs 4-5 'Silence about 'arrested'', mentioned on front 'Investigation ongoing, nobody arrested yet', by Branka Stevandic, Dejan Jazvic – **Radovan Pejic**, RS Police Director spokesperson, did not want to comment.

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| <p> NN/Oslob: Milenko Prodanovic and Naser Oric's friend, Sabahudin Salihovic, detained? </p> | <p> Nezavisne Novine pg 3 "A friend of Naser Oric arrested in Tuzla', announced on cover 'A friend of Naser Oric arrested in Tuzla, Milenko Prodanovic Mungos detained' by <u>J.Sarac, A.Sisic</u> – Daily has learnt that on the night of 5th July in Tuzla, the members of the Interior Ministries of FBiH and Tuzla Canton, together with SIPA and OSA, arrested a close friend of Naser Oric, Sabahudin Salihovic aka Mrco, on grounded suspicion that is involved in placement of 35 kg of explosive at Potocari Memorial Centre. Daily notes Salihovic was a right-hand of Oric during the war. Tuzla Cantonal MoI Wednesday confirmed apartment in the settlement of Skojevska and one house in the settlement of Dokanj near Tuzla were searched, without giving the identity of the owner. Daily also says that the Tuzla Cantonal MoI detained Milenko Prodanovic aka Mungos, former Commander of Bratunac Brigade, who was released after interrogation. Mungos told NN: <i>"I do not know why they brought me in. I have nothing to do with explosive."</i> NN further brings into connection these two arrests bearing in mind that Prodanovic has recently told NN that <i>"It is known Oric and me are friends."</i> NN source close to investigation doubts the credibility of the entire case. In his view, if "somebody" really wanted to jeopardise the lives of ceremony' attendees and families of the Srebrenica victims, it would have been done the other way around. </p> |
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| <p>Speculations on allegedly arrested Milenko Prodanovic</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje cover splash, pg 3 'Two persons detained' by <u>Avdo Avdic</u> – Oslobodjenje carries alike NN that Sabahudin Salihovic Mrco and Milenko Prodanovic Mungos were arrested. Daily says that Mungos "<i>has been related to the war crimes in Podrinje</i>". Reporter also notes that 15 days ago, when he was doing the field report in Ljubovija on RS MoI-concuted arrests of suspects for war crimes, he talked to Mungos. Apparently on the occasion, Mungos told report he had a really good friend in Tuzla, Mrco. Mungos was a SWAT team in Serbia arrested for drugs possession and weapons smuggling two years ago. BHT 1 – According to Refik Begic, Head of Bratunac Municipal Assembly, Milenko Prodanovic Mungos has been arrested on Tuesday. According to BHT1, Prodanovic has been accused of war crime against Bosniaks. RTRS – RS Minister of Interior Darko Matijasevic did not want to confirm or negate the information on arrest of Prdanovic, accused of the war crimes on Bosniaks in Bratunac.</p> |
| <p>BiH Prosecution says it did not issue arrest warrant for any suspect in this case</p> | <p>RHB, PINK, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Police detained one person' – BiH Prosecutor's Office stated that they are involved in the investigation on this case but that they have not issued arrest warrant for anyone suspected of planting explosive. The Office underlined that the investigation of this case is the top priority of the BiH Prosecution, and a joint investigative team consisted of representatives of state and entity police structures is working day and night on resolving this case, gathering necessary information and evidence for discovering those responsible.</p> |

Ashdown urges all to stop speculating: RS MoI does good job, but it adds to speculations

PINK – During his visit to Potocari on Wednesday, the High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** called on all institutions, police and state authorities to stop speculating about the discovery of explosives near the Memorial Centre in Potocari. *“The security situation is being constantly monitored, I have sent to ambassadors and ministers of other countries a message that what has happened must not in any way undermine security. The RS Ministry of Interior has done a good job on organizing the security, but I think that the Ministry of Interior is contributing to speculation”*, Ashdown said in Potocari on Wednesday and added that he expects RS authorities to discourage speculation. *“Until all facts are established it will be impossible to talk about the perpetrators of this act”*, Ashdown said. **BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** cover splash ‘Everybody will be safe on 11th July’, pg 2 ‘Ashdown: I sent the message to ambassadors and ministries that safety will not be jeopardized’ by A.H., **Oslobodjenje** pg 6 ‘Dangerous speculations on planting explosive’, **EuroBlic** cover pg splash ‘Commemoration will pass without incidents’ and pg 2 ‘Commemoration without incidents’ by Mirna Soja-Sladjana R. Mrkonjic, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 3 ‘Ashdown: Nothing will jeopardize security of commemoration’ by J.Sarac, **Vecernje Novosti** pg 15 ‘Security guarantees’ by P.V., **Dnevni List**, pg 8 ‘Ashdown: Speculations about perpetrators are dangerous’, not signed, **Vecernji List**, pg 4 ‘Paddy Ashdown: Nothing will endanger commemoration’, by BS, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 6 ‘Ashdown: Dangerous speculations’, by A. Macanovic– also carried.

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| <p>Matijasevic says police works professionally in this case</p> | <p>FTV – RS Minister of Interior Darko Matijasevic denied statement by the HR Paddy Ashdown [in which he says that RS MoI adds to the speculations on Potocari explosive case]. Matijasevic said MoI has been working professionally and responsibly.</p> <p>RTRS – <i>“I declare under full responsibility that no one from RS MoI gave any information concerning the investigation”</i> said Matijasevic. He confirmed that EUFOR forwarded the information about explosives at Potocari to the RS MoI. Matijasevic also stated that the cooperation of RS MoI with other agencies is excellent.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 6 ‘RS police has not speculated’, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 inset ‘Matijasevic on speculations’, EuroBlic cover pg splash ‘Commemoration will pass without incidents’ and pg 2 ‘Commemoration without incidents’ by Mirna Soja-Sladjana R. Mrkonjic – also reported.</p> |
| <p>SIPA to do everything to provide security</p> | <p>BHT 1 – SIPA Spokesperson Admir Katica stated that SIPA is going to do everything possible to assure the security of all visitors of the ceremony.</p> |

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| <p>Organizing board holds last session: all preparation completed</p> | <p>PINK, RTRS, FTV, BHT1, Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 7 '50.000 to attend the manifestation', Dnevni Avaz pg 6 'Everything is ready for commemoration', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 '"Ashdown: RS MoI contributed to speculations', Glas Srpske cover pg 'Rumours are dangerous' by <u>K.C.</u> – All technical-organizational activities, logistical support for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of genocide in Srebrenica are being successfully brought to an end, and also in terms of security all is expected to go well, the Organising Board stressed at a session on Wednesday. Potocari Commemoration Organisation Board met on Wednesday to discuss the ongoing preparations for the ceremony marking 10th anniversary of Srebrenica massacre. Board stated that 610 identified victims will be buried during the ceremony. About 50.000 people, 46 state delegations including prime ministers, presidents and representatives of the international organizations, and about 430 journalists are expected to attend. FBIH MoI will be in charge of the search of all vehicles on that day while RS MoI will be in charge of the security of the manifestation.</p> |
| <p>Subasic: 'News on explosive will not scare off mothers of Srebrenica'</p> | <p>PINK, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'News on explosive will not scare off mothers of Srebrenica', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Andan's "UDBA deceit", Glas Srpske cover pg inset 'They will not scare us'- The Chair of the Association 'Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa enclaves', Munira Subasic, stated for PINK that the women of Srebrenica will not be intimidated by the news of large amount of explosive being planted in Potocari. Commenting the news on explosive, Subasic said that the aim of this was expected and aimed at preventing event to pass in atmosphere it deserves.</p> <p>BHT 1 – Kada Hotic from Association of Mothers of Srebrenica stated that the incident's main goal was to minimize the importance of Potocari commemoration ceremony.</p> |

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| <p>Meholjic: IC and HR Ashdown responsible for explosives in Potocari; DL's op-ed says more conspiracy theories to be expected</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 8 'Ashdown involved in planting of explosives at Potocari', by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – The president of SDP in Srebrenica, Hakija Meholic, claims it is the IC led by the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, that is responsible for planting of explosive at Potocari from two days ago. Meholic argues that the planting of explosives and its timely detection suits the HR, who will present the police's success as his own, thus proving that he is doing something concrete in BiH. He also says that IC, by planting the explosives, wants to point out to the importance of the police reform. Dnevni List, pg 2 'Conspiracy theory', by <u>I. Rozic</u> – says that Meholic's statement did not attract much attention from the public in BiH, however <u>Rozic</u> wonders whether Meholic is right in his claims. Still, the author reckons there will be a few more conspiracy theories when it comes to the explosives in Potocari.</p> |
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| <p>Del Ponte will not attend the commemoration</p> | <p>Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Del Ponte will not be there on 11 July', EuroBlic cover pg splash 'Commemoration will pass without incidents' and pg 2 'Commemoration without incidents' by Mirna Soja-Sladjana R. Mrkonjic, Dnevni List, pg 2 'Del Ponte is not coming to Srebrenica', by HINA, Vecernji List, pg 2 'Carla del Ponte will not come to Srebrenica', by <u>ra</u>, RHB – The Spokesperson of ICTY Chief Prosecutor, Florence Hartman, officially stated that the <i>"ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte will not attend the Srebrenica anniversary commemoration on July 11th since Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic have not been arrested...Karadzic and Mladic have been accused in July of 1995... but in these 10 years they still haven't been arrested, which is embarrassing"</i> added Hartman.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'Killed soldiers and police officers cannot be compared to victims' by <u>Sense</u> – Asked by the journalist to comment to the reports that there were over 3500 Serb victims in Srebrenica area during the war, Hartmann stressed ICTY has always been very careful when using word 'victim', adding that killed police and soldiers cannot be compared to victims of mass executions. She added that ICTY investigation established that out of 43 Serbs killed in Kravice, 19 were civilians and others were soldiers.</p> |
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| <p>Mesic, Maroevic condemn Srebrenica crimes</p> | <p>PINK, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 6 'Mesic and Maroevic condemned Srebrenica crimes', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Tadic: I am going to Srebrenica thinking about reconciliation' by <u>RTS</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 15 'To condemn all crimes' by <u>D.Kljajic</u>, EuroBlic pg 3 'Croats should be loyal citizens of SiCG' by <u>M.Popadic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 2 'We have to close book of war', by <u>H</u>, Vecernji List, pg 13 'More concrete cooperation in region', by <u>Dusko Mandic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 13 'Marovic and Mesic: It is necessary to close 'book of war'', <u>not signed</u> – Croatian and SCG presidents, Stjepan Mesic and Svetozar Marovic, during their talks in Belgrade jointly condemned war crimes committed in Srebrenica. Commenting to the initiatives to declare July 11 as Memorial Day in SCG, Croatia and BiH, Presidents stated that they have no mandate to declare Memorial Day on 11 July.</p> |
| <p>Tadic: Departure to Srebrenica commemoration contribution to overcoming past</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 6 'Tadic: that is my contribution' – After talks with Croatian President Stjepan Mesic on Wednesday, Serbian President Boris Tadic said that his departure to the commemoration in Srebrenica on July 11 would be a contribution to overcoming the war past and supporting regional cooperation and reconciliation, as well as responsibility for the crimes committed in the territory of former Yugoslavia.</p> |
| <p>Bukejlovic: 'I do not have intention to compare Srebrenica with any other event in BiH'</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'I do not have intention to compare Srebrenica with any other event in BiH' by <u>E. Sarac</u> carries an interview with RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic. With regard to the reports of the Task Group for Srebrenica, Bukejlovic said that he believes that the whole job would be finished by the end of September. He added: <i>'I do not have a wish or intention to compare Srebrenica with any other event in BiH during the war, however, I believe that the truth about the war crimes committed over Serbs and Croats must be also investigated and established.</i></p> |

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| <p>European Parliament to discuss Srebrenica declaration today</p> | <p>BHT 1 <u>Elvir Bucalo</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 6 'There is no reconciliation with ICTY suspects before the Hague', Glas Srpske pg 2 'It is Dayton and Serbs' turn' – On the occasion of 10th anniversary of Srebrenica massacre, EU Parliament discussed on Wednesday the crimes committed in Srebrenica. Joint opinion of the European Commission, Council of Europe and parliamentary representatives is that the crime committed in Srebrenica must be punished. EU Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn stated that there could not be reconciliation without all ICTY indictees transferred to the Hague. Head of EU Commission for South-Eastern Europe Doris Pack stated that Srebrenica is a symbol for broken promises of the international community. EU Parliament will vote on Declaration on Srebrenica on Thursday.</p> |
| <p>Families of Srebrenica victims award Mazowiecki, Ashdown</p> | <p>BHT 1, FTV, Hayat, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Award 'Srebrenica 1995' to Mazowiecki' by <u>S. Rozajac</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 7 'Mazowiecki to receive award' – Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Polish politician and publicist who was the special reporter of the UN Human Rights Commission in BiH 1992-1995, will receive this year's "Srebrenica 1995" award. High Representative Paddy Ashdown is the winner of the "Potocari Charter", being awarded for the first time this year. "Srebrenica and Zepa Mothers" Association Vice President Kada Hotic told a press conference in Sarajevo on Wednesday that the awards would be presented on July 10 in the Potocari Memorial Centre. Srebrenica associations have unanimously decided for Tadeusz Mazowiecki, <i>"a man who has resigned in protest against the inefficiency of the UN in Srebrenica and Zepa, and the international hypocrisy"</i>. Ashdown has been awarded the "Potocari Charter" because of his contribution to the construction of the Memorial Centre.</p> |

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| <p>Billboards with Srebrenica images in Belgrade mostly destroyed</p> | <p>BHT 1 <u>Vesna Simic</u> – Majority of the billboards with images of the Srebrenica crimes, which were placed in Belgrade last week by NGO “Youth Initiative for Human Rights”, have been destroyed and/or painted over with insulting messages. The destroyed billboards haven’t been removed yet. Andrej Nosov from “Youth Initiative for Human Rights” stated that this shows present situation in Serbia, accusing Serbian Radical Party of destroying billboards. Aleksandar Vucic from the party denied the accusations. BHT 1 reports also says that billboards with the images have never been placed in Banja Luka . NGO’s from Banja Luka believe that placing of billboards would be a good idea, RS government stated that they haven’t even considered this possibility.</p> |
| <p>RS/Serbian press intensify coverage on crimes committed against Serbs</p> | <p>Vecernje Novosti announces on cover that on Saturday, 09 July, it will have special inset dedicated to Srebrenica and list of 3289 Serbs murdered in the area. In addition, VN carries two pages [15 – 16] article regarding killing of Serbs in the areas of Bratunac and Skelani during the war. Glas Srpske pg 2, announced on cover also carries statement of pathologist Zoran Stankovic from Belgrade regarding post-mortem examination of Serb victims from Bratunac, Srebrenica and Zvornik region, giving background of their wounds.</p> |

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| <p>Vjesnik op-ed: Serb ethnic corps has not changed way of thinking'; Osl: Fury instead of shame</p> | <p>Vjesnik, pg 13 'New killing of victims from Srebrenica', by <u>Milan Jelovac</u> – Commenting on media speculations as to who is responsible for the planting of explosives at Potocari, in which the Bosniak media claim it was done by the Serb police from Bratunac, and the Serb media claim it was done by the Bosniaks, the author says that pointing the finger at the Bosniaks clearly shows that nothing has changed in the mindset of the wider Serb ethnic corps. <i>"To claim that the Bosniaks planted the explosives, it is like the same claim that it was Alija Izetbegovic's soldiers that fired a shell at the Markale market"</i>, concludes the author. Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Fury instead of shame' op-ed by <u>Gojko Beric</u> – Editorial notes that snapshots of execution of 6 young men from Srebrenica by Scorpions unit has not <i>"caused no shock in Serbia, but new nationalistic fury [refers to graffiti and tearing up billboards with images form Srebrenica.]"</i></p> |
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Economic and political issues

Terzic meets farmers:
There is will for neither subventions nor establishment of state Agriculture Ministry

BHT, RHB, Pink, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List, pg 5 'Terzic accuses entity governments', by Nermin Bise, **Vecernji List**, pg 5 'Terzic accuses entity governments for collapse of production', by Dejan Jazvic, **Slobodna Dalmacija**, pg 18 'BiH cannot provide subsidies for production in BiH', by Z. Rerig, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 11 'There is currently no political will to introduce agriculture ministry', **Oslobodjenje** pg 8 'For subventions there is neither money nor political way' by M.K.S., **EuroBlic** RSpg 2 'Council also responsible for agriculture' by Dusanka Stanisic – BiH Council of Ministers (CoM) Chair, **Adnan Terzic**, stated on Wednesday, during a meeting with BiH farmers, manufacturers and representatives of the most successful BiH companies that dialogue in BiH institutions is the only systematic solution for accumulated problems in agriculture, not protests. *"The state obviously cannot provide subsidies, but it can encourage the food processors to buy what is produced in this country"*, said Terzic. Terzic left the meeting with agricultural workers when **Ranko Bakic**, the president of BIH Union of farmers, took the stand. *"He has chosen the street instead of institutions for solving their problems, there's nothing else to say"*, commented Terzic the reason for his leaving. Bakic reiterated request for establishment of the state ministry of agriculture, but Terzic told journalists that currently there was no political will in BiH to form this ministry.

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| <p>Factory of car parts opened in Srebrenica</p> | <p>RTRS, FTV, BHT 1 by <u>Samir Kahrovic</u> – Gradacac based company “Cimos” opened a factory for production of car parts in Potocari near Srebrenica. Cimos is part of Slovenian TMD Group, which will now employ 5 Serbs and 15 Bosniaks in the new factory. The company has plans for expansion to provide jobs for up to 200 persons. At the opening ceremony on Wednesday, BiH Presidency Member Sulejman Tihic and the HR Paddy Ashdown stated that this investment is more than just financial investment <i>“but this is giving life and hope to BIH people and Srebrenica”</i>.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 ‘Factory of car parts opened’ by S. Smajlovic, Dnevni Avaz pg 6 ‘Tihic: Return of hope into better life’, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 ‘Auto-parts factory opened’ by J.S., Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Job for 20 people’ by K.C. – also report.</p> |
| <p>DA: ‘Terzic returns Ivanic if CoM appoints SIPA Director’</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 5, mentioned on cover ‘Terzic returns Ivanic if CoM appoints SIPA Director’ by <u>A. Omeragic</u> – Talking about the solutions for the BiH Council of Ministers’ crisis, Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers Adnan Terzic stated that he does not know anything about the speculations that the parties would agree that SIPA Director Sredoje Novic abandons this position but that BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic is against this option. Terzic added: <i>‘I do not know whether Novic or somebody else would be the SIPA Director, they (?) should agree about it, however that person should be appointed by the BiH CoM and not by the OHR. I am not demanding something that is impossible.’</i></p> |

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| <p>SD: BiH CoM, FBiH Govt to be scapegoats</p> | <p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 9 ‘Government in troubles because it will receive – confidence’, by <u>B. Kristo</u> – Commenting on the situation pertaining to the work and status of BiH Council of Ministers and FBiH Government, namely the crisis both governments are in, the author says the problem of both governments is that the ruling majority will keep on supporting them and not allow them to step down, however it could easily change next year, which is the election year, when members of the said governments could become scapegoats.</p> |
| <p>Ivanic: ‘I do not accept Terzic’ blackmails even at the cost of position’</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover ‘I do not accept Terzic’ blackmails even at the cost of position’ by <u>V.Popovic</u> – Mladen Ivanic, PDP President, stated that he will not accept blackmails of Adnan Terzic at any cost, even if Terzic withdrew his decision on Ivanic’ removal. He said: <i>“Terzic is looking for any way to get out of the crisis he himself has created and I find games regarding Novic as unacceptable option.”</i> According to inset “Bosic: Novic is not the cause of crisis’, Mladen Bosic, SDS Vice President, is of the view that the crisis at BiH COM cannot be solved <i>“via Sredoja Novic, since he was not the cause of the crisis”</i>. He stressed SDS still supports Novic as SIPA Director.</p> |

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| <p>Bukejlovic on BiH's way to EU, police reform</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'I do not have intention to compare Srebrenica with any other event in BiH' by <u>E. Sarac</u> carries an interview with RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic, who says that he believes that BiH will get a green light for beginning the negotiations on stabilization and accession by November. Talking about the police reform, Bukejlovic says that the solution, which would be acceptable to the current political environment, must be found.</p> |
| <p>Grahovac to demand resignation of whole Government</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Gavrilo Grahovac will demand resignation of complete Government', mentioned on cover 'Complete Government should resign' by <u>M. Kukan</u> – Federation of BiH Deputy Prime Minister Gavrilo Grahovac supports the initiative launched by FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic according to which the FBiH Parliament should vote on confidence to the FBiH Government (after the FBiH HoP adopted the Law on recipients of war decorations). Grahovac added that during the session, that is to take place on Thursday (today), he would demand the resignation of the complete Government. He added: <i>'I believe that the Prime Minister should offer the resignation on behalf of the whole Government and not just support to the discussion on vote of confidence.'</i> According to Grahovac, all conditions for offering the Prime Minister's resignation were met having in mind the legal solutions and financial burdens which were imposed on the FBiH Government.</p> |

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| <p>Hadzipasic: 'I believe that next year would be full of social unrest!'</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'I believe that next year would be full of social unrest!' by <u>M. K.</u> - Hadzipasic could not comment on the aforementioned Grahovac's demand and Hadzipasic believes that this is also one of the solutions for the current situation. Hadzipasic also rejected criticism according to which his demand that the Parliament votes on confidence to the FBiH Government is distancing before the International Community. DA inset 'It is time to see whose Government is' carries FBiH Deputy Prime Minister Dragan Vrankic as saying that he supports the Hadzipasic's initiative.</p> |
| <p>DL: BiH loses up to 300 million KMs in tourism a year because of visa regimes</p> | <p>Dnevni List, front pg splash and pg 9 'Millions lost because of visa regime', by <u>Samir Djuderija</u> – The article argues that despite records showing BiH is improving results regarding revenues from tourism business, the tourism business in BiH is still suffering problems, one of which is the issue of unsolved visa regime that prevents tourists, foremost from Latin America, to visit BiH in other words Medjugorje. Davor Ljubic from the BiH Foreign Trade Chamber reckons that BiH loses between 200 and 300 million KMs a year because of this.</p> |

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| <p>Dokic on PBS Law</p> | <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Screen is still lagging behind' by <u>D.M.</u> – Branko Dokic, BiH Minister of Traffic and Communication in resignation, told daily that there are no realistic conditions that BiH will have implemented reform in the field of public broadcasting system by middle September and accordingly meets one of remaining two pre-requisites (necessary for SAA talks). He noted that the latest Proposed Law on PBS has faced the same destiny as his predecessor, i.e. representatives of the Croat people assessed it as unacceptable. Daily writes owing to this reason, it is unclear why Martin Ney SDHR stated during his visit to Banja Luka that police reform is the only pre-requisites which still needs to be implemented for SAA talks and PBS Law is almost a fait accompli.</p> |
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| <p>DL: New employees of ITA got jobs without passing checking process, comment by OHR, Finci</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 3 'No checking of employees of entity tax administration', by <u>K. Glavina</u> – Reports that some 65 workers of the entity tax administrations have got jobs in the Indirect Tax Authority (ITA) in past one month. DL learns from sources close to the FBiH Tax Administration that a large part of people who moved to ITA have 'suspicious pasts' and that internal investigations are being conducted against them. DL also carries an OHR spokesman, Mario Brkic, who says the OHR has monitored the process of moving of entity tax administrations' employees to the ITA, and Brkic adds it does not mean that the OHR has to comment on the process. Brkic also said it was the State Service Agency that is responsible for the issue, therefore the OHR does not want to interfere. DL contacted the Agency's Director, Jakob Finci, who says the Agency did not check the new employees (of ITA) because the current law says it does not have to be done because those people already have worked for state institutions.</p> |
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| <p>DA: FBiH Govt to annul bidding process for Enegroptrol?</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 10 'FBiH Government close to annulling bid for Energopetrol?', mentioned on cover, by <u>M.K.</u> – Hungarian-Croatian consortium MOL-INA on Wednesday informed the FBiH Prime Minister, Ahmet Hadzipasic, that they will not take over responsibility to pay out additional 20 million KM of Energopetrol's debt. Consortium earlier has accepted to pay out 60 million KM of debt, however FBiH Govt established recently that the total debt was 80 mil KM. DA learns from well-informed sources that the Govt is very close to annulling the tender.</p> |
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Security and crime issues/ other war crimes issues

**Zenica
Director
receives
threat**

BHT1, FTV, Hayat, Oslobođenje pg 2
'Extremists from Chicago threat Director
of Zenica prison', mentioned on cover,
Dnevni AVaz pg 4 'Organization from
Chicago threats to kills Jabandzic',
Vecernji List, pg 4, mentioned on front
'Threatening letter to chief warden', by
Zeda, **Dnevni List**, pg 49 'Jabandzic
threatened that he and his family will be
killed', mentioned on front 'Jabandzic
threatened with death', not signed –
Director of the Zenica prison, **Hidajet
Jabandzic** received a threat letter from
unknown organization "SH0" from Chicago.
Letter reads that Jabandzic and his family
are going to be slaughtered if he does not
transfer four non-Bosniak inmates from
Zenica to Kula prison. **Simo Kacavenda**,
Antun Brekalo and **Pera Jerkovic** signed
that letter. BiH Ministry of Justice, BiH
Ministry of Security, SIPA, FBiH Ministry
of Interior as well as Zenica-Doboj
Cantonal MoI are informed about this case.

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| <p>Amnesty International marks BiH as state, which sold arms to GrandLakes region in Africa</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash 'Arms from BiH at battle fields in Rwanda and Congo', pg 5 'Arms from BiH ends up at battle fields in Rwanda and Congo' by <u>D. Raduski</u> – Daily brings extracts from still unpublished Report of Amnesty International, claiming that BiH is one of states from which arms has been lately sold to African states in the region of Grand Lakes. The report names mediators in arms smuggling and transport of arms. Bringing the dates when the arms from Tuzla Airport may have been transported. AI has called on UN and British Government to launch investigation and tighten embargo related to arms.</p> |
| <p>Ljubuski police station ends without consequences</p> | <p>Vecernji List, front pg splash 'Used a gun to try to get back to work' and pg 3 'Used kalashnikov to get back to work', by <u>Dalibor Ravic</u> – reports that a former police officer, Domagoj Grgic, who voluntarily left the force a few months ago, came to the Ljubuski police station two days ago carrying an AK-47 demanding that he gets his old job back. Grgic kept the duty police officer a hostage for an hour before surrendering.</p> |

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| <p>Information on mass grave with body remains of Serb soldiers in Perna denied</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 8 'Ammunition storage, and not mass grave' by <u>I. Skenderovic</u> – Following reports by several media [see <i>BiH Round-up for July 6</i>] that a mass grave with body remains of at least seven Serbs was found in Perna near Bosanska Krupa, daily reports that member of the RS Commission for Missing Persons, Milan Ivancevic, on the field denied this information. He explained that most probably pit hides ammunition of former Yugoslav army, and not bodies as it thought it at first. BHT 1 – The Commission will continue investigation in this area where they suspect there is a mass grave with body remains of several RS Army soldiers.</p> |
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| <p>Danas: BiH Court 's War Crimes Chamber to try 15 senior Croat officials</p> | <p>Danas, front pg splash and pgs 10-15 'Fifteen leaders of HVO suspected of war crimes', by <u>Team of Danas journalists</u> – Danas learns from 'well informed sources' that some 15 senior officials of the HVO and former Herceg Bosna will be tried before the BiH Court's War Crimes Chamber, after the ICTY has returned the BiH Court the cases labelled 'A' that deal with the persecution of non-Croat population in the former Herceg Bosna. Apparently, the list includes commanders of HVO units, commanders of (HVO) AORs and wartime heads of municipalities, who are charged with participation in criminal organization aimed at ethnic cleansing of Bosniaks and other non-Croats. Danas claims to know names of two HVO generals who will be charged (Danas spoke to their lawyers), but could not publish the names for obvious reasons.</p> |
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Defence issues

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| <p>NATO spokesperson Chappell on debts of entities' MoDs</p> | <p>FTV, RHB by <u>Fena</u> – The spokesperson for the NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo, Derek Chappell, told FENA on Wednesday that in the process of defence reform, if entity ministries of defence have large deficits, then in principle the debts should remain with the entities. Asked who would take over the debts of the entity MoDs if they are abolished as part of the defence reform, Chappell said that this is an extremely complicated issue because of the different types of debts. Even though a final agreement has still not been reached, according to the proposal on the table the debts should in principle remain with the entities, Chappell said. More than 1.000 lawsuits have been filed against the FBiH MoD on various grounds, including those concerning employment relations. The basic debt is estimated at 30 million KM, but together with interest rates this figure is closer to 60 million KM.</p> |
| <p>Nikolic: FBiH MoD has 1bnKM in old debts</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover 'Debts exceed BAM 1 billion' by <u>R.Cengic</u> – Daily brings half-a-page interview with Miroslav Nikolic, F BiH Defence Minister, saying that the F BiH Defence Ministry has approximately BAM 1 billion in old debts. He assesses that F BiH defence ministry will most likely be abolished by the end of year, at the end of budget year.</p> |

**Radovanovic:
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parliamentary
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end of 2005**

Hayat by Nebojsa Radulovic – The BiH Minister of Defence, **Nikola Radovanovic** stated that if the Parliaments support solutions by the BiH Defence Reform Commission (DRC), the entity Ministries of Defence (MoD) are going to be abolished until the end of 2005. BiH Parliament is about to decide on adoption of the Law on defence and draft Law on military service in September, said the reporter. New military structure, which is to be formed at BiH level, is going to have about 10.000 employees together with the administration, stressed Radovanovic. *"One of the missions in that mandate was to propose solutions which stipulate abolishment of entity ministries but also the termination of commands at entity level, joint command of FBiH Army and RS Army general staff",* said Radovanovic.

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| <p>Gregorian: 'BiH Army will have 10 thousand members'</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'BiH Army will have 10 thousand members', Dnevni Avaz announced on cover 'BiH Army will have 10 thousand professional soldiers' by <u>S.Numanovic</u> – In an interview to daily, Rafi Gregorian, DRC Chairperson, expresses expectation that all reforms in the field of defence will have been implemented by the end of this year and that entity ministries will be abolished by 1st January. He says that the last session of the DRC should take place tomorrow (Friday), expressing expectation it would be a lengthy session which is to define proposal of laws on defence and military service and forward them for parliament adoption procedure. On this, he says: <i>"We hope the package of Laws will be placed before Parliamentary Assembly before summer vacations."</i> It is presumed recruitment service will also be abolished, as well as that professional soldiers would make military reserve. Such composition of BiH army would have 10.000 professional soldiers in Gregorian's view, and its reform implementation would take two years. According to inset "Nikolic and Stankovic lose jobs", Gregorian, in a response to press question, said entity ministers of defence would lose jobs, expressing hope they would be appointed to some other positions in the meantime.</p> |
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| <p>GS comments on DRC session</p> | <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'They turned the things up-side-down' by <u>M.Dzepina</u> – Writing about defence reform, daily refers to its well-informed source claiming that Seada Palavric and Vehid Karavelic, members of DRC, on 24 June proposed that a principle is developed in BiH which would be identical to the one of pre-war people' defence. According to GS source, they supported regular military service, unobstructed transfer of military units across administrative boundary lines, increase – instead of reduction – of number of reserve (which now number 60 thousand members). Daily also reports that demands of experts of Professional Army Corporation to get plan on defence of F BiH from possible attack from Croatia were futile.</p> |
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