

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 8/2/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 8 February

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs) | RTRS (12,00 hrs) |
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| Update to strike of teachers in HNC | SDHR Ney in farewell visit to B. Luka |
| Education Unions to hold presser | Terzic: Yes to W. Balkans free-zone |
| BiH Presidency to meet today | 12 dead at Chechnia military facility |

TV news broadcast on 7 February

| RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs) | TV PINK (18,00 hrs) | BHT 1 (19,00 hrs) |
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| HNK Gov. accepts teachers' requests | Del Ponte in Sarajevo | Del Ponte meets HR |
| Teachers' strike in ZHK | HR in first visit to BiH Presidency | Bomb threat to Danish Embassy |
| Covic-Tihic-Halilovic meeting in MO | Project on reduce of arms signed | Regional news |
| Carla Del Ponte in Sarajevo | Agreement on highway traffic signed | World news |

| NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs) | FTV (19,30 hrs) | RTRS (19,30 hrs) |
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| Carla Del Ponte in Sarajevo | Bomb threat to Danish Embassy | Audit of BiH citizenships |
| 'Blic' on Mladic's apprehension | Tihic meets Norwegian Ambassador | Del Ponte in Sarajevo |

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| SDS to go into opposition | Profit Mohammed's drawings judged | Composition of new RS Gov. |
| FBiH HoR on nationalized flats | Regional news | SCG Ambassador to BiH in BL |

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| Oslobodjenje | [Effendi Ceric] Islam is not defended by riot and violence |
| Dnevni Avaz | [Effendi Ceric] Violent protests damages reputation of [prophet] Mohammed |
| Dnevni List | Mladic is in Serbia, there is no trace of Karadzic (On del Ponte's visit to Sarajevo) |
| Vecernji List | Features Croatia related headline |
| Slobodna Dalmacija | WHC Education Minister: I have done my job, I will resign (On WHC teachers' strike) |
| Nezavisne Novine | I do not know where Karadzic is <i>[Del Ponte in Sarajevo]</i> |
| Glas Srpske | Destiny had repeated itself [feature story on a 78- year-old woman from Brod who was detained in a concentration camp controlled by HVO and Croatian Army] |
| EuroBlic | One admitted crimes against Serbs in newspapers |
| Vecernje novosti | Features Serbian related titles |

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| <p>SDHR Ney in farewell visit to Banja Luka</p> | <p>RTRS – SDHR Martin Ney is today paying a farewell visit to Banja Luka. The meeting with outgoing RS PM Pero Bukejlovic focused on economic and political situation in RS. RS PM emphasized that the RS Government achieved significant results and created conditions for further development. During his visit to Banja Luka, SDHR will also meet with Dragan Cavic, RS President, and Milorad Dodik, RS PM-designate.</p> |
| <p>CoM Chair Terzic: Yes to W. Balkans free-zone</p> | <p>RTRS – Adnan Terzic, BiH CoM Chair, supports the initiative of the European Commission regarding establishment of a single customs-free zone in Western Balkans states.</p> |
| <p>PDP's Ivanic: continuation of const. changes possible only in Sarajevo parties give up certain requests</p> | <p>FENA – PDP President Mladen Ivanic believes that is '<i>bit strange and ridiculous</i>' that parties from Sarajevo , which interrupted the last talks on constitutional changes now demand their continuation. Ivanic believes that these talks can continue under condition that representatives of the parties from Sarajevo give up the demands for abolishment of the rotation principle in the BiH Presidency and BiH Parliamentary Assembly and that voting in the HoR according to an entity principle is secured.</p> |

Del Ponte's visits to Sarajevo, Belgrade

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| <p>ICTY Chief Prosecutor Del Ponte meets HR, NATO, EUFOR: Mladic in Serbia , Karadzic in the region</p> | <p>Hayat – During her visit to Sarajevo, Chief ICTY Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte reiterated that six remaining war crimes indictees are still at large, adding their neither Serbia-Montenegro nor the Republika Srpska are fully cooperating with the ICTY. <i>“I need more active intelligence services’ work, because I don’t know if Radovan Karadzic is in RS, BiH or SCG... Those who are most responsible for the genocide in Srebrenica, Ratko Mladic and Karadzic, are still at large. I can no longer except the promises about cooperation, which never comes”</i>, stated Del Ponte who for the first time met with the newly appointed HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling. Asked to say whether he would somehow sanction those who refuse to fully cooperate with The Hague Tribunal, Schwarz-Schilling stated that he would use his Bonn powers only in two cases: in case peace in BiH is endangered, and in case of failure to cooperate with The Hague Tribunal. BHT1– Del Ponte stated that Mladic is in Serbia and she asked for help of both local and international organisations in determining the whereabouts of Karadzic, adding she is certain he is in the region. Del Ponte also met with the NATO and EUFOR Commanding officers. BHT 1 reports that Del Ponte was accompanied by the Chief ICTY Investigator Patrick Lopes Teres, whose involvement according to the reporter is mostly connected to the coordination of activities with the international forces to carry out arrests of the remaining ICTY indictees. RHB, PINK, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 3 ‘We know that Karadzic is in the region, but not where he is’, mentioned on cover by <u>A. Omeragic</u> Dnevni Avaz pg 3 ‘Del Ponte: I have been repeating for six years that Mladic is in Serbia’, mentioned on cover by <u>S. Skuletic</u>, Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 2 ‘I do not know where Karadzic is’ by <u>N. Krsman</u>, EuroBlic pg RS3, announced on cover ‘I know where Mladic is, I do not know about Kardzic’ by <u>Dusanka Stanisic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Hague is still waiting’ by <u>Z. Domazet</u>, Dnevni List cover pg splash and pg 4 ‘Mladic is in Serbia, there is no trace of Karadzic’ by <u>E. Mackic</u>, Vecernji List pg 2 ‘Del Ponte: Karadzic is in region’ by <u>E.M.</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija pg 4 ‘Carla del Ponte in Sarajevo: I cannot listen to promises any longer’ by <u>D. Pasic</u>– carried similar reports.</p> |
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| <p>EuroBlic sources: SiCG authorities promised Mladic would surrender or be arrested by February 21</p> | <p>EuroBlic pg 3 'Mladic in the Hague by February 21' by <u>T. N. Dj.</u> – According to information in possession of <i>EuroBlic</i>, SiCG representatives told ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte during her visit to Belgrade that the authorities are close to resolving of Mladic case in “one way or the other”, meaning he would either surrender or be arrested. Reportedly, this should take place by February 21. Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Belgrade has team for arresting Mladic' by <u>B.Boskov</u> – Daily carries Blic's report that Del Ponte received approval for establishing a team to capture Mladic lead by SCG diplomat and former Ambassador to the US, Nebojsa Vujovic [who according to Blic is Serbian businessman with strong connection in Washington and highly trusted by SCG Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica].</p> |
| <p>BiH Foreign Minister: BiH is in better situation that SCG when it comes to ICTY cooperation</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'When it comes to the Hague, BiH is in more favourable position than SCG' by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – In an interview to DA, BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic comments the visit of the the ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte to Belgrade and Sarajevo, concluding that BiH is in more favourable position than SCG. He adds that it is not impossible for BiH to get into similar danger. Ivanic concluded that BiH still have to undertake additional efforts in cooperation with ICTY.</p> |
| <p>Oslobodjenje op-ed: Del Ponte came with “old news”</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Old news' <u>op-ed by Senka Kurtovic</u> – Editorial reads visit of ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte to Sarajevo as repeating old news, adding that the only difference is that this time there were no new deadlines for capturing Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.</p> |

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| <p>DA op-ed: Del Ponte's vain threats for not arresting Karadzic and Mladic</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'Vain threats' op-ed by Sead Turcalo – Commenting, in a pessimistic tone recent, visits of ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte to Belgrade and Sarajevo, author said that her threats sound vain, since EU so far did not fulfil any of its threats for lack of cooperation with ICTY. Author reminds that Del Ponte has not fulfilled her promise that she would reveal who from the International Community is responsible for Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic being still at large. Editorial reads that EU reiterates that arresting war criminals is responsibility of local authorities, not giving an explanation why the allied forces have not done that while they were 70.000 large in the region. Editorial concludes with hopes that EU would interrupt talks on Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] if Karadzic and Mladic are not in the Hague , adding that this would hopefully not happen to BiH.</p> |
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Protests over caricatures in European press

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| <p>Reis of BiH Islamic Community condemned the caricatures of Prophet Mohammed and calls upon Muslims to restrain from violence</p> | <p>Hayat – Islamic Community in BiH strongly condemned the inappropriate presentation of Prophet Mohammed, and requested the European media to stop spreading Islam phobia for the sake of freedom from fear and humiliation. Leader of the Islamic Community in BiH, Reisul-ulema Mustafa effendi Cerić urged all Muslims in Europe and BiH to restrain from violent protests damaging the reputation of Prophet Mohammed. Cerić said that on Tuesday morning he held talks with Danish and Norwegian Ambassadors to BiH, who informed him about the steps their governments were undertaking in order to end this controversy. Reis Cerić called on BiH citizens to be dignified and restrain from all kinds of activities that would hurt somebody else's feelings. <i>"Muslims in BiH have the Islamic Community, and they should trust it... They should know that the way we are protesting is entirely enough"</i>, concluded Mustafa effendiCerić. RHB, PINK, BHT1, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 2 'Violent protests damage the image of Mohammed the Prophet', Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Islam is not defended by rioting and violence' by <u>A.Becirovic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Cerić: Islamic Community does not support protests in Sarajevo' by <u>R. Cengic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 'Fear from unrests' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u>, Vecernji List, pg 3 'Bomb in Danish embassy?', mentioned on front 'Sarajevo: Bomb hoax in Danish embassy', by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, <u>Robert Soldo</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 2 'Protests in Sarajevo today', by <u>H</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 20 'Do not spread Islam-phobia', by <u>D. Pasic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 3 'Cerić calls for non attendance at protests', by <u>R. Dautefendic</u> – despite the headline, reis Cerić is carried as calling on 'protesters' to carry out protests in a peaceful manner.</p> |
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| <p>Hoax bomb threat in Danish Embassy day before scheduled protests</p> | <p>FTV – Danish Embassy in Sarajevo received hoax bomb threat on Tuesday. Employees of the embassy were evacuated until it was determined that the threat was false. SIPA spokesman Admir Katica stated that SIPA would carry out all investigative actions on this case as ordered by authorized Prosecution. Danish Embassy will be closed on Wednesday as peaceful protests against the cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed are scheduled to take place outside, and in front of the French and Norwegian Embassies in Sarajevo. RHB, PINK, BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 ‘Staff of Danish Embassy was evacuated due to hoax bomb threat’ by <u>A. Malagic</u>, Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 ‘Islam is not defended by rioting and violence’, Inset ‘Hoax alarm on bomb in Danish Embassy’, by <u>A.Becirovic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 ‘False bomb tip’, announced on cover ‘Tip on a bomb in Danish Embassy to BiH was false’ by <u>A. Dacic</u>, Vecernji List, pg 3 ‘Bomb in Danish embassy?’, mentioned on front ‘Sarajevo: Bomb hoax in Danish embassy’, by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, <u>Robert Soldo</u>, Dnevni List, pg 3 ‘False bomb threat’, <u>not signed</u> –also reported.</p> |
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| <p>BiH presidency member Tihic meets Norwegian Ambassador to condemn caricatures</p> | <p>BHT1 – Protests against portraying prophet Mohammed in European press of the BIH citizens would be held in front of Danish, Norwegian and French Embassy for Wednesday. BIH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic stated that security of foreign Embassies has been increased in cooperation with SIPA and FBIH Ministry of Interior. He added that security measures are just a precaution, but he added there are no serious threats towards the Embassies. BiH Deputy Security Minister Dragan Mektic stated that violence in Islamic world due to drawings will it affect the security in BIH. BIH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic also judged the drawings but called upon citizens to restrain from violence. FTV – BIH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic met with Norwegian Ambassador Henrick Ostad and judged the publishing of insulting drawings of prophet Mohammed in European press. Oslobodjenje cover splash, pgs 4-5 ‘Islam is not defended by rioting and violence’, Inset ‘Violence is not in spirit of Islam’, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘Violence is not in spirit of Islam and is in contradiction to tradition of co-existence’, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 ‘Violence opposes Islam and tradition of coexistence’ by G. M., Vecernji List, pg 3 ‘Tihic calls on Muslims to restrain from violence’, <u>not signed</u> – also carries Tihic. Vecernji List, pg 3 ‘Bomb in Danish embassy?’, mentioned on front ‘Sarajevo: Bomb hoax in Danish embassy’, by <u>Dejan Jazvic</u>, <u>Robert Soldo</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 2 ‘Protests in Sarajevo today’, by <u>H</u> – announce protests.</p> |
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| SDP appeals on calming down tensions | Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Appeal to calm down tensions' by D. R. – BiH SDP appealed on Tuesday on Socialistic International to get engaged in calming down tensions, upon publishing of caricatures of Prophet Mohammad, and to condemn insulting of Islam. |
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| Political developments | |
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| HR meets BiH Presidency: constitutional changes are responsibility of BiH politicians | <p>PINK– High Representative to BiH Christian Schwarz-Schilling held his first meeting with the members of the BiH Presidency. Schwarz-Schilling reiterated to the BiH officials that he would use Bonn powers only in cases of peace endangerment and failure of cooperation with the ICTY. Schwarz-Schilling added that constitutional reforms are a responsibility of BiH politicians. Oslobodjenje pg 4 'Do not remain the last carriage' – CSS stressed that speed of Stabilization and Association Agreement talks and reforms implementation would have direct impact to speed of association with the EU. <i>"So hurry and do not remain in the last 0train carriers, but be in middle of the composition, because you have a chance,"</i> stated HR. RHB, BHT1, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'BiH must not be the last carriage in composition to the EU', Nezavisne novine pg 5 'Invitation for a more united acting' by Srna, EuroBlic pg RS2 'Schwarz-Schilling at the Presidency' by M. S., Glas Srpske pg 2 'Try to ride in middle train cars' by Srna, Dnevni List, pg 6 'Schilling does not want to use Bonn powers as easy', <u>not signed</u> – also covered.</p> |

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BHT1 late news by Laura Bosnjak – In interview for BHT1 late news, the High Representative **Christian Schwarz Schilling** stressed that he came to BiH with 2 goals: to lead BiH from Dayton to the Brussels phase and to change the mentality of the BiH politicians so they work for the interests of the state. HR also stressed that cooperation with ICTY is a priority for BIH. When asked what would happen if most wanted ICTY indictees end up in The Hague and those supporting their politics are still in power, HR answered that such question is a matter for the legal bodies. According to him Prosecution and Courts should be doing their job in that process. He underlined he would use his Bonn powers only exceptionally. HR added that BIH politicians must show that a result of the negotiations on constitutional reforms is functional institutions. CSS stressed that problems and difficulties in the country must be resolved: *"If [politicians] can do it with this existing Constitution, than fine. If they cannot do it because of it than they need to change it."* Asked to comment the course of the police reform, HR said the international community would estimate the police reform implementation. Asked whether party and private interests could ruin BiH SAA negotiations HR stated that he would push BIH politicians to do their job when it comes to SAA negotiations. *"I will be transparent for everyone, for media, for citizens so everyone can see what they are doing"*, says Schilling. As far as problems in the region are concerned and their connection to BIH Schilling stressed that Kosovo has nothing to do with BIH or RS. He added that international community would blame those politicians who try to connect the issue of Kosovo with the issue of RS.

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| <p>Poll: BiH citizens expects HR to make better decisions than his predecessor; SBiH/ SDP most popular parties in FBiH, SDS and SNSD in RS</p> | <p>BHT1– According to the opinion poll carried out by Banja Luka based PULS agency among citizens of the BiH, every third person feels that new High Representative Christian Schwarz Schilling would make better decisions than his predecessor. According to the same poll findings, Party for BiH and SDP currently enjoy the strongest support in FBiH whilst SDS and SNSD are most popular parties in the RS. According to the poll most citizens would like to see Haris Silajdzic for BIH President whilst RS citizens would vote for Milorad Dodik and Dragan Cavic.</p> |
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| <p>Stability Pact Coordinator Busek: Rebuilding of Yugoslavia is nonsense</p> | <p>Oslobodjenje pg 7, mentioned on cover 'Rebuilding of Yugoslavia is nonsense' by <u>Marina Kavaz-Sirucic</u> – In an interview for Oslobodjenje, Stability Pact Special Coordinator Erhard Busek said that there are 31 different agreements on free trade in the region, and that single agreement on free trade zone, which has been proposed, would simplify situation for businessmen. Commenting Croatia's refusal of this agreement, Busek added: <i>"this idea was falsely interpreted as rebuilding of Yugoslavia, which is an absolute nonsense."</i> He said that free trade zone would significantly improve trade in the region. Commenting stances of Stability Pact towards South-eastern Europe, Busek said: <i>"Regarding BiH, the Pact is focused on helping in talks on Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] and narrower cooperation in fighting organized crime and corruption. We are still not familiar with the final map of this region, while we expect referendum in Montenegro and solving Kosovo situation."</i> Busek also denied that current EU policy towards region could make Western Balkans ghetto. At the very end, Busek advised that faster privatisation could attract foreign investments. Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'BiH prepared well for talks with EU', mentioned on cover 'No one is thinking about revitalization of Yugoslavia' by <u>S.Turcalo</u> – In an interview for DA, Busek says he believes BiH is well prepared for SAA talks. Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'BiH prepared well for negotiations with EU' by <u>Agencies</u> – carries similar statement.</p> |
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| <p>Stability Pact Coordinator Busek met BiH CoM Terzic, Foreign Minister Ivanic: Stability Pact will continue to support BiH's path to Europe</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Preparations for integrations in EU market' by <u>Fena</u> – At his Tuesday's meeting with BiH Council of Ministers Chair Adnan Terzic, Busek said that recent successes of BiH deserve to be additionally promoted, adding Stability Pact will continue to support BiH's path to Europe. Terzic underlined that BiH supports the latest EU initiative for creating a trade union among the countries of the region. PINK, Dnevni List pg 8 'Negotiating team competent and ready' by <u>NINA</u> – BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic on Tuesday met Busek, who was interested in the course of BiH's negotiations with the EU with regard to signing the SAA.</p> |
| <p>Belgian Foreign Minister Chevalier meets Ivanic, discusses const. changes and SAA talks</p> | <p>PINK, RHB– Special Envoy of the Belgian OSCE Chairmanship, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Pierre Chevalier arrived to BiH. Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'When it comes to the Hague, BiH is in more favourable position than SCG' by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic met with Chevalier, stressing the importance that the talks on the constitutional changes were launched, but adding that they would last for long time. Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Elections will not slow down negotiations' by <u>G. M.</u> –Ivanic also stated that the forthcoming parliamentary elections in BiH will not slow down negotiations of BiH with EU on signing SAA</p> |

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| <p>EU Parliament representative Pack: DPA must be completely changed; CSS will be the best HR</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'It is over with Dayton' by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – EU Parliament representative Doris Pack stated at the meeting with journalists from the Western Balkans held in Brussels that BiH citizens or its political leaders are not responsible for the fact that BiH is not functional state. This is rather responsibility, says Pack, of the International Community that forced Dayton Peace Agreement [DPA]. She underlined DPA must be completely changed. Pack also criticized 'Bonn powers' that provides High Representative with "<i>dictator's power</i>", adding they are unnecessary. However she highly praises appointment of Christian Schwarz-Schilling noting he would be the best of all HR's to BiH and adding he has promised to her he would not use Bonn powers.</p> |
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| <p>FBiH HoR enacts law that enables privatization of nationalized apartments</p> | <p>Hayat by <u>Alem Karamesic</u> – During the extraordinary session on Tuesday in Sarajevo, FBiH House of Representatives passed amendments to the law on sale of apartments, which allow privatization of nationalized apartments by tenancy right holders, and predict appropriate compensation for previous owners. <i>“We believe that there is enough housing units to compensate the loss of nationalized apartments to previous owners”</i>, stated SDA’s Semsudin Mehmedovic. According to Hayat reporter, HDZ Caucus had many remarks on a proposed law. <i>“We believe that this is the way to introduce small restitution, and to partially solve the restitution problem”</i>, explained HDZ’s Vesna Pinjuh. At the same, representatives of various tenancy rights holders’ associations are very careful, because it is still possible that House of Peoples or Constitutional Court would reject this law. <i>“We support this law, if it is possible to implement it. But we do not believe that the implementation of this law is possible”</i>, stated Nasih Rasidagic, President of the Association of Nationalized Apartments’ Owners. RHB, PINK, BHT1, FTV, Oslobođenje pg ‘Nationalized apartments wait for decision of FBiH HoP’, mentioned on cover by S. Se., Dnevni Avaz pg 10 ‘Tenancy right holders would be able to privatize nationalized apartments’ by A. Dedajic, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 ‘Users will be able to purchase nationalized apartments’ by R. Cengic, Dnevni List, pg 6 ‘Green light for purchase of nationalized apartments’, by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u>– reported on passing of this law.</p> |
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crisis: new
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Hayat by RTV Mostar – Leaders of HDZ, SDA and SBiH, **Dragan Covic**, **Sulejman Tihic** and **Safet Halilovic** respectively, held a meeting on Tuesday in Mostar and they reached an agreement on solving the current crisis in FBiH Government. Covic, Tihic and Halilovic agreed that a new ministry within FBiH Government should be established, and HDZ would get the ministerial position; while at the same time SBiH would appoint new FBiH Minister of Energy, Mining and Industry. FBiH Prime Minister **Ahmet Hadzipasic** and his deputies **Dragan Vrankic** and **Gavrilo Grahovac** now have several days to create the experts' proposal for the new ministry. All three participants of Mostar talks condemned the controversial cartoon drawings of Prophet Mohammad, on which he was portrayed as a terrorist. **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'Establishment of new Ministry in Government agreed' by A. Omeragic – Documents on establishment of new ministry within FBiH Government should be submitted to urgent Parliamentary procedure, along with the 2006 budget and Law on distribution of revenues. **RHB, BHT1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz** pg 4 'Crisis in FBiH Government solved' by F. Vele – also reported.

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| <p>HDZ Covic, SDA Tihic, SBiH Halilovic agree const. changes talks should continue</p> | <p>Dnevni List pg 3, mentioned on cover 'FBiH Government's crisis resolved' by <u>S. Bjelica</u> reports on the agreement reached with regard to the FBiH Government crisis and says that during this meeting it was also agreed to continue negotiations on constitutional changes. HDZ President Dragan Covic stated: <i>'When constitutional changes are in question we have agreed to exchange our stands through bilateral meetings and judge whether it is reasonable to continue further talks with those who organized the meeting that have been held so far in order to possibly do some things for the next elections on time.'</i> DL inset 'Certain agreement reached' carries SDA President Sulejman Tihic as saying that certain agreement with the Serb side has been reached about three issues. Tihic added that the worst solution is that the current constitutional organization remains.</p> |
| <p>DA int with BiH Foreign Minister Ivanic: Croats could seek third entity, but that is not realistic</p> | <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'When it comes to the Hague, BiH is in more favourable position than SCG' by <u>Edina Sarac</u> – Commenting the statement of the BiH Presidency Chair Ivo Miro Jovic that it is not <i>"just to have two entities for three peoples"</i>, BiH Foreign Minister and PDP leader Mladen Ivanic said: <i>"As far as I'm concerned, let Jovic say his stance. Although, I find it completely opposite to realistic realisation."</i> Ivanic said that third entity could be legitimately demanded, but not on the grounds of the RS position in the BiH.</p> |

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| <p>EuroBlic: legal experts think political agreements on const. changes unclear; Members of Work Group Ceman and Hadziavdic confirm delay in development of const. amendments</p> | <p>EuroBlic pg RS1 'Lawyers think agreements of politicians are unclear' <u>by Nedeljka Breberina</u> – The article reads that, judging everything, negotiations of politicians on constitutional changes were made in vain. According to the agreement in principles, the amendments to the Constitution should have been forwarded to the Parliamentary procedure latest by February 1, but this did not happen. A member of the Work Group in charge of development of draft constitutional amendments, Mirsad Ceman, says legal experts think certain formulations politicians have agreed upon with regard to CoM and human rights were unclear therefore politicians should again meet and explain what such formulations should have meant. F BiH HoP Secretary and member of the Work Group Izmir Hadziavdic also claims there is a delay in development of the constitutional amendments and says they have managed to transform a part of the political agreement into amendments. <i>'Still, there are certain unclear things and US Embassy is on the move now, since they have taken our text and they will, most probably, exert a pressure on domestic politicians to accept the rest of the agreement as well',</i> Hadziavdic stated.</p> |
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| <p>VL commentary: Issue of entities and ethnic issues should be resolved in BiH</p> | <p>Vecernji List pg 4 'European train for BiH' by <u>Z. Cosic</u> carries a lengthy commentary on the International Community's results achieved in BiH so far and the author reminds that upon his departure former High Representative Paddy Ashdown sent a message to BiH citizens '<i>to focus our efforts on European issues and not on disputes about entities and ethnic issues</i>'. The author ironically comments on this message by saying that '<i>on the way to such simple goal there is equally simple problem that Ashdown himself used to face quite frequently: there are entities in BiH and disputes about them as well as ethnic issues that should be resolved</i>'. The author also concludes that '<i>simplicity of the aforementioned Ashdown's 'European recipe'</i> would be understood and accepted at the BiH political market when HR's understand '<i>simplicity</i>' of our current situation. The author says that coming of new HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling was welcomed by all parties in BiH, however it depends on his understanding of '<i>our simplicity</i>' whether he would be seen off in the same friendly manner.</p> |
| <p>SD slams cries of some Croat parties that want Croat referendum on constitutional changes</p> | <p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 11 'Referendum: Shot in the dark', by <u>Veso Vegar</u> – commenting on the wishes of some Croat parties in BiH (read: Mario Vasilj of Croat block) to organize a referendum at which the Croats would declare themselves what kind of BiH they want to live in, <u>Vegar</u> argues it nothing but a sign of lack of vision and courage/responsibility on the part of the Croat parties, foremost the HDZ and HNZ which take part in the constitutional reforms talks. <u>Vegar</u> insists that instead of offering solutions for prosperity of people, the Croat politicians are only abusing their positions since they are well aware that mono-ethnic referendums are not legally binding.</p> |

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| <p>JL: Croatian PM Sanader's visits Mostar in order to support election of new HDZ BiH President</p> | <p>Jutarnji List pg 5 'Visit to Mostar because of purge in HDZ' by <u>N. Jelic</u> carries that according to spokesperson of the Croatian Government, Ratko Macek, Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader will pay an informal, working visit to Mostar on Saturday. He will attend the ceremony during which 'A person of the year' would be proclaimed and he will also visit the Mostar Clinical Hospital. JL says that those who are better informed claim that Sanader would actually come to support a part of HDZ BiH which wants to obey recommendations of the European People's Party and which stands for election of a new HDZ BiH President. JL also says that Bozo Ljubic expects Sanader's support.</p> |
| <p>SDHR Ney with FBIH PM Hadzipasic: 4 FBIH ministries have moved to Mostar</p> | <p>Dnevni List, pg 4 'Ministries have moved to Mostar', by <u>NINA</u>, Oslobodjenje, pg 7 'Help to City administration of Mostar', <u>not signed</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'State is the owner of military property', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Military facilities are at disposal of BiH Defense Ministry' by <u>Srna</u> – Outgoing SDHR Martin Ney paid a farewell visit to the FBIH PM, Ahmet Hadzipasic on Tuesday. One of topics of the meeting was the issue of City of Mostar. Both Ney and Hadzipasic stressed efforts of the FBIH Government to help functioning of the City administration of Mostar having in mind that the City is no longer getting money from the 'Elektroprivredas'. It was also stressed during the meeting that the moving of 4 FBIH ministries to Mostar is completed, however there is still a problem related to furnishing of the premises.</p> |

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| <p>Outgoing RS PM Bukejlovic and RS NA Speaker Stojicic met SiCG Ambassador to BiH Vukicevic</p> | <p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'New authority asap' by <u>Z.M.</u> – SiCG Ambassador to BiH Stanimir Vukicevic Tuesday in Banja Luka had separate meetings with outgoing RS Prime Minister Pero Bukejlovic and RS NA Speaker Dusan Stojicic. The meeting with Bukejlovic discussed the current political and economic situation in this entity. Bukejlovic expressed hope that in the interest of stability of RS institutions the new RS Government will be established soon, stressing his Government is leaving a regulated situation in a number of fields to the new government. Stojicic and Ambassador Vukicevic concluded that the Stabilization and Association Process is an area in which the two counties can work together, and that the European road of BiH and SiCG should not be put at risk in any way.</p> |
| <p>WHC Education Minister Maric: I am willing to resign if this would resolve all problems with regard to WHC teachers' strike</p> | <p>Slobodna Dalmacija cover pg splash and pgs 18 and 19 'I will resign, I have done my job' by <u>D. Ivankovic</u> carries an interview with West Herzegovina Canton Education Minister Jozo Maric with regard to the strike of WHC teachers and introducing of a working obligation for the teachers (by the WHC Government) that the teachers did not respect. Asked whether he would resign due to such development of the situation Maric says: <i>'I am willing to leave the ministerial position if that would resolve all the problems and if this is the only demand of the teachers.'</i></p> |

RS Government reshuffle, follow up

SDS becomes opposition at the state level; to demand resignations of Justice and Defence Ministers, and SDS-supported Deputy Ministers

RHB– SDS Main Board announced on Tuesday that this party would go into opposition in RS National Assembly and BiH Parliamentary Assembly. At the same time, it has and tasked the SDS President **Dragan Cavic** to inform all representatives of the SDS in the BiH Council of Ministers to resign as soon as the new RS Government is established. This would include the resignations of the BiH Justice and Defence Minister [which were supported by the SDS] **Slobodan Kovac** and **Nikola Radovanovic** respectively, as well as the Deputy Ministers of Security and Economic Relations. SDS says that instead it is necessary for the newly established parliamentary majority – SNSD, PDP, DNS, SDA, Party for BiH, SDP and NHI – take over the responsibility for the functioning of the executive authority both in the RS and at the BiH level, meaning that the SDS ministers in BiH CoM should be replaced with new ministers from SNSD and PDP. **BHT1, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje** pg 3 ‘SDS announced resignations in Council of Ministers’, **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 ‘Cavic instructed to ask for resignations of state ministers’, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 ‘Veterans and Syndicate ask for support to Dodik’ by V.Popovic, **Glas Srpske** pg 5 ‘Take over responsibility’ by Z.M., **Dnevni List**, pg 4 ‘SDS wants its ministers to resign’, not signed – also announced SDS transition to opposition.

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| <p>RS PM-designate still engaged in consultations with pol. parties' officials / consultations to end Friday</p> | <p>EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Socialists in the game as well' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u> – Daily learns that RS PM-designate Tuesday met with the representatives of Pensioners Party and RS Socialist Party about the programme of its future Cabinet. According to daily, Dodik is to meet with DNS representatives today, with representatives of the Bosniak parties tomorrow (Thursday) and PDP, and SDS on Friday, when consultations are to complete.</p> <p>Petar Djokic, SP RS President, said that the meeting with Dodik was the one "<i>in principle</i>", with no concrete arrangements, since RS PM-designate is to run consultations with other parties as well.</p> <p>Sefket Hafizovic from SDA confirmed SDA Caucus at RS NA will today meet with Sulejman Tihic, SDA President, and definitely agree on stances prior to meeting with PM-designate. Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Veterans and Syndicate ask for support to Dodik' by <u>V.Popovic</u> – apart from carrying support to RS PM-designate voiced by RS Veterans Organisation and RS Syndicate Union, daily carries Djokic from SP RS saying: "<i>We told Dodik we would be satisfied with one ministerial seat.</i>" Sadik Ahmetovic from SDA said SDA would demand participation in new Government. Glas Srpske pg 5 'Majority is not disputable' by <u>Z.Markovic</u> – daily notes that it is not an issue whether Milorad Dodik would obtain majority at the RS NA, but instead how many delegates majority would number (pending of meetings to be held until the end of this week).</p> |
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| <p>Media speculate on the distribution of positions in the RS Government</p> | <p>RTRS By <u>Biljana Knezevic</u>- Commenting the consultations of the RS Prime Minister Designate, Milorad Dodik, and political parties on composition of the future RS Government, reporter says that the main issue is division of the personnel in the structure. PDP counts on three ministers positions. DNS expects at least one minister position. At the same time, both PDP and DNS stressed the fighting crime, social issues, audit on privatization and reforms are important issues that the new Government should take upon. SDP presidency had meeting and supported Dodik's government expecting one minister position. Party for BiH asks for respect of Law and Constitution and after its presidency meeting on Tuesday night will decide which ministry would like to get. Club Centre will condition its support.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'More demands then ministries' by <u>N. Diklic</u>– Chair of SNSD Executive Board Nebojsa Radmanovic confirmed that six parties would participate in work of new RS Government (SBiH, SDA, SDP, PDP, DNS and SNSD), adding that there is always more demands then ministerial positions when it comes to division of authorities. EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Syndicate also supports Dodik', Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Veterans and Syndicate ask support for Dodik' by <u>V.Popovic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'Support to future Government' by <u>D.Mo.</u> – RS Syndicate Union expressed its support to Dodik.</p> |
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| <p>NN op-ed: decision to appoint Dodik RS PM designate proves logical and mature decision is still a surprise</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Difficulties of political impotence' by <u>Anton Kasipovic</u> – The author notes the decision of RS President Dragan Cavic to appoint Milorad Dodik RS PM designate proves a logical and mature decision is still a surprise here. He also says it is completely obvious SNSD and Dodik have taken the responsibility and announced they would undertake a number of measures, for which it is difficult to estimate whether the bigger obstacle is the general atmosphere or time that is running out.</p> |
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| Defence, security and war crimes | |
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| <p>EC/ ITA open newly reconstructed border crossing 'Karakaj' near Zvornik</p> | <p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'Faster flow of goods' by <u>Z.Kusmuk</u> – Head of the EC delegation to BiH Michael Humphreys on Tuesday opened the newly built border crossing between BiH and SiCG in Karakaj near Zvornik. It is the first border crossing in BiH completely funded by the European Union, with approximately EURO 3.4 million. RTRS – Humphreys handed over the border crossing to the Indirect Taxation Administration (ITA). Humphreys said that this border crossing will bring better controlled movement of people and goods, meaning BiH would be better protected. RHB, BHT1, Hayat, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'Border crossing Karakaj opened' Dnevni Avaz pg 11 'Border crossing in Karakaj opened' by <u>M. Micic</u>– also reported.</p> |

BiH MoD and
UNDP start
project to
reduce armament
in BiH

PINK— Project worth 11.5 million US dollars aimed at control and reduction of the small and light armament in BiH was signed by the BiH Defence Ministry and UNDP on Tuesday in Sarajevo. PINK notes that this is one of the key issues in reducing the crime, since a large amount of weapons are owned by BiH citizens. *“In the following four years...around 11, 5 million \$ will be spent to reduce of small and light armament in BiH... Special attention will be paid to implementation of the techniques and technological procedures that will to maximum extent protect human environment”*, said **Nikola Radovanovic**, BiH Defence Minister. UNDP believes that keeping these armaments in stores is expensive and that those stores can be used for other purposes. **BHT1, Hayat, FTV, Oslobodjenje** pg 5 ‘UNDP enables destroying of another 30. 000 tones of armament’ by A.P., **Dnevni List**, pg 5 ‘Surplus of weapons is threat to security of BiH and neighborhood’, by Danka Polovina Mandic – reported.

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| <p>Issue of international representatives in Commission for Audit of Citizenships has not been resolved yet/CoE should be consulted as well</p> | <p>Dnevni List pg 5 'Commission for audit of citizenships has not been formed yet' by <u>D. Kozina</u> carries that the Commission for Audit of Citizenships has not started with its work yet. An Assistant to the Minister of Civil Affairs, Miodrag Pandurevic stated that the issue of 3 members from the International Community (who would participate in the work of this Commission) is still being resolved.</p> <p>Pandurevic stressed that they are formulating this issue together with the OHR, however it is necessary to consult the Council of Europe about the election of international members. He added that as to when the Commission would start with its work depends on how fast the CoE would give its opinion on proposed representatives. Hayat, RTRS– BiH Deputy Security Minister Dragan Mektic said that audit on BiH citizenships issued in period 1993-2005 would be carried out adding security institutions conduct surveillance of certain individuals due to possible connection with terrorism.</p> |
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| <p>Niset Ramic admitted for <i>Dnevni Avaz</i> he had committed crimes against Serbs</p> | <p>EuroBlic cover pg splash, pg 11 'One admitted crimes against Serbs in newspapers' by <u>SRNA</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 10 'Crime without punishment' by D.Stojakovic – Niset Ramic (36) from viullage of Zimca near Visoko, in a letter to "<i>Dnevni Avaz</i>" revealed the names of civilians, whom he, as he admitted, had murdered in summer 1992 in the village of Hlapcevicci near Visoko. According to him, he gave the names of witnesses of events in Hlapcevicci, and admitted the crime in 2002, but nothing has been done since then.</p> |
| <p>VL: FBiH police checking into alleged Gotovina aides in Herzegovina</p> | <p>Vecernji List, pg 5, mentioned on front 'Police investigating into Gotovina's aides in Herzegovina', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u> – According to VL's information, members of the FBiH police have started a thorough investigation on four persons from Herzegovina, who were allegedly aides of the Croatian general Ante Gotovina (charged with war crimes, extradited to The Hague)when he was allegedly hiding in Herzegovina. VL notes these four persons are prominent businessmen and former senior military officials, however VL did not want to publish their names, claiming it knows the identity of the persons in question.</p> |