

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 8/6/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 8 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Cold weather in BiH	BiH HoR in session	Pensions in RS on 10 May
Ceremony for Travnik Croats	Trial of Naser Oric before ICTY	No extradition of war crime suspects
CRO, BiH, SCG on judiciary coop.	World news	Covic announces removals

TV news broadcast on 7 June

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
HR appoints Novic as SIPA Director	Terzic accepts Ivanic's resignation	Novic appointed, Ivanic dismissed
Status of HVO veterans agreed	HR appoints SIPA Director	EUPM pleased with Andan's apology
FBIH ombudsmen annual report	Manjaca recruits sent home	Manjaca recruits sent home
Hungarian Foreign Minister in BiH	Nicholas Burns in Sarajevo	Nicholas Burns in Sarajevo

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
HR appoints SIPA Director	Novic appointed as SIPA Director	Solana accuses RS for obstruction
Terzic accepts Ivanic's resignation	Terzic accepts Ivanic's resignation	Terzic accepts Ivanic's resignation

Ivanic on Terzic's decision	Removal of dangerous chemicals	Ivanic on Terzic's decision
Feature story on "Scorpions"	Returnee's problems	HR letters to Matijasevic, Stankovic

Oslobodjenje	Terzic accepted Ivanic's resignation
Dnevni Avaz	Great rift in the State Government [following SIPA Director appointment]
Dnevni List	Gas pipeline to go through Mostar
Vecernji List	Ashdown also took away SIPA from Croats
Slobodna Dalmacija	Pensions from Zagreb for 13 500 members of HVO
Nezavisne Novine	Terzic removed Ivanic
Glas Srpske	They are hiding dead people and deceasing alive people
EuroBlic	Terzic removed Ivanic, crisis of the authority in Sarajevo
Vecernje novosti	<i>Features Serbian related titles</i>
Srpski Nacional	<i>Features Serbian related titles</i>

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

<p>Terzic address BiH HoR on accepting Ivanic's resignation</p>	<p>BH 1 Radio by <u>Mustafa Karahmet</u> – At a session in Sarajevo today, the BiH House of Representatives is discussing yesterday's CoM Chair Adnan Terzic's decision to accept BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic's resignation submitted in December last year. Terzic informed the deputies on the reasons for the move reiterating that he decided to accept Ivanic's resignation due to Ivanic's behaviour which, according to Terzic, forced him to request HR Paddy Ashdown to do the CoM's job and appoint SIPA Director and all this because the authorized Ministers could not have agreed on the issue regardless of the agreement on distribution of top state posts reached earlier within the BiH Presidency and BiH parliamentary majority. According to this agreement, SIPA Director should have been of Croat nationality. Terzic, however, emphasized that he would have accepted Ivanic's resignation even if HR Ashdown had decide to appoint a Croat to the post in place of Sredoje Novic, who is of Serb nationality. Terzic said he could be removed and the whole CoM but he cannot allow the situation in which HR will do CoM's job. Opposition deputies reacted promptly asking the PM why he had not informed the parliament on the situation/crisis in CoM on time i.e at the end of last year when such an information was requested from him. Tihomir Gligoric (SPRS) said that Terzic had abused a letter of resignation submitted long time ago to enter into a political conflict with his colleagues in CoM having different political opinions. Jelina Djurkovic (PDP) reminded Terzic that he had been the one who had requested OHR to take leading role in reform of defence and police, as well as appoint SIPA Director. She also asked Terzic why he applied double standards with regard to the submitted resignations? She explained that while Terzic accepted Ivanic's resignation of December last year, Branko Dokic recently had to sign and submit a new letter of resignation regardless of a fact Terzic had his December resignation on his desk as well. The discussion on the issue continues.</p>
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<p>SNSD: Terzic and Colak should resign</p>	<p>FENA – President of the SNSD Executive Board Nebojsa Radmanovic stated that SNSD believes that Adnan Terzic should submit resignation after his 2,5 years long activity failed. Radmanovic also said that that BiH Security Minister Barisa Colak should resign as well since contrary to the Euroepan principles he advocated appointment of the SIPA Director according to the political and not professional criterion.</p>
<p>No agreement on extradition of war crime suspects</p>	<p>RHB, RTRS – The tri-lateral conference on cooperation between judiciaries of Croatia, BiH and SCG, which starts today on Brijuni, Croatia, and which discusses issues pertaining to war crimes, has managed to maintain the ministerial level at the very last moment, after the OSCE Mission to Croatia gave up on its declaration. The declaration had a disputable provision, which foresaw extradition of war crimes suspects among the three countries, which was opposed by all three countries because the provision violates the countries' constitutions.</p>

<p>Issues related to SIPA Director appointment</p>

<p>Terzic accepts Ivanic's resignation after HR appoints SIPA Director</p>	<p>RHB, BHT1, Hayat, Oslobođenje cover splash, pg 3 'Terzic accepted Ivanic's resignation' by <u>V. Zivak</u>, Nezavisne Novine cover pg splash and pg 3 'Terzic removed Ivanic' by <u>M. Cubro</u>, EuroBlic cover pg splash and pg RS3 'Terzic removed Ivanic, crisis of the authority in Sarajevo' by <u>EuroBlic team</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 Revenge over Novic' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u> and <u>Z. Markovic</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 5 'Terzic removed Ivanic' by <u>D. Stojakovic</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'Terzic absolved Ivanic of duty' <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List pg 3 'Terzic accepted Ivanic's resignation' by <u>dj</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Terzic accepted Ivanic's resignation from December 2004' by <u>B. Kristo</u>— The Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic, accepted the resignation filed by the BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic in December 2004. Terzic explained at the press conference on Tuesday that the reason is Ivanic's obstructionism in appointing SIPA director, which led him to ask from HR Paddy Ashdown to do this on behalf of CoM.</p> <p>PINK by <u>Zeljko Mandic</u> – Commenting on the HR's decision to name Novic as the head of SIPA, Terzic said that Ashdown had no other option because Novic was the best candidate. <i>"This is not a case of my and my colleagues' inability to reach agreement, but the inability to implement a political accord they themselves have reached,"</i> stated Terzic adding that the BiH Presidency had a signed agreement according to which Croat should be appointed SIPA Director, but Ivanic obstructed the agreement.</p> <p>FTV – <i>"I gave [Ivanic] enough time to change his decision, but he was doing all he could to obstruct this process, which eventually led to the appointment of Novic",</i> concluded Terzic.</p>
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Terzic: Ivanic's replacement will not be from PDP; I expect Covic not to deepen crisis; Bonn powers must not be abolished

Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Great rift in the State Government', pg 2 'I had to accept Minister Ivanic's resignation' by S. Numanovic – In a statement to DA, **Adnan Terzic** explains that decision on Ivanic's removal is effective as of Tuesday and that his duties will be temporarily performed but the Ministry's secretary. Prime Minister expects no replacement for Foreign Ministry to come again from PDP adding it is possible that the parliamentary majority will be changed. Terzic concludes that he is aware he started with a crisis *"which could lead to change of authorities, even some elections"*, but stresses he could not have given up on principles. Inset 'I don't expect Covic to deepens crisis' carries Terzic as saying he expects to address the BiH Parliament session today to explain on his latest actions. *"It would be catastrophic if SDS withdraws its ministers. But I don't expect [Dragan] Covic and others from SDS leadership to deepen the crisis and to be blamed for this problem after the failure regarding the police reform,"* says Terzic. Inset 'Don't touch Bonn powers' carries Chair of CoM as saying that he hopes *"this would be a clear signal to the international community that the HR must not be stripped of the Bonn powers at any cost. Without those, we would not have SIPA today. Those wanting to see processes in BiH slowed down just wait for the moment to abolish Bonn powers and than to rule processes."* **RTRS** also reports on Terzic's statement on Bonn powers.

Ivanic says he would not leave position: 'CoM is not Terzic's private company'

FTV, Hayat, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Ivanic: I will remain Minister' by V. Popovic— BiH Foreign Minister **Mladen Ivanic** told SRNA that he would continue to do his job, assessing that Terzic's decision to consider his resignation from December was *"total political rubbish"*. Ivanic added that the BiH public was aware that the resignation was practically void since the Neum meeting. He said that citing SIPA as an example of obstructionism was a completely inconsistent principle. *"The OHR's statement that it has chosen the best candidate is proof that I am right,"* Ivanic added. He underlined that he would continue to do his job until the debate in the BiH Parliament.

BHT 1 by Mirela Cosic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Ivanic: Political cowardice of Terzic' by B. Kristo – *"I parted with [Terzic] at 1415 today [on Tuesday] and he had not breathed a word about his intention to reach such a decision. It seems to me that it is some kind of human and political cowardice, which I have not expected particularly not from him, "* Ivanic said in a statement to BHT 1. He added that BiH will now face the government crisis, which could be solved only in two ways – with the agreement between leading parliamentary parties, or with new elections.

RTRS, Dnevni AVaz pg 3 'I don't accept removal!' by S.N. – In an interview to separate interviews with RTRS and Dnevni Avaz, Ivanic repeated accusations against Terzic.

Oslobodjenje pg 3 'CoM is not Terzic's private company' by V. Zivak – Asked by daily whether it is true that he obstructed the work of the CoM for the past six months, Ivanic said that Terzic has no evidences for such claim. He added that he would *"allow Ministry to be headed by somebody else because CoM is not Terzic's private company"*. He concluded he doesn't believe that IC was behind this Terzic's move.

<p>PDP officials: Terzic's immaturity could lead to crisis</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Revenge over Novic' by <u>N. Zelenovic and Z. Markovic</u> inset 'Milojevic' – carries a reaction of Deputy President of PDP Goran Milojevic who has stated that CoM Chairman Adnan Terzic, by accepting Ivanic's resignation, had showed political immaturity that might lead to a political crisis in BiH.</p> <p>EuroBlic pg RS3 'Embitterment in PDP' <u>EuroBlic team</u> – Deputy BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and PDP member Zoran Tesanovic, who had offered his resignation to Terzic in December as well, has stated he did not know whether the CoM Chairman had reached a decision on his removal too.</p> <p><i>'I believe delegates would not be satisfied with this decision either and, after all, BiH again enters crisis of the authority. I think Terzic, by making such moves, is trying to drag CoM in crisis and, by doing so, to divert attention away from real problems'</i>, Tesanovic has stated while expressing his surprise over Terzic's decision to remove Ivanic.</p>
<p>OHR: 'We do not see how the removal would contribute to reforms'</p>	<p>Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'OHR: We don't see how will Terzic's decision help reforms', Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'OHR: We do not see how the removal would contribute to reforms' by V. P., Glas Srpske pg 2 'Revenge over Novic' by <u>N. Zelenovic and Z. Markovic</u>, inset 'Office', EuroBlic pg RS3 'OHR: We do not see how the decision would contribute to reforms', Dnevni List pg 3 'OHR against Ivanic's removal' <u>not signed</u> – OHR stated that is cannot see how will the decision by Adnan Terzic to accept Mladen Ivanic's resignation help advance reforms at this key moment in BiH's relations with the EU, stressing that the composition of the government in BH is a matter for this country's elected leaders not the OHR.</p>

<p>Ashdown appoints Sredoje Novic to SIPA Director positions as best CoM's candidate</p>	<p>RHB, PINK, BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 2 'Ashdown appointed Novic to SIPA Director', mentioned on cover, by <u>V.Z.</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Sredoje Novic was the best candidate for SIPA Director position' by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'Ashdown did not respect agreement reached with Covic' by <u>M. Zorlak</u>, Vecernji List cover pg splash 'Ashdown also took away SIPA from Croats' and pg 3 'Croats also lost SIPA, Terzic removed Ivanic' by <u>D. Jazvic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija 'Sredoje Novic SIPA Director' by <u>Z. Tulic</u>, EuroBlic pg RS2 'Sredoje Novic stays in Director's chair', announced on cover 'Novic is again SIPA Director' by <u>D. S.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Sredoje Novic will be SIPA Director in following four years' – At the request of the Chair of the BiH CoM, Adnan Terzic, the High Representative Paddy Ashdown on Tuesday appointed Sredoje Novic as the SIPA Director. OHR spokesperson Kevin Sullivan explained that the HR has issued the decision following seven months of uncertainty over the appointment and that he has appointed the candidate rated as best qualified by the BiH CoM's own Selection Committee. <i>"SIPA...is too crucial an institution in BiH's overall rule of law effort to allow such a vacuum to exist at the highest level of the Agency,"</i> said Sullivan.</p>
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<p>Colak disappointed with Novic's appointment, but denies he would resign</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'That decision leads us to dead end' by <u>F. Vele</u> – Commenting on Novic's appointment BiH Security Minister Barisa Colak stated that this HR's decision leads state government to "dead end" and that it imposes the thesis that <i>"there is no reason to continue like this."</i> DA comments that while Colak would not say it, it is apparent that he was won in political game. "[Paddy] Ashdown called me this morning and told me he would appoint Novic. I agreed. However, I asked the question whether this leads to the dead end. What obliges me to implement certain political agreements? Some previous events and especially this one confirm definitive crisis in the authorities. There is not reason and we should not go on like this anymore," stated Colak adding that he never said he would resign.</p> <p>Vecernji List pg 3 'Colak disappointed with Ashdown's decision' <u>not signed</u> –Colak stated that he absolutely does not agree with the HR's decision. <i>"It seems that we (referring to Croats) would be in even more difficult situation. The situation is very difficult and serious, however, I claim under full responsibility that I did not contribute to such situation."</i> BHT 1– Colak stated that HDZ Presidency would discuss this issue at the upcoming Thursday's session.</p>
<p>Lukac denies Novic was better candidate</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3 'Ashdown did not respect agreement reached with Covic' by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – Commenting on the statement given by Mladen Ivanic who said that Sredoje Novic was appointed the SIPA Director because Novic had better results at the test than him (Dragan Lukac), Lukac said that this information is not correct. Lukac added that he scored better results from Novic, however, the way in which an average grade is being determined when the best and worst grades are being eliminated is problematic.</p>

<p>DL says HDZ angry with HR decision to appoint Novic</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3 'Ashdown did not respect agreement reached with Covic' by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – DL says that the HR's decision to appoint Sredoje Novic to the position of the SIPA Director made HDZ representatives angry. HDZ stressed that by the Novic's appointment an inter-party agreement, according to which a Croat was supposed to be the SIPA Director, was breached. DL also says that according to some sources an author of the aforementioned agreement was newly elected HDZ President Dragan Covic. Dnevni List pg 3 'Ashdown did not respect agreement reached with Covic' by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – Commenting to the Novic's appointment, HDZ member Ivan Madunic stated that the HR was partial when he passed such decision and that in this way he awarded Serbs for rejecting the police reform according to European principles.</p>
<p>Media question Novic's war past</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 3 'Ashdown did not respect agreement reached with Covic' by <u>M. Zorlak</u>, Vecernji List cover pg splash 'Ashdown also took away SIPA from Croats' and pg 3 'Croats also lost SIPA, Terzic removed Ivanic' by <u>D. Jazvic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija 'Sredoje Novic SIPA Director' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – VL also says that Novic enjoys sympathy of the OHR and EUPM although he is an old SDS cadre who at the time when he was the RS Minister of Interior and SIPA Director did not do anything when the arrest of war crime indictees is in question. SD says that the aforementioned HR's decision is a complete defeat of BiH Security Minister Barisa Colak and HDZ. FTV, editor <u>Amarildo Gutic</u>– FTV strongly criticised decision to appoint Novic stating he was one of the most eminent SDS officials during the war in BiH, a kind of liaison officer between RS intelligence service and the Serbian state security. FTV also accused him of illegally transferring taxpayers' money in order to finance the police unit providing protection to Radovan Karadzic.</p>

<p>Op-eds on Novic's appointment/Terzic's acceptance of Ivanic's resignation</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Punishment for Sredoje Novic' by <u>N. Bise</u> carries an editorial on Sredoje Novic's appointment which reads: <i>'Who cares about the fact that according to an inter-party agreement a Croat was supposed to be the SIPA Director. In any case Lord Ashdown 'punished' Croats enough and this was obvious at the end of the HDZ Convention held last Saturday.'</i></p> <p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 'Incompetent authority' by <u>Dragan Risojevic</u> – Following Adnan Terzic's removal of Mladen Ivanic, the author stresses the deepest of all crises may fall upon BiH, possibility resulting in early elections, which was the initial goal of Terzic' action. The author notes that Terzic himself should have reached decision on the appointment of SIPA Director, not to let decision on HR Paddy Ashdown. Author concludes: <i>"By this, the current authority has showed it is absolutely incompetent, irresponsible and non-prepared to take over European tasks ahead of it. It does not even think about better life of citizens."</i></p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Terzic's Ivanic' op-ed by <u>Senka Kurtovic</u> – Editorial is critical of Terzic, concluding that his decision to accept Ivanic's decision only demonstrates PM's weakness and inability to deal with any problem.</p>
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Political issues

<p>Burns meets BiH officials, journalists: US will stay in BiH</p>	<p>PINK, BHT1, FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'US still stay present in BiH', Oslobodjenje pg 2 'US stays in BiH', Nezavisne Novine pg 2, announced on cover 'BiH will not enter NATO until it arrests Karadzic and Mladic' by <u>M. Cubro</u>, Vecernji List, pg 2 'No entrance to NATO without catching Karadzic and Mladic', by <u>Eldina Medunjanin</u>, Dnevni List, pg 5 'Ambassador Burns satisfied with BiH foreign policy', <u>not signed</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, back pg 'Arresting Karadzic and Mladic will bring BiH closer to NATO', by <u>B. Kristo</u> – The US Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Nicholas Burns, met in Sarajevo with members of BiH Presidency, Ivo Miro Jovic and Sulejman Tihic, Chairman of BiH CoM, Adnan Terzic, and BiH Foreign Minister, Mladen Ivanic on Tuesday. Burns, among other issues, announced the continuation of the US presence in BiH, and added that BiH would be in <i>"the NATO avenue when you catch Karadzic and Mladic"</i>. The conclusion of the talks was that, in order for BiH to become a democratic, civic and developed society, it is necessary to complete the reform processes, accelerate economic renewal, continue with full cooperation with the ICTY and prevent the support network to war crimes suspects.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'We will help you ensure better future', mentioned on cover 'If RS does not want to cooperated it will make damage to itself by its own' – Meeting group of journalists in Sarajevo, Burns emphasized that a significant progress had been made in BiH and that, if the proper reforms of police, defense and economy are carried out and if the most wanted war criminals are brought to justice, there would be no reason for the entire region to establish good relations with EU.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje pg 5 'Bosnian Serbs are making damage to themselves by their own' also reported on Burns' meeting with/address to journalists. According to the daily, Burns emphasized that RS Government should have information on who was helping Radovan Karadzic and other war crime indictees.</p>
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<p>Ambassador Martin Ney takes over as new SDHR</p>	<p>PINK, Hayat, RHB, Oslobođenje pg 4 'Martin Ney took over', Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'Martin Ney took over position of SDHR', Dnevni List pg 2 'New Ashdown's Deputy Martin Nay appointed' <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List pg 18 'Martin Nay Ashdown's Deputy' <u>by H, Slobodna Dalmacija</u> pg 15 'Martin Nay Ashdown's Deputy' <u>by M. Landeka</u> – The HR, Paddy Ashdown, has welcomed Ambassador Martin Ney, who took up his post as Senior Deputy High Representative on Tuesday. Ambassador Ney's portfolio as SDHR will include Defence and Intelligence reform, efforts to strengthen BiH's institutions and reform the public administration, media reform and the establishment of a Public Broadcasting System in line with EU standards, the development of civil society in BiH, and issues related to children and young people.</p>
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<p>HDZ President Covic announces changes among Croats ministers in FBiH and BiH authorities</p>	<p>Vecernji List, pg 2 'Covic announces changes of bad ministers!', by <u>zk</u> – The newly elected president of HDZ BiH, Dragan Covic, announced 'considerable changes' among Croat ministers in the FBiH Government and BiH Council of Ministers. Whilst being a guest of the 'TV Kompas' show of the Hercegovacka TV Mostar, Covic did not reveal how many ministers' mandates would end, noting that "<i>it all too late for a good part of them</i>". He explained that he would talk to all nine of them in the next 10 days, after which the HDZ Presidency will decide who goes and who stays. VL notes it is only certain that Dragan Doko will leave the BiH CoM because of personal reasons, whilst it is expected that the current FBiH Finance Minister, Dragan Vrankic, replaces him.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'I believe that BiH needs not a single entity', mentioned on cover 'I have never used lies in my life' – In an interview with the daily, Covic said that HDZ BiH was now entering a new phase of its political engagement at the BiH political scene firstly because it would be acting through an agreed system inside the party and secondly because it would for the first time have a president who would not be engaged in the legislative or executive authorities. Covic denied claims of Bozo Ljubic that he was elected irregularly saying that the procedure had been done completely in line with the HDZ Statute and other regulations.</p>
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<p>Hebrang: 'If Ljubic had been elected as early as in 1998, Croats would have been in much better position now'</p>	<p>Jutarnji List pg 10 'Hebrang: If Ljubic had been elected as early as in 1998, Croats would have been in much better position now' by <u>A. Plisic</u> – A member of the HDZ Croatia Presidency Andrija Hebrang stated that during the mandate of a newly elected HDZ President Dragan Covic constitutional changes in BiH might be expected and HDZ BiH would have to play a crucial role in the struggle for the survival of the Croat people. Hebrang believes that in case that Covic's counter-candidate Bozo Ljubic had been elected the HDZ President back in 1998, the Croat people would have been in a different position now. Hebrang added that he believes that Ljubic's defeat is not tragic since Ljubic is a modern politician whose time is yet to come.</p>
<p>ENS on election of Covic to decide next week</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'ENS on Covic next week' by <u>S.N.</u> – President of European People's Party (ENS) Wilfred Martens said that he needs ore information on the HDZ Convention and election of Dragan Covic to the position of the HDZ President. Asked whether Covic's election is acceptable for ENS, Martens stated that he would submit to the ENS leadership the report on the results of HDZ elections next week.</p>
<p>RS PoWs' Cvjetinovic: Paddy Ashdown should leave</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Time for – farewell' by <u>D.Trisic</u> – Chairman of RS Veterans Organisation, Savo Cvjetinovic sent an open letter to HR Paddy Ashdown, in which it listed five reasons owing to which he should leave the position of HR. The Association calls on HR to leave BiH since he is, inter alia, destroying the constitutional order of RS and BiH and also for producing the crisis and endangering peace in BiH.</p>

<p>VC's Merckert: Federation will not survive</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Federation will not survive' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Abolishment of RS is unrealistic' by <u>SRNA</u> – Thomas Merckert, Deputy Secretary of the CoE's Venice Commission, on Tuesday in Strasbourg stated that as long as people in RS wants to preserve its entity, it would not be realistic to abolish it. He stressed it is necessary to reform F BiH, <i>"whose functioning is too expensive and cannot survive without reform"</i>. He also reiterated the view of VC that <i>"abolishment of Cantons would be the best solution"</i>, with the assessment that it would not be possible at the moment. He also observed it is evident <i>"authorities need to be transferred from entity onto state level, since BiH will not be strong enough otherwise to join EU"</i>. According to GS, Merckart also said that VC is of the view BiH still needs the international community to guide it, with a note that guidance <i>"might be provided in a more subtle means"</i>. VC informed the Council of Europe that HR might maintain its role of EU representative, as it was the case in Macedonia.</p>
<p>Party for BiH's Silajdzic: Creators of genocide cannot implement reforms</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Hands of six Srebrenica men were tied up by the international community', mentioned on cover 'Creators of genocide cannot implement reforms' – In an interview with the daily, Party for BiH founder Haris Silajdzic said that the world establishment/political leaders had never actually wanted to accept the fact aggression and genocide had been committed against BiH. Asked to comment on obstructions to the implementation of the necessary reforms in BiH and particularly RS opposition to police reform, Silajdzic said that nothing else could be expected from the political forces, which had been helping/supporting genocide and ethnic cleansing.</p>

Defence and police issues

<p>Manjaca recruits sent home</p>	<p>FTV, RTRS, BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Recruits from Manjaca sent home', Nezavisne Novine pg 4, announced on cover 'Soldiers went home' by <u>D. Risojevic</u>, EuroBlic pg RS1, announced on cover 'Army and Djukic at ease' by <u>Marija Milic</u>, Vecernje Novosti pg 3 'At ease over the oath' by <u>Sl. Pesevic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 'At ease before the end' by <u>M. Mihajlovic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 7 'Recruits from RS army from Manjaca released home', by <u>NINA</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 9 'All young soldiers dismissed', by <u>A. Macanovic</u> – The March class of RS Army recruits at the Manjaca barracks near Banja Luka have been sent home on Tuesday, following the measures announced by EUFOR Commander David Leakey and the Commander of the NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo, Steven Schook in response to the military induction ceremonies held in Bileca and Manjaca on 16 April 2005.</p> <p>PINK – Leakey stated that the RS Defence Minister, Milovan Stankovic <i>"is going to confirm the details regarding their future status and he after we reach agreement on the details, he will make it public."</i></p>
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**Leakey meets
Stankovic**

Hayat, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'RS Army leaders must accept loyalty to BiH' by Srna, **Oslobodjenje** pg 8 'End to Manjaca incidents', **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Conclusion to Manjaca' by M. Dz. – EUFOR commander **David Leakey** feels that military training and methods for recruits in the RS Army should be more clearly defined and better understood. *"This would create the possibility of sending a new generation of soldiers to Manjaca,"* said Leakey after a meeting with RS defence minister **Milovan Stankovic**. Leakey stressed that training standards and training methods, where training pertains to loyalty to the state of BiH, must be defined more clearly and better understood among officers.

Oslobodjenje pg 10 'Dragan Vukovic [acting Chief] until new appointment', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'General Djukic handed over duties' – RS Army HQ Chief, general **Novak Djukic**, on Tuesday transferred his duties to **Dragan Vukovic** in accordance with the measures following Manjaca/Bileca incidents.

**SNSD calls
on Stankovic
to resign**

Oslobodjenje pg 3 'Call on Stankovic to resign', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'SNSD demands Stankovic's resignation' by Fena, **Glas Srpske** pg 5 'Minister, resign' by M. Dz, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Invitation to Stankovic to resign' by Agencies – A member of the SNSD Main Board **Dubravko Suvara** called on RS Defence Minister **Milovan Stankovic** as a person responsible for all events in Manjaca to submit the resignation and he warned of blockades and protests in front of the RS Defence Ministry if Stankovic does not do it within 7 days.

<p>EUPM satisfied with Andan's letter</p>	<p>Hayat, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 7 'Andan's statement deceiving and unprofessional', Dnevni AVaz pg 9 'Andan admitted he deceived public' by Fena, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'EUPM accepted Andan's apology' by <u>M. Rener</u>, Dnevni List pg 6 'Kevin Carty: Andan admits lack of professionalism' by <u>NINA</u> – EUPM stated that the Commissioner Kevin Carty is satisfied with the letter from Dragomir Andan, RS Police Director as it finally acknowledged that he had no intelligence or evidence to support the claims made on 10 May 2005 in reference to the Madrid terrorist bombing. Furthermore, the Commissioner finds it satisfying that Andan publicly recognized that his statement was unprofessional and misleading.</p> <p>BHT 1 <u>Marina Boskovic</u> – OHR did not announce any sanctions for publicly stating such accusations. <i>"OHR is satisfied with Andan's acknowledgment"</i>, stated briefly OHR Spokesperson Ljiljana Radeta. According to the BHT reporter, BiH Prosecutor's Office could not confirm if there was an investigation about Andan's accusations.</p>
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<p>FBiH Ombudsmen confirm bad situation in Zenica prison</p>	<p>PINK, BHT1, RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Situation causing worries' by <u>Srna</u> – FBiH Ombudsman, Vera Jovanovic confirmed on Tuesday that condition in Zenica prison was serious and added that this institution had a large number of complaints. Jovanovic stated on the press conference in Sarajevo that the attacks by Bosniaks on Serb prisoners occurred in the past. She stressed that FBiH Ombudsmen had not received request by Vlastimir Pusara's [Serb inmate attacked by Bosnian prisoners after showing of Srebrenica execution tapes] attorney for his transfer from prison in Zenica.</p>
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<p>French, German Ambassadors discuss police reform with RS politicians</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'EU policy will not change', pg 5 'Dodik asks for new talks on police reform', Glas Srpske pg 2 'Without imposing of the solution' by G. D. – SNSD's Milorad Dodik met with French Ambassador Henry Zipper de Fabiani, and after the meeting he has stated that a new series of talks among political parties is needed in order to determine whether there is a joint program on unblocking police reform issues. Dodik emphasized that the issue of Euro-Atlantic integrations is not incorporated in the mandate of HR and he says HR Paddy Ashdown could not impose any solutions in this field.</p> <p>RTRS by <u>Biljana Knezevic</u> – French and German Ambassadors spoke to RS President Dragan Cavic and expressed a concern on RS position regarding the police reform. Dragan Kalabic from DNS says that the next move is up to RS Government which has to be followed by further negotiations. Gavrilo Antonic from PDP says that after RS parties should start paying attention to what they want within police reform. Tarik Sadovic of SDA feels that RS National Assembly should change the position regarding police reform since EU will not change its principles. Ostoja Barasanin political analyst stated the RS NA never held a firm position on anything so its change of attitude regarding police is possible.</p>
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HR reminds Matijasevic, Stankovic they failed deadline re Srebrenica working group

RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover 'To deliver information on engagement of units outside BiH in Srebrenica' by M.Kusmuk – **Paddy Ashdown**, High Representative to BiH, sent separate letters to RS MoI, **Darko Matijasevic**, and RS MoD, **Milovan Stankovic** where he reminds them they failed to meet the 31st May deadline for submitting information to Srebrenica working group. In a letter to Matijasevic, HR stresses that as a priority RS MoI should send information on participation of units outside BiH in crimes committed in Srebrenica. He added RS MoI has showed progress in establishing the number and identity of persons, who were members of three units of joint forces under the command of **Ljubomir Borovcanin**. Ashdown said RS MoI has made still insufficient progress, owing to which reason he called on Matijasevic to do more. Ashdown noted that RS MoI should have field a request for documentation currently in The Hague, with the names of policemen who were in Srebrenica in July 1995. Article further reminds of a letter HR addressed to **Pero Bukeylovic**, RS PM, on Srebrenica Task Force. According to Inset "Last warning to Stankovic", Ashdown sent a final warning to Stankovic, setting deadline on 15th June, by which Stankovic should explain what the RS MoD has done so far in regard to submitting demanded data to Srebrenica working group.

Oslobodjenje pg 7 'New information on three RS MoI units' by S. Rozajac – Member of Srebrenica Working Group, **Smail Cekic**, explains the group has not received any material from RS Defence Ministry adding that he learned they have only just started working on the information. As for RS MoI, group still assesses information on several units from RS MoI.

<p>Serbian parliament to adopt declaration condemning war crimes, including Srebrenica</p>	<p>BHT 1 by <u>Vesna Simic</u> – BHT 1 reports that all political parties of the Serbian Parliament have agreed to adopt a single declaration condemning all war crimes, including those committed in Srebrenica. Serbian Parliament Speaker Predrag Markovic said that the document should be drafted by Thursday, when new consultations would be held in order to reach an agreement about a final text. Also covered by Oslobodjenje pg 7 ‘To condemn crimes, but to save reputation’ by <u>B. Boskov</u>.</p>
<p>Preparations for the Srebrenica commemoration started</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Preparations commenced’ by <u>K.C.</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5 ‘March of Death to go from Crni Vrh’ by <u>Agencies</u> -The RS Police Director, Dragomir Andan, announced that according to available information, around 50,000 persons will attend the commemoration to take place in Potocari on 11 July to mark the 10th anniversary of the suffering of Bosniaks in Srebrenica. Andan added that the RS police will cooperate with their colleagues from the FBiH in collecting information and securing those that will attend the commemoration</p>
<p>GS: Bodies of missing Kupres Serbs still not found</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover pg splash ‘They are hiding dead people and deceasing alive people’ by <u>G. K.</u> – reports that bodies of Serb people, who were apprehended by Croatian Army and HVO near Kupres and were killed while they had been transported to “Lora” in Split, still have not been found.</p>

Veterans issues / Human rights

<p>FBiH Ombudsmen present annual report noting increase in human rights violations</p>	<p>BHT 1, RHB, Hayat, Oslobođenje pg 6 ‘Authorities to not care for recommendations to protect human rights’ by <u>S. Sehercehajic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 5 ‘Government refuses to carry out Ombusmdan’s recommendation’, by <u>Mensud Zorlak</u> – The FBiH Ombudsmen, Esad Muhibic, Branka Raguz and Vera Jovanovic on Tuesday presented the Annual Report on activities of this institution in the last year and assessment of status of human rights in Federation BiH concluding that number of human rights cases has increased. The key reason according to Ombudsmen is a non-synchronization and lack of coordination in adopting laws. Also, they warned of discriminating laws which also include those inherited from previous system. <i>“According to some information, laws or their articles are not being implemented at all, and it leads to great distrust and dissatisfaction with the authorities”,</i> said Raguz. <i>“All three constituent nations are philologically and religiously divided”,</i> said Muhibic.</p> <p>FTV – <i>“I believe that many BiH citizens have already filed a complaint to the Human Rights Court of the Council of Europe. Therefore, the violation of human rights in BiH could have very negative consequences for this country”,</i> added Raguz.</p>
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<p>Croat veterans associations agreed to interstate agreement btw BiH and Croati on aid</p>	<p>FTV, RHB, Oslobođenje pg 8 'Status of HVO victims agreed', mentioned on cover, Slobodna Dalmacija front pg splash and pg 9 'Pensions from Zagreb for 13500 members of HVO', by <u>Emil Karamatic</u>, Vecernji List, pg 5, mentioned on front 'Victims in BiH to get billion Kunas from Republic of Croatia', by <u>Zoran Kresic</u>, <u>Oliver Cvitkovic</u>, Dnevni List, pg 7, mentioned on front 'Victims to get right to pension and healthcare', by <u>Zorica Skoko</u> –</p> <p>Representatives of (Croat) associations originating from the Homeland war from BiH agreed to a proposal of inter-state agreement between BiH and Croatia that would regulate the right to aid for members of HVO and other rights. It is expected that Republic of Croatia would take care of rights of some 13.500 members of HVO. It is important to stress that the Croatian Government and Croatian PM, Ivo Sanader, will have to sign the agreement, which should be followed by a procedure in the Croatian Parliament. Eventually, the agreement should be adopted by the BiH State Parliament too.</p>
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