

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

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 8 August

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Bos. Grahovo: Reconst. of 20 houses	Demining project in Vogosca	Dodik-Kondic trial
Grigorije urges Karadzic to surrender	RS July pensions increased for 2%	Pensions in RS
World news	World news	World News

TV news broadcast on 7 August

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Regional news	Italian press on Karadzic's arrest	World news: Russian submarine
Italian press on Karadzic and Mladic	Regional News	World news
HSS on missing persons Institute	Tihic on HR's decision on SIPA	August 7 in Velika Kladusa
BiH farmers to meet CoM	Farmers don't want to talk to Doko	Bishop urged Karadzic to surrender
NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
August 7 th in Krajina	World news: Russian submarine	World news

Audit Report for BiH DCA	Regional news	Feature on suicide in BL area
Audit Report on BiH Presidency	August 7 in Velika Kladusa	Fe: depleted uranium consequences
Musovic comments audit reports	Italian newspapers on Karadzic	Jovicic on guard at Izetbegovic grave

Oslobodjenje	There is no Karadzic at Jovan-Do, and it is unknown whether he will ever be there
Dnevni Avaz	Highway to Visoko in middle next year?
Dnevni List	Is the biggest market in Herzegovina going to shut down ?
Vecernji List	British judge submitted resignation because of Covic
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines
Glas Srpske	2,5 tons of fish died [<i>fish pestilence near Srbac</i>]
Nezavisne Novine	Four tons of fish died [<i>fish pestilence near Srbac</i>]
Blic	Features Serbia related titles
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia related titles
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbia related titles

	LATEST NEWS OF TODAY
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<p>De-mining project launched</p>	<p>BH Radio <u>Sanija Saljihi</u> – UNDP sponsored demining project has been launched today in Vogosca, Sarajevo . The analysis estimates that there are about 1.3 million unexploded devices in BiH occupying about 4% of the territory.</p>
<p>Update to Dodik-Kondic trial</p>	<p>RS Radio – During today’s resumption of the trial against Milorad Dodik and Novak Kondic before Banja Luka Basic Court, defence has started with evidence presentation. Trial is to resume of 8th September.</p>

	<p>Economic/Social Issues</p>
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<p>BiH farmers do not want to talk to Minister Doko</p>	<p>RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje pg 4 ‘Farmers do not want to talk to Doko’, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘Farmers revolted over announcement they will negotiate with Dragan Doko’, Glas Srpske pg 4 ‘A lesson for minister’ <u>by N. Z.</u> – The BiH Farmers’ Association welcomed the BiH Council of Ministers decision to start negotiations with the agricultural producers/workers, who are protesting in front of the BiH institutions building for the 45 days now. But, in the same time, farmers are revolted by the fact that Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations Dragan Doko has been authorized to lead those negotiations, because – as they say – he is one of the greatest enemies of agriculture. The BiH Farmers’ Association urged relevant institutions to remove Doko from his post, because it is obvious that he supports import lobbies.</p>
<p>PDHR Butler: Listen to farmers</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 5 ‘Listen to farmers’ <u>by Lawrence Butler</u> – PDHR Lawrence Butler, with regard to farmers’ protests, has stated in an op-ed in <i>GS</i> that farmers know what kind of structural adjustments are needed and politicians need to learn how to listen to them.</p>

<p>Negotiations on annex to Free Trade Agreement btwn BiH and Cro to begin</p>	<p>Dnevni List 'Negotiations on annex to Free Trade Agreement begin' by <u>M. Karacic</u> – A member of the Board for Implementation of the Free Trade Agreement between BiH and Croatia Damir Leko stated that according to the information that he has, an annex to the Free Trade Agreement would be discussed, however, the date on which the negotiations on this issue would start is not known yet.</p>
<p>DA on 5C Corridor: Construction of highway to Visoko to be completed only in middle next year?</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover pg splash 'Highway to Visoko in middle next year?', pg 3 'It is possible to finish highway in middle next year' by <u>I.Sinanovic</u> – The article is about construction of a part of 5C corridor on the route Visoko-Podlugovi, which will not be completed as planned (by January/February 2006), but instead by the end of first half of next year, as workers claims. Mirsad Dizdarevic, Director of the Traffic Institute of Sarajevo Construction Faculty, says that first half of next year should see the route operational, admitting there are some delays of technical nature.</p>

<p>Pink feature on possible consequences of VAT</p>	<p>Pink <u>Milka Mrdja</u> – FBiH Chamber of Commerce thinks that implementation of VAT will result in escalating of economic issues, if nothing is done on protection of domestic production. RS Chamber of Commerce and many of economic analysts seem to agree with this assessment. Chairman of Economic Chamber of Region Banja Luka, Mladen Micic thinks that implementation of VAT will produce problems, being that State still hasn't developed social programs or defined who will be beneficiaries of that program. Micic added that weaker companies in BiH will experience decrease in profit, being that increase of prices will decrease buying power of citizens. Economic analyst, Borislav Bijelic explained that prices of products, which now have lower rate of sale tax, will increase, stressing that implementation of VAT will also result with closure of certain stores, which again will result with increase of unemployment rate. Bijelic stressed that it is no surprise if organized expressions of dissatisfaction happen, even if they increase to social revolutions.</p>
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<p>NN on VAT implementation: Poor people will pay the cost of inefficient administration</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover ‘Poor people will pay the cost of inefficient administration’ <u>by M. Cubro</u> – A professor at the Faculty of Economics in Sarajevo, Izudin Kesetovic, believes the poorest categories of the population will suffer the most of consequences of the introduction of VAT, because the basic groceries would become more expensive. Bojan Zec Filipovic, advisor to CoM Chairman, has stated CoM cannot develop social programs since social policies are under constitutional competences of RS entity and F BiH Cantons. According to <i>MN</i>, F BiH Minister of Labor and Social Policy [<i>name not mentioned</i>] has stated F BiH Government has no intention to develop any social programs and added if pensioners do not have enough incomes, they should rent their apartments.</p>
<p>Idea to form emergency fund for returnees to be made concrete this week</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 6 ‘To secure more efficient assistance for returnees’ <u>by D. Kozina</u> – The idea to launch an emergency fund for offering more efficient and faster assistance to returnees should be made concrete during this week after the meeting of the BiH Minister for Refugees and Displaced Persons Mirsad Kebo and High Representative Paddy Ashdown with organizations that offer donor’s assistance such as UNDP and UNHCR.</p>

<p>FBiH Budget: Debt created by loans given to politicians amounts to 3,4 million KM</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Debt for favorable loans given to politicians amount 3,4 million KM' by <u>R. Cengic</u> – Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Finances confirmed loans with interest rate of 1% were given to politicians and outstanding cultural and sports workers. The debt for these loans, given in the course of 1999 and 2000, reached 3,4 million KM on December 31, 2004, as the office for the Audit of F BiH budget had stated. The loans were approved in line with a decision of the Canton Assembly, Chairman of which was Mirsad Kebo at the time.</p>
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	War Crimes
<p>Oslobodjenje on the spot: There is no Karadzic at Jovan-Do</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje cover pg splash, pgs 4-5 'There is no Karadzic at Jovan-Do, and it is unknown whether he will ever be there' by <u>Azhar Kalamujic</u> – The daily's team has visited the monastery facility of Jovan Krstitelj at Jovan-Dol, for which the Montenegrin weekly "Monitor" last week claimed to have provided a refuge for Radovan Karadzic. The daily carries statement of Ostrog Prior Jovan denying these media claims, further reporting on the visit and a tour of its team to this facility.</p>

Italian **Giorno**
daily: Arrest
of Karadzic a
matter of
hours

RHB, Pink, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 5 'Arrest of Karadzic a matter of hours', **Dnevni Avaz** pg 2 'Money convinced 20 criminals to surrender to The Hague', **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Arrest of Karadzic is matter of hours' by De.L., **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Arrest of Karadzic is matter of hours' by H, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 5 'Arrest of Karadzic is matter of hours' by H, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Arresting of Radovan Karadzic is a matter of time' by V. Popovic – Italian daily "Giorno" writes that arrest of **Radovan Karadzic** is matter of hours, claiming that Karadzic has lost all support and has nowhere to hide. In last few days Italian press deal with preparations for Karadzic's arrest and Republic newspaper wrote that surrender to ICTY was very profitable for families of ICTY indictees, stressing that *"in the Balkans even crime is profitable"*. According to the newspaper, some 20 ICTY indictees weren't captured by NATO, but they have surrendered after long negotiations, which were based on financial support to their families. The newspaper speculates that €5 millions are offered to **Ratko Mladic** for his surrender.

<p>Orthodox Bishop Grigorije urged Karadzic to surrender</p>	<p>BHT, RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Surrender as sacrifice’ by <u>Srna</u> – Orthodox Church Bishop of Herzegovina Grigorije urged Radovan Karadzic and other Hague indictees to surrender and to sacrifice themselves for their people. If his wife can urge Karadzic to surrender for his family’s sake, then I can urge him to surrender for his people’s well being, Grigorije said in his interview for Belgrade BK television.</p>
<p>SiCG legal representative Stojanovic: Holland has no grounds to sue SiCG</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 4 ‘Holland has no grounds to sue SiCG for genocide’ by <u>V. P.</u> – Legal representative of SiCG before the International Court of Justice at the Hague Radoslav Stojanovic says the offer of former BiH legal representative Francis Boyle, who offered the Holland Government to withdraw the lawsuit of BiH against it over Srebrenica crimes if it sues SiCG in return, was inappropriate. Stojanovic believes Holland has no grounds to sue SiCG over this.</p>

	<p>Judiciary</p>
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**Paul Garlic
who tries
'Covic and
others'
submitted
resignation**

Dnevni Avaz pg 2, mentioned on cover
'Paul Garlic who tries 'Covic and
others' submitted resignation' by A.
Malagic, Inset: 'Prosecutor submitted
resignation too', **Vecernji List** cover
pg splash 'British judge submitted
resignation because of Covic' and pg 3
'Judge Garlic left refusing to try
Covic and Lijanovics!' by Z. Kresic, V.
Rupcic say that British legal expert
Paul Richard Garlic refused to be in
charge of the court procedure for the
Covic-Lijanovici case. Garlic justified
such decision by saying that he came to
BiH to work on processing of war crimes
and not to be engaged in the cases
dealing with the organized crime and
corruption since he can be engaged in
such cases in the UK as well. VL says
that such Garlic's decision
additionally raises doubts that a part
of the International Community directs
the whole Covic-Lijanovici case since
Prosecutor **Matts Matson**, who was on
charge of the investigation, refused to
sign the bill of indictment on this
case. VL also says that Garlic stated
that after his aforementioned decision
he talked with British Ambassador to
BiH **Matthew Rycroft** and **OHR** officials
in charge of the BiH Court 's work.
According to VL, it is interesting that
the OHR did not want to say anything
about the Garlic's resignation, while
people from the British Embassy said
that they do not know about the meeting
of Rycroft and Garlic.

	Political Developments/Reforms
VL comments on BiH's prospects to join EU	<p>Vecernji List pg 4, mentioned on cover 'BiH in EU – never!?' by <u>D. Jazvic</u> carries that officially within the EU 2014 is most frequently mentioned as the year when BiH might become a full EU member. VL also says that on the other hand American analysts are much less convinced that BiH might become a full EU member by 2014 and they ground such stands on internal disagreements in BiH, as well as on the problems which emerge within the EU itself such as non-adoption of the budget for the period 2007-2013. The article also quotes the National Intelligence Council led by former US Ambassador to BiH Richard Kauzlarich that claims in his report called 'Projection of global future 2020' that in case that the EU does not implement an internal reform the process of the EU expanding might be completely stopped and in this way BiH and some other countries from the region might stay in front of the EU door forever.</p>

**VL: Serb
representatives
ready to accept
police reform
under certain
conditions**

Vecernji List pgs 4 and 5 'BiH threatened with isolation' by M. Ivesa carries an article on the police reform and VL claims that according to the sources close to the International Community the RS authorities are ready to support a new re-organization of the police under certain conditions. The first condition is the one according to which along with the police centre in Tuzla another police centre in Bijeljina would be acting as well. Also, apart from the regional police centre in Mostar, the police centre in Trebinje would be formed as well and it would get under its ingeneration the Ravno Municipality , which is situated in the Federation of BiH.

**Update to
implementation
of agreement on
harmonised
political
activities of
RS parties**

Nezavisne Novine pg 6 'Dead letter on a paper' by V.Popovic – The political parties-signatories of the Agreement on principles of harmonised political activities are of the view that eight months after, this agreement represents "a dead letter on paper with no chance for revival". The opposition is of the view that the ruling parties (SDS and PDP) have betrayed the agreed principles, since they allowed destruction of the constitutional position of the RS. **Ognjen Tadic**, political advisor to **Dragan Cavic**, who is also in charge of implementation of this agreement, says that the Agreement has never been out of effect, adding that political subjects that have signed it should raise the issue of Agreements' existence.

Interview with
SDP BiH leader
Lagumdžija: The
authority rests
for entire year

Nezavisne novine pg 5, announced on cover 'The authority rests for entire year' by V. Popovic – In a page long interview to *NW*, SDP President **Zlatko Lagumdžija** accused the current authority of failure to develop a social program that would soften economic impact on citizens' revenues after VAT is introduced. He said the authority '*instead of resolving social issues of citizens facing poverty, as well as other reforms, is taking a collective vacation*'. He emphasized only elections can change such a situation in BiH and he is certain reforms in BiH will not be implemented in BiH '*until October next year, when elections are to take place*'. Asked whether he thinks politicians would be able to reach a compromise regarding the police reform, Lagumdžija said they will, most probably, reach some kind of an agreement on police reform with four-five years long deadline for the implementation and he added: '*the authority will only create an illusion they have done something just to please **Ashdown** and their mentors. That is their goal.*'