

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 9/2/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on February 9 2005

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>BH Radio 1</b> (12,00 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (12,00 hrs)
Miletic: Mladic and Karadzic in Serbia	FBiH HoR in session	"Bobar" bank in Prnjavor robbed
BiH Sec. Ministry on arrest of PIFWC	Bank in Prnjavor robbed	Explosion in Kosovo
BiH Presidency session	4 Iraqi policemen killed	Explosion in Madrid

TV news broadcast on February 8 2005

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Terzic spoke with Barroso	Terzic met with Barroso	Mid East leaders announced truce
BiH Prosecution meets SIPA	Radivojac on Terzic's activities	Barroso on BiH association with EU
Fikret Abdic's appeal	BiH Foreign-Trade Chamber agency	HR promotes police reform in Dobo
OHR on police reform	350 million euros for BiH	BiH Rectors' Conference to be form.

<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)
Feature on a raped woman	Charges for fraud in Bihac	Terzic spoke with Barosso
Rape – war crime against humanity	Very few refugees return to Konjic	Low temperatures in RS

Terzic met with Barroso today	58 millions KM for house reconstruct.	Heating problems in Banja Luka
Issue of law on domestic violence	Disabled persons announced protests	Alijagic case update

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	Ratko Mladic is hiding on Topcider
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	FBiH Police Director Miletic: We are currently conducting 15 investigations
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Over 50 million KMs stolen
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Croatian driver got killed in Iraq
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Ljubuski welcomed 'silver' Buntic
<b>Nezavisne Novine</b>	BiH can enter Europe with single police; Dragan Cavic's advisor has been representing the plaintiff against RS
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	Siberia in Glasinac; Muslim religious law enters on back door; Ceptel wants 16 million
<b>EuroBlic</b>	Three dead in three days; They demand for compensation in the amount of 16 million KM
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	Features Serbian related titles
<b>Nacional</b>	Features Serbian related titles

<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>
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<b>FBiH HoR in session</b>	<p><b>BH Radio 1, Radio Herceg Bosna</b> – The FBiH House of Representatives has continued the session started yesterday discussing the draft Law on purchase of the apartments for which no return claim was filed. In total, there are about 9000 such apartments in the Federation of BiH. The law was previously taken off the agenda following the OHR recommendation, which said that the discussion would prejudice the conclusions of BiH Restitution Commission. According to the draft Law, tenancy rights of such apartments would be able to purchase them at the price of 600 KM per square meter, paid in cash and not in certificates.</p>
<b>‘Bobar’ bank robbed in Prnjavor</b>	<p><b>BH Radio, RTRS news</b> – Unidentified persons wearing masks have this morning robbed “Bobar” Bank in Prnjavor. The amount of BAM 31 thousand was robbed, <b>Rade Mutic</b>, the Spokesperson of the Banja Luka PSC confirmed the news.</p>

**BiH-EU relations/cooperation with ICTY**

Terzic meets  
EC's Barroso:  
SAA by May if  
cooperation  
with ICTY  
improves

RHB, PINK, BHT, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz, pg 3, mentioned on front 'If issue of The Hague is solved, negotiations in May', by S. Numanovic, **Oslobodjenje**, pg 5 'Pre-requisites for Europe remain the same', not signed, **Dnevni List** pg 4 'Restructuring of police and cooperation with The Hague crucial for BiH, mentioned on cover 'Police reform and cooperation with The Hague crucial' by NINA, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Decision on beginning of new phase of negotiations with BiH in May' by ra, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 12 'Negotiations on accession to EU in May?' by H, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'BiH can enter Europe with a single police' and pgs 2-3 'Police reform on the base of Martens' report' by Mirza Cubro, **Glas Srpske** pg 3 'Negotiations in May?' by Srna, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'EU expects Hague fugitives to be arrested' by M. C. – BHT reports: The European Commission (EC) could recommend opening of negotiations with BiH for concluding a Stabilization and Association Agreement with the EU by May this year if BiH shows concrete evidence on improvement of cooperation with the ICTY, EC President **Jose Manuel Barroso** said on Tuesday. *"If reforms in BiH are continued and if BiH enhances cooperation with the ICTY, I said to Prime Minister Adnan Terzic that we could issue a decision on Stabilization and Association Agreement for BiH by May, but a great deal of work should be done by than",* said Barroso.

<p><b>Oslobodjenje:</b> <b>Nothing new from Brussels</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 9 'Brussels' In Focus column by <u>Senka Kurtovic</u> – According to Kurtovic, the latest visit of the BiH politicians headed by BiH Council of Ministers Chairman <b>Adnan Terzic</b> in Brussels has brought nothing new to BiH citizens. The Oslobodjenje Editor-in-Chief concludes that it was just about another opportunity for BiH leaders to justify their failures.</p>
<p><b>Radivojac:</b> <b>Terzic must consult entities when representing BiH abroad</b></p>	<p><b>TV Pink</b> – RS Government finds it unacceptable to get information on visit and activities of Chair of BiH Council of Ministers, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, in media. Spokesperson for the resigning RS Prime Minister, <b>Dragan Mikerevic, Goran Radivojac</b> said <i>"As far as the RS Government is concerned, it would be extremely useful for Terzic to consult all institutions, at entities' and state levels, in order to get the more quality platform for talks. The RS Government finds it unacceptable that any BiH official, such as the case of BiH Presidency member <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> at UN General Assembly, to present a platform which can be referred to as a platform of a political party, since neither Tihic nor Terzic went there for some private reason, since he is probably totally worthless to EU institutions, but he went there as BiH representative, and he should have presented opinions which are of extreme importance for Bosniaks, Serbs and Croats. We believe that this situation is not going to last forever, since we will not be able to achieve good results if some politicians continue behaving in such unacceptable way."</i></p>

**Update to  
story on  
Mladic hiding  
at Topcider**

**Oslobodjenje**, front pg splash and pg 7 'Ratko Mladic is hiding on Topcider', by Branislav Boskov, **Dnevni Avaz**, pg 4, mentioned on front 'Popovic: SCG Army guards Ratko Mladic at Topcider', by E. Sarac – **Vladimir – Beba Popovic**, former Head of Public Relations Office at the Government of late Prime Minister **Zoran Djindjic**, has stated for B92 that the Chief of security of Guard brigade in Topcider is **Branislav Puhac**, who has been a personal bodyguard of **Ratko Mladic** for the past ten years. 'Now, you conclude where Mladic might be', Popovic has said. He added: 'It is no secret that the Army is guarding Mladic. They have been guarding him even while we were at the Government. We have had information that the Army was guarding and controlling Mladic'. However, according to Avaz's information, it is not Puhac who is guarding Mladic, it is likely that the person in question is Lt-Col of the SCG Army, **Branislav Puhalo**, from Kalinovik, which is also Mladic's birthplace. Avaz also notes that the HR, **Paddy Ashdown**, placed his (Puhalo) name on the list of persons who are forbidden to enter the EU last year.

**Nezavisne novine** pg 6 'The Army was guarding Ratko Mladic' by V. Popovic – Upon the statement of **Vladimir – Beba Popovic**, **Vladan Batic**, former Serbian Minister of Justice, has stated it is correct the Army was guarding **Ratko Mladic** but he does not know whether the Army still guards him.

**EuroBlic** pg 3 'We have never been hiding Mladic' by T. N. Dj. – Retired General **Milivoje Bojovic** denied claims according to which **Ratko Mladic** is hiding in Topcider, and he said Mladic was never hiding there. General **Aco Tomic** and Lieutenant **Radomir Cosic** also deny the Army was guarding Mladic.

<p><b>BiH Prosecution, SIPA on cooperation in war crimes cases</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'To establish SIPA office in Brcko', <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 11 'To coordinate activities in war crime cases', <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Meeting of BiH Prosecution and SIPA' <u>not signed</u> – Representatives of the BiH Prosecution and SIPA met in Sarajevo on Tuesday to discuss mutual cooperation in war crime cases. BiH Chief Prosecutor <b>Marinko Jurcevic</b> and SIPA Director <b>Sredoje Novic</b> and their associates discussed concrete activities to improve cooperation in resolution of war crime cases.</p>
<p><b>Mektic: Security Ministry to coordinate apprehension of war criminals</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4-5 'BiH Ministry of Security to coordinate hunt on fugitives' <u>A. Prlenda</u> – The BiH Ministry of Security is expecting BiH Council of Ministers to give instructions related to the harmonization of work of all law enforcement bodies in apprehension of key war crime indictees this week. According to Deputy BiH Security Minister <b>Dragan Mektic</b>, the CoM will authorize the Security Ministry to coordinate these actions.</p>

<p><b>Matanovic trials update</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 12 'Acted in line with the orders'; <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 36 'We serve the purpose of the so-called cooperation with the ICTY' by <u>SRNA</u> – 11 former police officers from Prijedor, indicted for the illegal detention of Catholic Priest Matanovic and his parents in 1995, pleaded not guilty to war crimes charges committed against civilian population in their closing statements before the Banja Luka District Court Tuesday. According to the first defendant, <b>Ranko Jakovljevic</b>, this trial is a political process that has been launched under the pressure of an inspector of the international police forces (IPTF), <b>Bob Grant</b>. Another defendant, <b>Miroslav Cadj</b>, expressed his dissatisfaction with the fact that this process is taking place adding that he had never been ordered by anybody to keep people in detention. <b>Mile Rodic</b>, another defendant, stressed that he did not participate in the misfortune of the Matanovic family but tried to help them. The resumption of the trial has been scheduled to take place on February 11.</p>
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## Political Developments/Reforms



<p><b>HR Ashdown in Doboj on Police reform</b></p>	<p><b>BHT, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni List</b>, front ‘Police should make work of criminals difficult’ and pg 2 ‘Police organized at 13 levels has difficulties in fighting crime’, by <u>H. Calic</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 3 ‘New territorial organization of Police’, by <u>M. Begic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2 ‘Ashdown visits Police’ by <u>kj</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> last pg ‘Ashdown in Doboj on police reform’ by <u>B. Jelic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 ‘Paddy Ashdown: there would be no visa-free regime without police reform’ by <u>S. C.</u>, <b>Glas srpske</b> pg 2 ‘Compliments to the police’ by <u>S. Puhalo</u> – BHT reports: The High Representative for BiH, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b>, started with promotion of his proposal for police reform in Doboj. It is expected that the way on implementation of this reform will be found by the April this year, reports BHT. The HR says that police restructuring is precondition for ensuring of no visa regime for BiH citizens. Head of Doboj Public Security center (PSC), <b>Dragan Vasilic</b>, believes that nothing significant would change if current areas of responsibility change. <i>“I still didn’t see any plan, offered options are options for talks, agreements, everything is still in the phase of discussion. As police officer, I am not in position to say that this or that plan is fully presented to us,”</i> said Vasilic. <i>“Unless we can have a single police force, we will never be able to ask for visa free access to European countries. I hope that until April we will be able to agree that there is a way for police reform,”</i> stated Ashdown. The HR will continue with his campaign on Wednesday in Tesanj, Usora and Maglaj. RTRS reports: According to the research of Partner agency 75.6% of the citizens feel that the policemen salaries in FBiH and RS should be the same, 65.8% of the citizens feel that the politicians are interfering in police business whilst the citizens are divided on the matter whether the tax payers get enough from the police.</p>
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<p><b>OHR on Police reform</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 4 'Police in service of citizens, not politicians', by <u>A. P.</u> – <i>"If the Police experts in BiH, with support from <b>Wilfried Martens</b>, who chaired the Police Restructuring Commission, have given the recommendations for improving the police force in BiH, which will work in the interest of citizens and be freed from political influence, than the politicians need to recognize this and do their utmost in order to make the police force in BiH better and to work in the interest of BiH citizens"</i>, a spokesperson of the OHR, <b>Vedran Persic</b>, made this statement on Tuesday at a press conference when asked to comment on the mainly negative reactions of BiH politicians to the proposed police reform. <i>"It is expected from BiH politicians to act in the interest of citizens"</i>, said Persic.</p>
<p><b>Sarajevo Canton Govt against Police organization proposal</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 'Igman and Bjelasnica must remain part of Sarajevo Region' <u>A. Malagic</u> – The Sarajevo Canton Government considers as unacceptable the proposed organization of police in BiH foreseeing exclusion of the Trnovo and Ilijas municipalities as well as mountains of Bjelasnica and Igman from the (future) Sarajevo (police) Region, according to Sarajevo Canton Prime Minister <b>Denis Zvizdic</b>. Zvizdic says that any regional police organization must be based on economy, infrastructure and communication. Heads of Trnovo and Hadzici Municipalities support the Cantonal Government's position.</p>
<p><b>RS Govt: RS MoI must stay</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, RTRS, Nezavisne novine</b> pg 3 'Reform only in accordance with Constitutions of RS and BiH' by <u>D. R. and V. P.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 2 'Nothing aside the Constitution' by <u>V. J.</u> – RS Government in resignation concluded that police restructuring could be carried out on basis of consensus only. RS Government concluded that RS MoI has to exist in the future structure of BIH police.</p>

<p><b>Ivanic on Police reform</b></p>	<p><b>Novi Reporter</b> pgs 16-19 by <u>I. Gajic-S.Bizic</u> – Carries a lengthy interview with PDP President, <b>Mladen Ivanic</b>, in the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of <i>Novi Reporter</i>. Commenting on the proposed Police restructuring map, he says: <i>“I think the HR and those who took part in map drawing do not have bad-intentions, regardless of many discords with them. They simply are not familiar with circumstances and do not feel the weight and importance if these symbolic issues for the situation in BiH. It is obvious that there is a hidden concept to define a different territorial organisation of BiH instead of complying police structure with territorial organisation of BiH.”</i></p>
<p><b>Selection of RS Police Director starts today</b></p>	<p><b>BHT, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 ‘Jovicic, Andan and Jaganjac have applied for vacancy’ by <u>D. R.</u> – The independent Board for Selection of RS Police Director will today (Wednesday) open all applications for this position in order to select the best candidate in the next several days, as <b>Ilija Lukic</b>, the Chairman of the Board, has stated. Sources close to the Board say that, among other, <b>Dragan Andan, Dragomir Jovicic</b> and <b>Amir Jaganjac</b> have applied at the vacancy.</p>
<p><b>VL on Police reform</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 5 ‘To make police even more efficient’ by <u>M. Relota</u> carries that the Federation of BiH Minister of Interior <b>Mevludin Halilovic</b> confirmed that the police structure in the FBiH cannot respond to more serious forms of crime and he supports the EC stands on necessity of the police reform. VL also says that the <b>OHR</b> as well stressed that BiH politicians should do all they can to make the police better and more efficient. VL also mentioned the future police regions in BiH and commenting on this issue VL says that the most important decision is the one on the ground of which the unification of police in the Sarajevo areas a will take place.</p>

<p><b>Miletic on Police reform, war crimes</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover page, pg 5 ‘We are currently conducting 15 investigations’ – in an interview with the daily, FBiH Police Administration Director <b>Zlatko Miletic</b> claims that the murder cases that have been investigated for years are not forgotten. Regarding the proposed police organization, Miletic said that the initial proposal had been establishment of a single police structure at the state level with five regions. However, the compromise is needed in police reform, according to Miletic, and it must be accepted by RS representatives. The important is also precise definition of the state coordination body’s tasks in this sector. The FBiH police chief said that the main responsibility for the apprehension of war crime indictees lies with RS police but that other police/security agencies in the country had to be involved as well.</p>
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<p>RS politicians on support to PM designate Bukejlovic, Agreement on harmonized political activities</p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'Dragan Cavic waiting for PDP request' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – RS President's Cabinet has told <i>NN</i> that <b>Dragan Cavic</b>, RS President, is waiting for official PDP demand for a meeting of signatory-parties of Agreement on principles of harmonised political activities, in order to take official stance towards it. <b>Bosko Siljegovic</b>, SDS Vice President, is of the view that the PDP request should be viewed as a positive hope that PDP would support the election of <b>Pero Bukejlovic's</b> Government. <b>Igor Radojicic</b>, SNSD Secretary General, has stated that SNSD sees no need for holding such a meeting, reiterating this party does not support the nomination of <b>Bukejlovic</b> as RS PM. <b>DNS</b> is of the view that the signatories of the Agreement should again taker their stances towards the Agreement, in order to "<i>see who has made what moves and what has been respected</i>". <b>SPRS</b> is of the view that the Agreement has been "<i>jeopardised owing to SDS and PDP stances</i>". <b>Tihomir Gligoric</b>, SPRS Vice President, is of the view that PDP wants to again get closer to SDS in order to resolve the crisis at the BiH COM.</p>
<p>RS politicians on the Agreement on harmonized political activities</p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'They failed at the beginning' by <u>N. Diklic</u> – The article brings some further comments on the Agreement. <b>Radojicic</b> has said that "<i>the Agreement should have represented a response of Serb parties onto pressures RS was exerted to.</i>" <b>Mladen Bosic</b>, SDS Presidency member, is of the view the Agreement is still in effect, still no party has so far violated it. <b>Petar Djokic</b>, SPRS President, is of the view that "<i>the Agreement has resulted from a desire of <b>Dragan Cavic</b> to weaken opposition parties</i>", reiterating SPRS would not take part in the Government with nationalistic parties. <b>Milanko Mihajlica</b>, President of Serb Radical Party, is of the opinion that during the negotiating process on government composition, parties have failed at the test of unity at the very beginning.</p>

<p><b>Pensioners' Party to support Bukejlovic</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 5 'One condition after another' by <u>D. Z.</u> – Pensioners' Party has decided to support PM designate <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b> under certain conditions. The party demands that the Cabinet includes professional and honest Ministers who reside in RS, excluding members of political parties that fight for abolishing of the republic bodies and institutions. The party also demands from the new Government to accelerate privatisation process, fight against corruption and organized crime. The Party demands to have the post of Associate Minister for Pension and Disability Insurance or Associate Director of Pension and Insurance Fund, as well as at least 15 posts at steering and supervising boards of strategic firms and payment of full pensions as of March.</p>
<p><b>SNSD will not support Bukejlovic</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 5 'SNSD will not support election of Bukejlovic to position of RS Prime Minister' by <u>NINA</u>, <b>Glas srpske</b>, pg 5 'Bukejlovic without support' by <u>D. D.</u> – SNSD member <b>Nikola Spiric</b> confirmed that the SNSD Executive Board concluded that its members would not support the election of <b>Pero Bukejlovic</b> to the position of the RS Prime Minister. According to Spiric, SNSD's perception of the RS authority is the authority without SDS.</p>

## Economy/Social Affairs

**Alijagic case  
update:  
Ambassador  
Griscenko in  
Trebinje**

**RTRS, Pink, Hayat, Nezavisne Novine** pg 4  
'The last account of Trebinje Municipality  
was blocked' by V. D., **EuroBlic** pg RS3  
'Sum under suspicion' by Tijana  
Veselinovic and Vedran Mihojevic, **Glas  
Srpske** pg 2 'Shed light on truth' by M.  
Bestic – Trebinje Mayor **Dobroslav Cuk** held  
a press conference Tuesday, at which he  
stated that the last account of Trebinje  
Municipality has been blocked.  
Approximately 115,000 KM was transferred  
from TrebinjeMunicipality accounts to  
accounts of Alijagic brothers in the past  
month. Russian Ambassador to BiH  
**Aleksandar Grischenko** visited Trebinje and  
met Mayor Cuk Tuesday. The Ambassador  
emphasized that the issue must be resolved  
as soon as possible and added that  
Trebinje citizens cannot be held hostages  
of this case.  
**EuroBlic** pg RS3 'Sum under suspicion' by  
Tijana Veselinovic and Vedran Mihojevic –  
quotes Mayor Cuk as saying he would not  
proclaim a state of emergency as yet as he  
had announced. Inset 'Water supply in  
jeopardy' reads that Trebinje citizens  
might be left without potable water and  
street lights due to this case.

<p><b>Dragan Cavic's advisor was legal representative of Alijagic brothers</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne novine</b> pg 4, announced on cover 'Dragan Cavic's advisor was representing lawsuit against RS' by <u>P. Klinčov</u> – The article claims <b>Jovan Cizmovic</b> had been at the same time advisor to RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> and legal representative of Alijagic bothers for a full month. <i>NN</i> carries a facsimile of an authorization letter <b>Salih Alijagic</b> gave to Cizmovic to represent him at the Court. <b>SDS</b> refused to comment the information, while <b>SNSD, SPRS</b> and <b>DNS</b> criticize this fact.</p>
<p><b>FBiH HoR on Social Welfare Law</b></p>	<p><b>RHB, Hayat, BHT, Dnevni List</b> pg 5 '32 million KMs lacking in budget' by <u>J. Petrovic</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 8  'Implementation of the law to start this year', <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 2 'Deputies rejected changes to the Law on Disabled Persons' –  The Federation of BiH House of Representatives withdrew from the agenda of its session held on Tuesday a proposal of the Law on amendments to the Law on basis of social welfare, protection of civilian war victims and families with children. Through these amendments to the current Law the FBiH Government wanted to postpone its application by January 1, 2006 since there are no funds for its application in the FBiH budget for this year.</p>



<p><b>SDA MP Hasanovic advocates polygamy</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 5, mentioned on front 'Polygamy should be legalized in BiH' by <u>Pincom</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> last pg, mentioned on front 'SDA representative demand introduction of polygamy' by <u>F. Glas Srpske</u> cover 'Muslim religious law enters on back door' by <u>Agencies</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'He demands for legalization of marriages with several persons of the opposite sex' by <u>R. C. Oslobodjenje</u> pg 3 'Polygamy or democratic principles', report that during the aforementioned session, an SDA representative <b>Mirsad Hasanovic</b> submitted a proposal to the FBiH Family Law an amendment according to which the same person can have two or more civil marriages at the same time without an obligation to divorce in order to marry again. Hasanovic said that in this way the cases, which already exist in BiH, would be legalized.</p>
<p><b>EBRD announces investments in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Pink, Hayat, RTRS</b> – Director of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development said the Bank was going to invest 350 million Euros in BiH through 39 different projects. Means are going to be allocated to medium and small size companies, as well as to strategic companies. Means are also going to be allocated to BiH railways, since they are of extreme importance for development of heavy industry and transport.</p>

<p><b>Brajkovic on investments in BiH</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 4 'Government is working on pulling down of Aluminij' by <u>Z. Kresic</u></p> <p>Commenting on the initiatives for selective privatisation audit, VL carries General Manager of Aluminij, <b>Mijo Brajkovic</b>, as saying: <i>'The Federation of BiH Government is absolutely responsible for stopping of new investments since none is willing to go with new investments when we cause obstructions all the time and do not respect ownership relations. It seems that the only problem are companies that work well.'</i></p>
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**Frauds in  
Elektrobosna  
Jajce?**

**Dnevni List** cover pg splash and pg 3 'Over 50 million KMs stolen' by DL investigative team – Carries Director of Elektrobosna company from Jajce, **Tomislav Mihalj**, who talks about numerous irregularities in this company. Mihalj explains that after the privatisation Elektrobosna was divided in two parts, that is, Elektroprivreda d.d. and Elektroprivreda N. Mihalj added that company 'New East' from London owns majority of shares in Elektroprivreda N and according to him this is a fictitious company. He also said that analyses of the financial situation in the company have shown that unmet obligations of Elektrobosna towards its suppliers amount to 49,8 million KMs and fictitious debts amount to 17 million KMs. Mihalj said that due to this situation he demanded from the Elektrobosna Steering Board (SB) to hold an extraordinary session and discuss these problems, however, the SB said that there was no need for it since a regular session would take place soon anyway. Mihalj said that the SB did hold a session in Split on January 17 during which they passed the decision on absolving him of duty and appointing **Ivica Cobanac** to the position of an acting Director of Elektrobosna.

<p><b>Parliamentarians do not want to give up benefits</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4-5, mentioned on cover ‘Going to pension in the age of 60 and with 20 years of service’ <u>Vedrana Zivak</u> – According to the author, the BiH parliamentarians do not want to give up on the benefits allowing them to retire at the age of 60 and with 20 years of service.</p>
<p><b>SDHR Wnendt in Croatia : Meeting with Croatian MPs on return related issues</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 9 ‘Croatia is expecting new wave of returnees’ <u>not signed</u> – President of the Croatian Parliament Board for Foreign Policy <b>Gordan Jandrokovic</b> and President of the Board for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation <b>Milorad Pupovac</b> received yesterday Senior Deputy High Representative <b>Werner Wnendt</b>. Wnendt was especially interested in the current situation when the return of refugees and displaced persons to Croatia is in question. Pupovac stressed that the progress has been marked in the area, however, influence of the old politics that they are trying to get rid of, is still present. Pupovac added: ‘<i>We are in an open process and we believe that a new wave of returnees will come to Croatia within this process. It is about the younger population and families with children.</i>’ Also covered by <b>Jutarnji List</b> pg 9 ‘Jandrokovic and Pupovac with Ambassador Wnendt’ <u>by HINA</u> and <b>Vjesnik</b> pg 4 ‘Jandrokovic and Pupovac with Ambassador Wnendt’ <u>by HINA</u>.</p>

## Legal Proceedings

<p><b>Cengic to enter plea on Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Hayat, Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 2 'Hasan Cengic enters plea on February 14', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 3 'Hasan Cengic enters plea on February 14', by <u>L. S.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Cengic to enter his plea Monday' by <u>A. D.</u> – An MP in the BiH Parliament's House of Peoples, <b>Hasan Cengic</b>, should enter plea at BiH Court on Monday, February 14. Cengic is being charged with abuse of office/authority.</p>
<p><b>"Ceptel holding" sued RS Government</b></p>	<p><b>Glas Srpske</b> cover 'Ceptel wants 16 million' by <u>G. D.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'RS Government postponed settlement with Ceptel' by <u>D. Risojevic</u>, <b>EuroBlic</b> pg RS2, announced on cover 'They demand for compensation in the amount of 16 million KM' by <u>Srna</u> – RS Government stated Tuesday "Ceptel holding" sued RS at Banja Luka Basic Court, demanding for compensation in the amount of approximately 16 million KM for damage the firm suffered due to inability to provide GSM telecommunication services. "Ceptel holding" had expressed its willingness to withdraw the lawsuit in case of an out-of-court settlement. RS Government held a session Tuesday at which it concluded it is not in a position to present its stance with regard to the out-of-court settlement without additional information. The Government will be informed on reasons because of which the project had not been realized and the Government will again discuss this issue in second mid of February.</p>

<p><b>Arms seized at Ilidza</b></p>	<p><b>FTV, BHT, Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 8 '308 automatic rifles seized, two persons arrested', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> last pg '308 hidden guns found' <u>by H</u> – Federation of BiH Police have discovered 308 automatic rifles with clips and a small quantity of ammunition in a private building in Ilidza, the FBiH Interior Ministry has said. The arms were transported and stored in a safe place in cooperation with EUFOR. The investigation resulted in the arrest of two persons suspected of committing the criminal offence of illegal distribution of weapons and military equipment.</p>
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