

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 9/2/2006

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 9 February

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
Apologies for burning of flags in SA	NATO action in Vlasenica	NATO search in Vlasenica
Update to teachers' strike in WHC	Case of Badnjar, state secret	EU forwards file to Montenegro
NATO operation in Vlasenica	Miners in Breza froze their strike	Protests re. Mohamed caricature

TV news broadcast on 8 February

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Protests re Danish cartoons in SA	Protest in Sarajevo	Protest against Prophet caricatures
Croatian MoFA on protests in SA	BiH Presidency on protests in SA	Reactions to protests in Sarajevo
No protests held in Tuzla	World News	World News
Regional News	Decision on symbols of infantry	Moroccan arrested by SIPA

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Protests re Danish cartoons in SA	Protest against Prophet caricatures	Protest in Sarajevo
Regional News	Reactions to protests in Sarajevo	Regional News

World News	Cro. officials on Prophet caricatures	World News
Issue of BiH- SCG lawsuit	World News	Future election of RS Government

Oslobodjenje	[Protestors in Sarajevo] Such freedom insults us
Dnevni Avaz	Dodik announces overthrowing of Terzic
Dnevni List	Norwegian, Danish and Croatian flags burnt down (on protest in Sarajevo)
Vecernji List	Croatian flag burnt down (on protest in Sarajevo)
Slobodna Dalmacija	Butcher from Crvena Stijena pensioner in Fojnica (on alleged Communist time criminal)
Nezavisne Novine	Flags set afire
Glas Srpske	For Allah against Vlachs / Serbs (<i>protest in Sarajevo</i>)
EuroBlic	Key ministries for SNSD
Vecernje novosti	Features Serbian related topics

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY

<p>NATO searches house of suspected Mladic's aide in Vlasenica</p>	<p>RTRS – This morning at about 07:30, NATO searched the house of Milisav Kljestan in Vlasenica, suspecting he has ties to the network supporting general Ratko Mladic. A press release issued by the NATO Headquarters Sarajevo reads: <i>"The search was done in order to gather additional information on the network and try to determine Mladic's location. The house was searched in line with NATO mandate to provide support to the ICTY regarding the arrest of persons indicted of war crimes."</i></p> <p>The press release further reminds of reward offered (of BAM 8.5 million) for any information regarding whereabouts of war crime suspects Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic, Vlastimir Djordjevic, Goran Hadzic, Stojan Zupljanin and Zdravko Tolimir. Dragomir Peric, Spokesperson of Bijeljina PSC , confirmed that RS police was informed of NATO's action in Vlasenica, noting details and results of the investigation are to be made public by NATO Spokesperson. RHB , BH Radio – also reported.</p>
<p>Serbian police arrests suspected Mladic's aide in Belgrade</p>	<p>RTRS – 30-day detention has been set against Sasa Badnjar, former RS office, in Belgrade on suspicion he has been aiding hiding of Ratko Mladic, Serbian media reported last night. Badnjar used to be member of security of Mladic. He was in charge of Mladic' communication, owing to which reason Serbian authorities believe they may get information regarding Mladic' whereabouts. RHB, BH Radio – also reported.</p>

<p>HR Schwarz Schilling to meet BH CoM Chair</p>	<p>RTRS – At today's IO's press conference, Ljiljana Radetic, OHR Spokesperson, has announced that the HR, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, is meeting today with the CoM Chair, Adnan Terzic. According to her, at this meeting, the HR will reiterate the fact that the SAA process is the most important issue now facing BiH. She also stated that: <i>"In his discussions this morning the High Representative will emphasize the crucial role of the Council of Ministers in maintaining the momentum of this process, in maintaining a creative and disciplined BiH negotiating stance, and in maintaining public support for the process, by ensuring that the people of BiH are informed about developments as they unfold. In addition to meetings with representatives of the authorities, the High Representative is also meeting a broad range of political leaders to discuss the overall political environment of BiH, including the importance of making this year's election campaign issue-driven rather than personality-driven."</i> RHB– also reported.</p> <p>RHB– BiH Council of Ministers at the session today would discuss Proposal of law on changes and amendments to law on criminal code of BiH, and Proposal of law on changes and amendments to VAT law.</p>
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Protests over caricatures in European press

Protests in Sarajevo over cartoons portraying Prophet Mohammed in European press; flags burnt, but no serious incidents

Hayat– On Wednesday, over 1000 persons protested over caricatures portraying **Prophet Mohammed** that appeared in the European press in front of the Danish, Norwegian and French Embassies in Sarajevo. Gathered citizens submitted the requests to French and Norwegian Embassies demanding explicit and public apology and sanctions for those responsible for publishing these drawings. **RTRS – Salih Begovic**, representative of protesters, called on boycott of products made in Denmark and other countries that published the cartoons. According to RTRS, demonstrations underwent in the downtown in peace, but protesters called Serbs, Jews and US President **George Bush** by offensive names. FBiH MoI spokesperson **Jusuf Zornic** said that protests ended without major incidents. As for two men who burnt the flags of Norway, France, Denmark and Croatia in front of the Norwegian Embassy and added that those who set fire to flags will be brought before the Law. **FTV –** Organisers of protests condemned burning of flags. **Dnevni Avaz** pg 13 'Freedom of expression comprehends obligations as well'- French Ambassador to BiH **Henry Zipper De Fabiani** stated that principle of press expression freedom should not be denied. Ambassador stressed that France has total confidence in BiH authorities to main peaceful situation and welcomes invitations to peaceful protests sent by Islamic Community and BiH authorities. **RHB, PINK, BHT1, Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pgs 4-5 'We are insulted by such freedom of speech' by Asaf Becirovic **Dnevni Avaz** pg 13 'Apology for cartoons and boycott of products demanded', mentioned on cover 'Protests before embassies in Sarajevo', **Dnevni List** cover pg splash and pg 3 'Norwegian, Danish and Croatian flags burnt down' by R. Dautevendic, **Vecernji List** cover pg splash 'Croatian flag burnt down' and pgs 2 and 3 'Flags in flame' by D. Jazvic, **Jutarnji List** cover pg splash and pgs 2 and 3 'Croatian flag burnt down' by S. Pavic, S. Simic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pgs 4 and 5 'Croatian flag burnt down' by I. Scepanovic, **Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash 'Flags set afire', pg 3 'Flags of Denmark, Norway and Croatia burnt down' by D.Muminovic, **Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'For Allah against Vlachs [Serbs]' by N.Z. – also carried.

<p>CoM condemns burning of Croatian flag; BiH Presidency members Jovic/Tihic: citizens have right to express disapproval; Ivanic/Dodik on Sarajevo protests</p>	<p>BHT1, Dnevni Avaz pg 13 'That is not and can't be approach of BiH citizens toward insults'- BiH Council of Ministers condemned the act of burning flags during the protest rally in Sarajevo. BiH CoM expressed its regrets over the fact that the protests were aimed against neighbouring Croatia, noting its one was of the first countries which officials condemned the cartoons. BHT1– Commenting the protests, Chair of BiH Presidency Ivo Miro Jovic stated that everyone has the right to express disapproval in peaceful demonstrations. He called on the protesters in BiH to sustain from any violence. PINK, RTRS, FTV– carried Jovic. RTRS– BiH Presidency member Sulejman Tihic said that BiH citizens have right to show their disagreement. Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'For Allah against Vlachs' by N.Z. – While in Banja Luka, Mladen Ivanic, BH Foreign Minister, commented the protests in Sarajevo: <i>"I am of the view that protests are not necessary, but everybody has a right to express his/her view."</i> Milorad Dodik, SNSD President, told TANJUG news agency that protests throughout the world have obtained unnecessary character.</p>
<p>Croatian MoFA condemned burning of Croatian flag; Croatian Officials condemned the 'Nacional' publishing of caricatures</p>	<p>RHB, Dnevni List pg 3 'Burning down of Croatian flag condemned' <u>not signed</u>– Croatian Foreign Ministry condemned events in Sarajevo during which Croatian flag was set on fire. The Croatian Government expressed the fact that Prophet Mohammed's caricatures were published in magazine 'Nacional', reiterating it has nothing to with the issue and condemning any kind of intolerance, said the Minister Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic. Grabar-Kitarovic said she was sure that BiH authorities condemn the act. Vecernji List pg 2 'Croatian Embassy condemns incident' <u>not signed</u> carries that the Croatian Embassy in BiH condemned burning down of the Croatian flag. Also, the Croatian Embassy will not demand reaction of the BiH authorities, however it expects additional measures when security of their facilities in BiH is in question. FTV – Chair of Croatian Parliament Vladimir Seks and President Stipe Mesic harshly condemned the fact that the weekly magazine "Nacional" had published the caricatures showing Prophet Mohammed. Distributor of "Nacional" in BiH decided not to distribute the magazine in BiH, because of fear for security of its premises and employees. BHT1, RTRS – reported.</p>

<p>VL: Slobodna Bosna published these cartoons months ago; Reactions to cartoons</p>	<p>Vecernji List cover pg splash ‘Croatian flag burnt down’ and pgs 2 and 3 ‘Flags in flame’ by <u>D. Jazvic</u> VL inset ‘Caricatures were published in BiH as well’ carries that the caricatures were published in ‘Slobodna Bosna’ as early as in November last year, however there were no some serious protests of the Moslem community in BiH at that time. Oslobodjenje pgs 4-5 ‘React with contempt, not with violence’ by <u>M.K.S.</u> – Article carries reactions on Sarajevo protests by Sarajevo University professor Enes Karic, FBiH Ombudsman for Media Mehmed Halilovic, caricaturist Djoko Ninkovic and magazine Dani editor Senad Pecanin who all opposed both insulting cartoons and insulting protests.</p>
<p>NN op-ed praise Effendi Cerić’ call to citizens “to abstain from aggressiveness”</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 ‘Five minutes to twelve’ by <u>Nihada Jablic</u> – Commenting on the latest statement of Reis-ul-ulema Mustafa Effendi Cerić (regarding Mohammed and his call on citizens to abstain from aggressive responses to “provocations” and stay at home since much more important issues need to be solved), the author stresses this is most certainly the best move Effendi Cerić has done for the last 13 years, ever since he was elected head of Islamic Religious Community in BiH.</p>
<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed: Sarajevo protests could only bring damage to BiH while SAA talks are undergoing</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 ‘Protest in Sarajevo’ by <u>Daniel Omeragic</u> – Editorial reads that reactions of Islamic Community leader Mustafa effendi Cerić and SDA leader Sulejman Tihic were not enough to prevent Wednesday’s protest in Sarajevo. Author says that these protests could only bring damage to BiH while the talks Stabilisation and Association Agreement [SAA] are undergoing, adding that Moslems should respect European way of living, as Europe must respect Islam. Editorial concludes that Denmark and Norway took care of numerous BiH citizens during the war, what was forgotten on Wednesday’s protests.</p>
<p>DL op-ed condemning protest in Sarajevo</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 ‘They returned us 100 years back in the past’ by <u>N. Dedic</u> condemns the Wednesday’s protest in Sarajevo and the author says that this protest showed that BiH went 100 years back in the past and that this trend would continue as long as people who were at the protest yesterday are among us.</p>

VL op-ed condemns publishing of Prophet Mohammed caricatures	Vecernji List pg 2 'Prisoners of freedom' by <u>Z. Cosic</u> condemns publishing of caricatures of Prophet Mohammed and the author wonders ' <i>as to what the freedom of speech means if the guards of human dignity and ethics are not at its borders</i> '.
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Reshuffling in entity governments

<p>RS PM-designate Dodik: SNSD to get nine positions; PDP two ministries plus RSNA Speaker' position, SDP two positions; DNS, SDA, SP RS and SBiH one ministry each</p>	<p>RTRS – According to media speculations, Milorad Dodik, RS PM-designate, already enjoys a support of 45 RS National Assembly representatives, defined program for the new Government and composition of the personnel even before the end of the consultations with political parties. Consultations are expected to finish by the end of week when PM-designate will ask for session of RSNA.</p> <p>New Government should be elected between February 20th and 25th. According to the RTRS, agreement on ministerial positions was achieved without much talk. Nine ministerial positions would go to SNSD, two Ministers and the RSNA Speaker would be from the PDP and DNS, while SDA, SDP, SP RS and SBiH would each get one ministerial position. <i>“Eight ministers would be from SNSD plus the Prime Minister, since it is a fact that SNSD bears responsibility for this Government and we... ask for support for this concept from everyone and I have to say that we did get that support”</i>, said Dodik.</p> <p>Mladen Ivanic, PDP said that PDP would not ask more than PDP has a right to ask for if PM-designate wants party's support. Marko Pavic from DNS said that DNS asked for one ministerial position and one RSNA seat. Predrag Kovacevic from DSS said that DSS did not condition its support, and reporter comments they will probably ask for two RSNA positions. Club Centar is also expected to give support to Dodik. SDS and SRS will go to opposition. According to RTRS, no one from previous Government will sit in new Government, including Interior Minister Darko Matijasevic who after talks with RS President decided not to remain at the position although he was offered. RTRS also speculates that Omer Brankovic, SDA and Slaven Pekic, PDP might get ministerial positions again and that Novak Kondic or Aleksandar Dzombic might get position of Minister of Finance while DNS would nominate Nedeljko Cubrilovic for position of Minister of Communications and Transport.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 2 'Dodik announces overthrowing of Terzic' by N.Diklic, Dnevni List, pg 5 'Republika Srpska gets new government', <u>not signed</u> – unlike the RTRS report, both DA and DL report that Dodik stated the SDP had been offered two ministerial positions in the new Government. Hayat, RHB, BHT1, Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Dodik offers ministry to SDA' by O.V.– carried similar reports.</p>
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<p>SNSD to get ministries of internal affairs, education, health; PDP's Trifkovic to be new RSNA Speaker?</p>	<p>EuroBlic cover pg splash, RSpG 1 'Key ministries to SNSD' by <u>Rajna Radosavljevic</u>, RSpG Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Eight ministries to SNSD' by <u>V.Popovic</u> – Talking about possible composition of the new RS Government, Milorad Dodik said <i>"SNSD representative will be at MoI, since the fight against organized crime will be the priority of new Government."</i> He added SNSD staff would most likely be leading ministries of education and culture, health and social welfare. He stressed Darko Matijasevic and Svetlana Cenic will not be in the new government. According to inset 'Nevenka Trifkovic instead of Dusan Stojicic', daily learns that apart from 2 ministerial posts, PDP would also get the seat of RS NA Speaker, to which Nevenka Trifkovic, Head of PDP Caucus at RS NA, will be proposed according to source from PDP. Glas Srpske pg 5 'Line of support, line of conditions' by <u>Z.Markovic</u> – GS says that on Sunday Dodik would forward a demand for RSNA session to discuss the issue of composition and programme of new RS Government.</p>
<p>PM-designate Dodik announces overthrowing of CoM Chair Terzic; SDS to meet Dodik and talk about new RS Government</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz cover splash, pg 2 'Dodik announces overthrowing of Terzic' by <u>N.Diklic</u> – SNSD leader and RS Prime Minister designate Milorad Dodik stated for DA that he is not satisfied with work of BiH Council of Ministers, adding that he intends to call on reconstruction of this body. Commenting SDS's call on its representative ministers in the CoM and a suggestion for the SNSD and other parties which will form the new RS Government to fill in these positions, Dodik says that SNSD would never agree to having Adnan Terzic in the position of the CoM Chair. <i>"It is clear for a longer time that he has no support as the Chair. He should take a stance on this issue, and not act alike former RS PM Pero Bukejlovic,"</i> said Dodik. On Wednesday Dodik met with RS President Dragan Cavic, and he said that they only discussed the constitutional changes. Borislav Bojic, SDS Caucus chief in the RSNA, said that despite the decision of the Main Board delegation of this party would meet with Dodik on Sunday to discuss the position in the new Government, however he adds that he doesn't believe that party's stance would change. Glas Srpske pg 5 'Offer rejected' by <u>BETA</u>, EuroBlic RSpG 1 inset '<u>Matijasevic won't go with Dodik</u>' – also carries that Matijasevic rejected the offer for RS MoI.</p>

<p>NN op-ed: Dodik surrounded with friends and “so called friends</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine op-ed pg 7 ‘Unclear re-grouping’ by <u>Pero Simic</u> – Writing about consultations and speculations regarding composition of the new RS Government led by Milorad Dodik, the author expresses support to efforts Dodik will have to make to un-do all the wrong Pero Beukejlovi’c Government has done. He is also skeptical of latest support expressed to Dodik by various political parties, his friends and so-called “friends”. He notes Dragan Cavic obviously proved not to be inclined to political suicide, proved by the fact he had proposed Dodik PM-designate. He concludes by saying we all need to show patience to new PM-designate, who wants to take over responsibility.</p>
<p>SDS: CoM and BiH Parliament would not be affected by decision to cross to opposition</p>	<p>Hayat– SDS Main Board announced on Tuesday that this party would go into opposition in RS National Assembly and BiH Parliamentary Assembly, and called on SDS Ministers in the BiH Council of Ministers to resign. As SDS leader Dragan Cavic said, SDS has no Ministers in the CoM, which means that no one could resign, says the reporter. <i>“We have two Ministers who are not members of SDS, but SDS proposed them and supported their proposal; these are BiH Justice Minister Slobodan Kovac and Defence Minister Nikola Radovanovic”,</i> said SDS’s Bosko Siljegovic and added that BiH would lose a lot if they resign. The fact that SDS is going into opposition will not affect the work of the BiH House of Representatives, in which there are 5 SDS members, says Siljegovic, but in terms of BiH HoP, SDS could block adoption of laws, still Siljegovic believes that it will not happen. <i>“HoP representatives are not being seen as some political parties’ representatives. I do not like being referred to as one political party representative”,</i> explains Siljegovic.</p>
<p>Kovac, Radovanovic believes their resignations would only deepen crisis in CoM</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 ‘Kovac: Demands for resignations not wise’ – SDS-supported BiH Ministers of Justice Slobodan Kovac and Defense Nikola Radovanovic believe that their withdrawal from the posts would only deepen crisis in CoM. Radovanovic said that he would decide on his possible resignation only after and if he receives officials SDS request. He however added that resignations would not be solution. Kovac also thinks that requests for his and Radovanovic’s resignations coming from SDS are not very wise. <i>“It would be better for politicians to turn to Europe than political games,”</i> said Kovac.</p>

<p>DL on SDS's decision to go into opposition: Blockade of BiH CoM come late February</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 5 'Blockade of Council of Ministers to happen in late February', by <u>Ivica Glibusic</u> – commenting on the decision of the SDS Main Board to go into opposition in the RSNA and BiH Parliament and the request that the SDS-backed ministers in the BiH CoM resign, <u>Glibusic</u> reckons these are the signs of a big crisis at the state level, which will start in late February when a new RS Government is to be formed. <u>Glibusic</u> does not even rule out a possibility of a major crisis in the BiH Parliament that could lead to forming of a new majority or even organization of early elections. As for Milorad Dodik becoming a new RS Prime Minister, <u>Glibusic</u> believes it will bring nothing good to BiH since, according to <u>Glibusic</u>, Dodik proved to be <i>"harder than the radical SDS"</i> during the constitutional reforms talks.</p>
<p>DA op-ed: Demand for SDS-supported ministers to resign from BiH CoM is revenge to SDS leader Cavic</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'SDS' revenge to Dragan Cavic' <u>op-ed by Edina Sarac</u> – Commenting demand of SDS Main Board for the SDS-supported ministers in BiH Council of Ministers to resign, author says this is SDS revenge against party's President Dragan Cavic. Cavic himself would never demand these resignations due to his secret political agreements, reads editorial, adding that SDS has no intention to initiate crisis in BiH CoM, for they would have set official initiative if that was the case. Author also says that Cavic never managed to get full support in the party.</p>

<p>Solving of crisis through establishment of a ministry; Hadzipasic claims that crisis could have been avoided</p>	<p>Hayat– Leading FBiH political parties [HDZ, SDA and SBiH] have agreed to solve the crisis they have created in FBiH through establishment of a Ministry. FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic said that the issue could have been solved a long time ago, when the Law on Government was being changed. <i>“Dissatisfaction could have been stressed at that point, that ministry without portfolio should not be established; instead an operative ministry should be established. The error has been made, especially due to the fact that FBiH Ministry of Justice, with HDZ representative being the Minister, proposed the law. If there had been any misunderstandings, the Minister should have reported it and the whole issue could have been solved long time ago”</i>, said Hadzipasic. HDZ denies allegations on being responsible for the crisis by insisting on ministerial positions in the FBiH Government. <i>“If we had been interested in creation of crisis in the FBiH Government, we would have created it so far, the FBiH President could have dismissed the FBiH Parliament, the budget would be passed”</i>, said the Spokesperson to BiH HDZ Miso Relota. <i>“The OHR wants to see this issue solved as soon as possible in order for the Government to be established and for reform process to be continued without any obstacles”</i>, said the Spokesperson to OHR Oleg Milisic.</p>
<p>VL brings 4 possibilities for establishment of new FBiH Ministry</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg 4 ‘Vrankic: Agreement on Ministry’ by <u>Z.K.</u> – FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic and his Deputies Gavrilo Grahovac and Dragan Vrankic tried to agree on Wednesday night about establishing of a new Ministry that would practically replace the abolished FBiH Defence Ministry. VL also learns that HDZ President Dragan Covic, SDA President Sulejman Tihic and SBiH President Safet Halilovic agreed in principle that the solution should be found in the division of some of the current Ministries that cover a few areas and the FBiH Ministry of Urban Planning and Environment, FBiH Ministry of Energy Mining and Industry, FBiH Ministry of Development and Entrepreneurship and FBiH Ministry of Trade and Tourism were mentioned as possible solutions. VL says that Vrankic could not say which Ministry the FBiH Government would get and he judged that it is good to reach an agreement on this issue in order to resolve the crisis emerged due to non-adoption of the budget.</p>

<p>HDZ spokesperson Relota: Nikolic is HDZ candidate for new Ministry; Deputy FBiH PM: Heco to be new Industry Minister</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Nikolic is HDZ candidate' by <u>F.V.</u> – HDZ spokesperson Miso Relota confirmed for DA that former BiH Minister of Defence is candidate of this party for position in newly opened ministry position in FBiH Government. Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Grahovac: It is not questionable that Heco would be minister of energy' by <u>M. Kukan</u> – The FBiH Deputy prime Minister Gavrilo Grahovac confirmed that SBiH's candidate, Vahid Heco, would certainly be the FBiH Minister of Energy, Industry and Mining.</p>
<p>FBiH PM Hadzipasic: They already are too many ministries in the Government</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 2 'Session only after appointment of ministers' by <u>A.Omeragic</u>– FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic stated that all things aside there would be no splitting of existing ministries and that he doesn't have proposal for authorities of the new minister. <i>"I believe that we already have too many ministries in the Government"</i> stated Hadzipasic. Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'New Ministry resolved crisis at Federation Government' by <u>R.Cengic</u> – also reported.</p>

Defence, security and war crimes

<p>BiH Court confirms indictments against Sarovic, Mandic and others</p>	<p>PINK – BiH Court confirmed indictment against Mirko Sarovic, Momcilo Mandic, Milovan Bjelica and Milorad Govedarica in case of “Privredna banka Srpsko Sarajevo”.</p> <p>The indictment includes 14 counts regarding organized crime, economic crime and corruption. Mandic has also been accused of assistance to ICTY fugitives.</p> <p>RHB, BHT1, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 12 ‘Indictment against Mandic and others confirmed’ by <u>S.T.</u>, Oslobodjenje pg3 ‘Indictment against Mladic and others confirmed’, Dnevni List, pg 2 ‘Indictment against Mandic confirmed’, by <u>E. Mackic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover ‘Sarovic, Mandic, Govedarica and Bjelica charged’ by <u>D.Muminovic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 3 ‘Indictment upheld’ by <u>Z.D.</u> – also carried.</p>
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<p>BiH Presidency approved flag and symbols for infantry units of BiH Armed Forces</p>	<p>Hayat – Following the session of BiH Presidency, Chairman Ivo Miro Jovic informed the press that the Presidency passed document on security politics. <i>“I find the document of extreme importance in order to have intelligence services work efficiently on providing security to both, the state and its citizens”</i>, said Jovic. The Presidency has also approved the way flag and symbols of infantry units in BiH military forces would look like. It was also decided for two BiH police officers to be sent to peace mission to Sudan. RHB, PINK, BHT1, RTRS, Glas Srpske pg 2 ‘Infantry got insignia’, Nezavisne Novine pg 6 ‘“BH Security Policy” adopted’ by <u>N.Krsman</u>, Oslobodjenje pg ‘Document on security policy adopted’ by <u>A.Terzic</u>– also reported.</p>
<p>DL: BiH Presidency security policy document on insignia maintains national features</p>	<p>Dnevni List, pg 2 ‘National symbols in armed forces to remain’, by <u>Danka Polovina-Mandic</u> – According to the BiH Presidency’s decision on look of flags and insignia for BiH armed forces infantry units, the flags and insignia of the three infantry regiments will keep the current national insignia i.e. the identity and heritage of units and peoples they come from. DL also reports on security policy document adoption and decision to send BiH police officers to UN mission.</p>

<p>SIPA arrests terrorist from Morocco in Sarajevo</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover 'Terrorist Said Atmani arrested' by <u>A.Sisic</u> – Daily learns that the SIPA members Wednesday in Sarajevo apprehended Moroccan citizen Said Atmani (aka Ebu Hisham), previously sentenced for terrorism in France. A source close to apprehension action confirmed that <i>"not a single state has not demanded his extradition. However, since he is Moroccan citizen, he will be expelled to Morocco today or tomorrow."</i> NN says that according to media, Atmani is a member of the Algerian terrorist group GIA. A source close to the arrest action told NN that Atmani was hiding in BiH for the long time. His BiH citizenship was taken away from him in 2001, but at the time of arrest he still held the BiH ID card. BHT1, Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'SIPA arrested Said Atmani' by <u>E.Sarac</u> – also reports.</p>
<p>DA source from Brussels : EU will demand BiH to issue biometric passports; CIPS project is outdated</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 3 'In order for visa regime abolishment, EU will demand BiH to issue biometric passports' by <u>T.Lazovic</u> – Well informed source from Brussels told DA that EU could very soon demand from BiH to issue biometric passports which rely on the state-of-art technology using microchip. CIPS project is considered outdated after September 11, says DA, adding that European Commission is considering issuing single decision that would be applied for all the regional countries.</p>

<p>EUFOR Commander Chiarini: We will not quit fight against criminal and corruption</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'We will not quit fight against criminal and corruption' by <u>Lana Sinanovic</u> – In an interview for DA, EUFOR Commander General Gian Marco Chiarini stated that there are no valid information that Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic are in BiH. Chiarini said that authorities at the municipality level are not as determined as BiH higher-ranking officials for Karadzic and Mladic to be arrested. Speaking of EUFOR successes, Chiarini said that EUFOR captured 3 tons of illegal weapons, decreased illegal forestry exploitation by 30%, adding that this trend will continue and that EUFOR would continue to fight organized crime and corruption.</p>
<p>DA source close to ICTY: RS MoI follows orders from Belgrade ; OSA is immediately providing info to ICTY</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 9 'RS MoI works on exclusive orders from Belgrade' by <u>E.Sarac</u> – DA source close to ICTY says that ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte accused the RS of non-cooperation with the Hague Tribunal in a period of Darko Matijasevic and Dragomir Andan's have been appointed for RS Interior Minister and RS Police Director, respectively. The source added that BiH Intelligence Agency [OSA] is the only agency that immediately provides their information on war criminals to the ICTY, adding that RS MoI follows exclusive orders from Belgrade . DA source also said that Del Ponte used her visit to establish and strengthen cooperation channels between at least 30 different international intelligence agencies.</p>

<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed on Del Ponte visiting the region</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje pg 9 'Chase freezes' <u>op-ed by</u> <u>Gojko Beric</u> – Commenting recent visit of ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte to Belgrade and Sarajevo, author says that the only news there is that it is obvious she freezes chase after Radovan Karadzic, quoting her when she said "<i>in amazement</i>" that Karadzic "<i>disappeared somewhere</i>". Author says that "Unknown someone" in Europe decides that Karadzic is to be left alone for now, adding that there are different allegations on possible scenario of capturing Ratko Mladic. Editorial quotes Belgrade weekly NIN that accuses Del Ponte for her arrogance that helped war criminals to be turned into saints.</p>
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Other political issues

SDHR Ney visits
Banja Luka: PBS
and arrest of
ICTY fugitives is
crucial condition
for signing of
SAA

PINK – Martin Ney, Senior Deputy High Representative, paid farewell visit to Banja Luka where met with RS Officials.

Ney stressed that reforms of Public Broadcasting Service and police along with fight against the organized crime and cooperation with ICTY are crucial issues that BiH has to solve in order to sign Stabilization and Association Agreement.

“Mr. [Milorad] Dodik [RS Prime Minister designate] and I talked about his plans and about future reforms. I think that OHR and international community have great interest in establishment of RS Government as soon as possible. The purpose is to establish the Government and that Government starts functioning and working on reforms that will bring this country to the right path”, said Ney. Ney also talked to **Svetlana Cenic**, RS Minister of Finance in technical mandate about transfer of banking sector competence from entities to state level and added that it is absurd to have banking that functions in the whole country and is supervised by two bodies.

This is, according to Ney, one of conditions for EU integration. **RHB, BHT1, RTRS, Dnevni List**, pg 6 ‘Corruption is still biggest problem of society’, not signed – also reported.

<p>SDHR Ney in farewell visit to Banja Luka , meets Bukejlovic</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Reforms lead to Brussels' by <u>G.Dakic</u> , Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Grief over freedom of Karadzic and Mladic' by <u>V.P.</u> , EuroBlic RSpG 2 'Too far away from EU without reforms' by <u>M.Soja</u> – SDHR Ney and Dragan Cavic, RS President, expressed expectation that the political crisis in RS would be resolved soon. The outgoing RS POM Pero Bukejlovic stressed at the meeting with SDHR Ney that crime and corruption are still biggest problems of society, adding his Government has carried out significant steps in fight against organized crime and corruption.</p>
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<p>Danas: Comments by F BiH Vice President Džihanović, MP in the BiH HoR Zorić, MP in BiH HoP Genjac, political analysts on new HR Schwarz-Schilling</p>	<p>Danas pgs 26 and 27 'Cautious beginning of experienced German' by <u>Z. Kovacevic</u> carries comments of few BiH politicians on new HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling. F BiH Vice President Sahbaz Džihanović stated that, perhaps, the HR's statement that he would not interfere in resolving of current problems in BiH but that he would let domestic authorities to do it, was given too fast and that this might encourage those political forces that are against reforms in BiH to be patient and to preserve their stand of rejection, which means cementing of the current situation. MP in the BiH HoR Vinko Zorić expects from new HR to be concrete and correct and according to Zorić new HR is such person. He also expects from new HR to be more democratic than his predecessors. MP in BiH HoP Halid Genjac sees moderateness and cautiousness in first statements of the HR as a part of the HR's strategy. Danas also says that many analysts believe that although negotiations on SAA have started numerous reforms are ahead of BiH that would not be implemented in the current political situation without the engagement of the HR and the International Community.</p>
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<p>SD: Croatian PM Sanader would meet HR Schwarz-Schilling in Mostar on Saturday, Ivo Miro Jovic and Covic to attend</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 16 'Sanader in Mostar' by <u>V. Vegar</u> carries that Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader comes to Mostar on Saturday and SD also says that this information was confirmed with 99 % certainty in the OHR Sarajevo. The article also says that Sanader should meet with new HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling in Mostar. According to SD, there are many interesting topics for their talk and <i>"the HR has already announced one, although not exclusively in relation to this meeting, and that is 'the free trade zone' "</i>.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Ivo Sanader arrives to Mostar' by <u>F.V.</u>— Croatian Government confirmed for DA that Prime Minister Ivo Sanader would arrive to Mostar on February 11. Sanader is arriving to attend the election of 'person of the year' award by 'Vecernji List'. As daily comments it is interesting that beside Sanader and Chair of BiH Presidency Ivo Miro Jovic and Christian Schwarz-Schilling, HDZ leader Dragan Covic would attend ceremony.</p>
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<p>SD: B. Ljubic on possibility to form new Croat party</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija pg 19 'Ljubic: There is room for HDZ 1990', mentioned on cover, by <u>T. Zoric</u> – With regard to media speculations that Bozo Ljubic is going to establish a new party called HDZ BiH 1990, SD carries Ljubic as saying that since the very idea of HDZ BiH has been failed during the last years there is absolutely need for new politics. He also said: <i>'However, the problems that that Croats in BiH and BiH as the state are faced with demand a well thought out national strategy. For this reason my goal is not division of HDZ but much wider gathering of other Croat parties around the plan on working out the strategy and its implementation in the coming period.'</i></p>
<p>Continuation of talks on const. changes still uncertain</p>	<p>EuroBlic RSpg 3 'Second phase after elections' by <u>Nedeljka Breberina</u> – In regard to continuation of talks on constitutional changes, daily notes that RS party officials (Mladen Ivanic and Milorad Dodik) thing talks should resume after election, while FBiH party officials (HDZ' Miso Relota, Party for BH Safet Halilovic) think talks should resume ASAP.</p>

Economic, social and judicial isseus

<p>HR: strategic priority promotion of business environment</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 8 'Unnecessary bureaucracy for shackling businessmen' <u>not signed</u> – At the meeting with directors of international financial institutions for BiH and Indirect Taxation Administration director Kemal Causevic, High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling said that BiH has to use business potential that has often been tackled by inefficient and unnecessary bureaucracy. RTRS – Her added that strategic priority of BiH authorities should be promotion of better business environment that would develop small and medium size enterprises and open new jobs.</p>
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<p>Croatian politicians against HR's statement on free trade zone in western Balkans, Croatian FM without specific comment</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija, pg 7 'High Representative should stick to BiH', by <u>M. K. S.</u> – Commenting on a statement by the High Representative, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, which was picked up by media in BiH, that he would make sure Croatia agrees to free trade zone of the western Balkans countries, former Croatian Foreign Minister and current MP in Croatian Parliament, Miomir Zuzul (HDZ of Croatia), notes it is only EU Enlargement Commissioner, Ollie Rehn, Special Coordinator of Stability Pact, Erhard Busek and state ministers of EU countries that can speak on behalf of the EU, not the HR for BiH. An MP in the Croatian Parliament, Tonci Tadic (HSP of Croatia), is of similar opinion: <i>"As far as I know, Christian Schwarz-Schilling is the High Representative for BiH, not Croatia, I do not remember that his protectorate extended onto Croatia"</i>. Inset 'MVP without comment' notes that the Croatian Foreign Ministry did not want to comment the HR's statement, apart from saying that Croatia would contribute to stability of region and promote Croatia 's interests.</p>
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<p>Prov. Administrator of PB ES: RS Govt. won't expel Russian from Sase Mine over failure to pay outstanding loans</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5, announced on cover 'RS Government won't expel Russians' by <u>J.Sarac</u>, Glas Srpske pg 2 'How to get to surface?' by <u>K.C.</u> – Toby Robinson, Provisional Administrator of East Sarajevo Privredna Banka, one of five Banks that gave a loan to Sase Mine,, Wednesday stated that the RS Government and Ministry in charge won't do anything to implement decision of Banja Luka Court (which banned current management to manage Sase Mine). Namely, the consortium of these five Banks (including PB ES) have raised the issue of outstanding mortgage over unpaid loan.</p>
<p>SNSD Doboj ask audit of business dealings at Doboj Municipality in period from 1998-2005</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'They demand control of business dealings of Doboj municipality' by <u>S.Ca.</u>, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Publicly against crime' by <u>Sl.P.</u> – The SNSD Municipal Board Doboj will call on Bosko Ceko, RS Chief Auditor, to carry out control of financial dealings of this municipality in the period from 1998 to 2005, the press release SNSD Board Doboj Wednesday issued reads. Board President, Milorad Zivkovic, has stated: <i>"The majority of criminal activities in this municipality have been carried out in that period. If necessary, we will call on HR to BiH, Christian Schwarz Schilling to help us in tackling crime in Doboj."</i></p>

<p>Deputy Director of FBiH MIO- PIO Rogic: We shall not take upon ourselves payment of 38 000 Serb pensioners</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 9 'We shall resign if they order payment of pensions' by <u>A. Vrebac</u> carries Deputy Director of the FBiH Pension Insurance Fund Ivan Rogic as saying that the FBiH Mi0-PIO will never take upon itself payment of pensions for 38 000 Serb pensioners (the pensioners who earned and who used to receive their pensions in the FBiH by April 1992 and now they are being paid by the RS PIO). He added that this would be a huge financial strike and they would rather step down than accept such solution. DL also reminds that these pensioners would demand from HR Christian Schwarz-Schilling to actively involve in resolving of this issue. Rogic believes that the HR will not interfere since there is competent Agreement on mutual relations when this issue is in question.</p>
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