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RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	**TV PINK** (18,00 hrs)	**BHT 1** (19,00 hrs)
HDZ 1990 established	A person arrested in Bijeljina	Fatima Omic's killer arrested
Media on HDZ 1990	BiH EPA's request to EUFOR	3 hurt professors still in life danger
Andan resigned because of Del Ponte	Report on pyramid in Visoko	RS NA Dep. Speaker's car found
U.S. Croatian Assoc. on const. reform	Report on wind-mills	Pupil's body still not found

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	**FTV** (19,30 hrs)	**RTRS** (19,30 hrs)
BIH Fanaticos react. on CD's criticism	Pupil's body still not found	RS NA Dep. Speaker's car found
New HDZ 1990 established	Fatima Omic's killer arrested	Two persons injured in Trebinje
SDP on constitutional changes	RS NA Dep. Speaker's car found	Three persons arrested in BL
PYM on constitutional changes	Protests due to electricity prices	A person arrested in Bijeljina

Oslobodjenje	HDZ 1990 see role models in Croatian and Sanader
Dnevni Avaz	They force us to do business with suspicious people (interview with ITA Director Causevic)

Dnevni List	Croats get new parliamentary party (establishment of HDZ 1990)
Vecernji List	HDZ 1990 established
Nezavisne Novine	Manifestation in honour of spring (sports competitions in Banja Luka)

Andan Resignation/Cooperation with ICTY/Crimes

RS Politicians feel new RS Police Director must unblock cooperation with ICTY	**BHT1** – Report by Boris Gagic – RS politicians feel that new RS Police Director must unblock cooperation with ICTY. They also feel that the lack of this cooperation has resulted in resignation of RS Police Director **Dragomir Andan.** Reporter comments that it seems that changes in RS MoI were expected in Banja Luka since cooperation with ICTY came to a standstill. PDP Chair **Mladen Ivanic** stresses that new RS Police Director will has the biggest responsibility in ICTY cooperation. *"If that doesn't happen soon we can expect interruption of negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement"*, says Ivanic. Reporter adds that comments in Banja Luka have it that ICTY cooperation is in the sphere of exclusively operational character. He adds that same comments stress that political aspects of ICTY cooperation will be further strengthened with forming of ICTY cooperation council (presumably in RS). RS President **Dragan Cavic** says that such council would not have an operational character but would be a complete and clear manifestation of political agreement so this issue can be finally resolved.

Reactions to Andan's resignation: SNSD's Simic – he should have resigned long ago; SDS' Stojicic: Police is again under political influence	**Dnevni Avaz**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Cheater who should not have been appointed in the first place', by N. Dilkic – H. Orahovac – Avaz notes that the appointment of **Dragomir Andan** into the office of RS Police Director caused controversies from the day one of the appointment since some people commended his professionalism, whilst others labelled him as war criminal and war criminal's aide and former close associate to **Ratko Mladic**. SNSD's **Krstan Simic** says Andan should have resigned long time ago, given results in eradicating crime and cooperation with the ICTY. Simic says the IC, even if comes from the ICTY Chief Prosecutor, should not have interfered into the case. SDS Vice President, **Dusan Stojicic**, says the work of Andan got politicized as soon as new RS PM, **Milorad Dodik**, came to power, arguing that the politics again got involved in police work. An SDA MP in RSNA, **Sadik Ahmetovic**, says Andan should have never been appointed to the office considering his war-time past. Inset 'Two months for successor' carries Simic as saying that according to the Law on internal affairs of RS the procedure related to appointment of Andan's successor cannot be completed in less than two months.

SRS: Andan was removed because he represented RS interests in PRD	**Nezavisne Novine**, pg 3 'Andan punished because he represented interests of RS', by D. Bo. – Serb Radical Party of RS believes that resignation of **Dragomir Andan** was forced i.e. it is a punishment for his consistent representation of interests of the RS in the work of the Police Reform Directorate. (Andan made proposal that RS MoI remains in place in the future)
DL oped: Andan's tenure full of controversies	**Dnevni List**, pg 2 'Demise of Andan', by Danka Polovina-Mandic – DL says in its op-ed that **Dragomir Andan's** tenure in office of RS Police Director caused many controversies. The author highlights statement Andan made when he had assumed the office when he said that he did not know whereabouts of **Radovan Karadzic**, claiming that he instead knew everything about mujahiddin terrorists who in BiH planned the attack on train in Madrid .

BHT1: ICTY should complete work by 2010, experts claim ICTY is too expensive	**BHT1** – Report by Boris Gagic – ICTY should complete its work by 2010. Reporter comments that it is still uncertain whether this deadline will be met since major ICTY indictees are still at large. ICTY representative for BIH **Matias Hellman** stated that the arrest of the mentioned indictees should be a priority for ICTY, international community and countries from the region. Reporter comments that ICTY, according to expert opinions, was an expensive and non-efficient institution. **Emir Suljagic** from Sarajevo research-documentation office says that ICTY can be described as “typical UN bureaucracy”. He adds that the huge ICTY budget wasn’t always spent properly. Reporter comments that certain trials in ICTY were “worth” 20 million KM. **Michael Johnson** from BIH Court’s Registry Office stresses that one process in BIH Court will cost around 600 000 KM.

Oslobodjenje: Source close to OHR says destiny of Colonel Palic already known, it will be revealed by April 21	**Oslobodjenje**, pg 6 'It will be known in 15 days where Avdo Palic is?', by E. Kamenica – According to the daily source close to the OHR, the destiny of the missing BiH Army colonel **Avdo Palic** is already known, however there is a reason why the public has not been provided with the information. (Colonel Palic went missing in July 1995 from the UN-protected zone of Zepa, former HR **Ashdown** formed a commission that should reveal Palic's destiny by April 21, 2006). Oslobodjenje notes the new turn in events can be related to the testimony of **Zeljko Mijatovic**, who is currently a bodyguard of SCG Foreign Minister (**Vuk Draskovic**), and who is allegedly linked the case. **Jasmin Odobasic**, a representative of Palic's wife **Esma** in the abovementioned commission, notes that one could hear during the last meeting of the commission held on Thursday that the case will be resolved by the deadline. The source close to the OHR underlines everything will be known within two weeks time.

Update to murder of Bosniak returnee to Potocari: Police arrest murder suspect	**Pink, Hayat, RTRS** – Being suspected of killing **Fatima Omic** from Potocari near Srebrenica, a person has been arrested. Namely, according to SRNA, police arrested one **Taib Delimustafic**. As the Spokesperson to Public Security Centre in Bijeljina **Dragomir Peric** said Omic was killed on April 6, 2006 and after carrying out investigation, police arrested Delimustafic. (similar reports in **Oslobodjenje**, pg 35, mentioned on front 'Suspect for murder of Fatima Omic arrested', by A. Av. – V. Du., **Dnevni Avaz,** pg 24 'Suspect for murder of Fatima Omic arrested', mentioned on front 'Murderer of Fatima Omic arrested at Stupari', by A. Hadzic, **Nezavisne Novine,** pg 3Suspect for murder of Fatima Omic arrested', by Z. K.) **FTV, Dnevni List,** pg 15 'Murderer of Fatima Omis arrested', not signed, **Vecernji List,** pg 10 'Arrested for murder', by rsand **BHT1** only carry initials of the suspect (T. D.) **Pink** – BiH Endangered People Association (EPA) asked EUFOR to provide security to returnees since it presented a crucial issue in terms of establishing permanent peace.

Constitutional Changes

RS President Cavic expect const. Amendments will be adopted, law expert Kuzmanovic warns changes are being made too fast	**RTRS** – By Radoslav Banovic – The RS President **Dragan Cavic** expects the constitutional amendments to be passed in the BiH Parliamentary Assembly since, according to him, they present a good compromise by which entity structure is not being violated. The amendments improve BiH institutions' functionality, claims Cavic. The Chairman of the RS Science and Arts Academy and Constitutional Law expert **Rajko Kuzmanovic** agrees that the amendments strengthen BiH institutions' roles and do not violate or endanger the RS' vital national interests, but adds that public and BiH Parliament should have been engaged more in the issue. "*No one should oppose the fact that certain regulations in the BiH Constitution should be changed, but it is unacceptable for the changes to take place so fast, since in that way a number of mistakes can occur*", explain Kuzmanovic. Main SDP Board concluded on Saturday that all those who took part in constitutional changes talks, should be aware of the fact that they will have to take over responsibility sooner or later. SRS (Serb Radical Party) asks the RS National Assembly to discuss proposed constitutional amendments as well as the work of Police Reform Directorate, at a special session.
SNSD's Spiric: IC will make sure const. Changes get adopted, asks from IC what 2nd phase of talks is all about	**Nezavisne Novine**, pgs 8-10, mentioned on front 'Constitutional amendments will be adopted in state parliament', by Mirjana Kusmuk – carries an interview with Deputy Speaker of BiH House of Representative, **Nikola Spiric** (SNSD), who talks about several topical political issues in BiH, including the constitutional changes. He notes the IC will do everything to make sure the constitutional amendments do get adopted in the BiH Parliament, believing that the pressures (exerted by IC) will bear fruit. As for the second phase of constitutional changes that is being mentioned a lot in the FBIH, Spiric says the IC should explain what the second phase will be about since some parties in the FBiH want to talk about the status of entities in BiH. In that context, Spiric says if the second phase is about abolishment of the entities, he calls on the RS leaders 'to stop' in other words to oppose such changes.

HDZ 1990's Raguz: Proposed amendments is not solution for Croats, HDZ 1990 will not support changes if entity voting remains	**Hayat** – Senad Hadzifejzovic – In an interview for Centralni Dnevnik (CD), Speaker of BIH House of Representatives and deputy chairman of HDZ 1990 **Martin Raguz** commented the issue of constitutional changes. Raguz stated that after 10 years of signing of the Dayton Peace Accord (DPA), it was time to analyse the DPA and BIH future adding that it was also time for Croats to solve their vital issues in BIH. For Raguz, amendments to BIH constitution present a kind of test for the politicians' credibility. "*The offered text isn't the solution for BIH especially for the Croats. We are going to present concrete amendments regarding the voting in the BIH HoR and if changes are not made, namely abolishment of entity voting, we are not going to support constitutional changes*" stressed Raguz. He is of opinion that second phase is necessary but "*we cannot work on the 'take or leave it' principle, everyone has to contribute to the development of BIH*". Reporter stressed that the voting on constitutional changes lacks political seriousness because of the entire market-like behaviour of politicians. Raguz agreed that there are a lot of political relations lacking the transparency but "*BIH Parliament has to take the full responsibility in this situation, we are for changes that everyone will benefit from*".
Cardinal Puljic: I am for changes to DPA, but not in this form; changes endanger Croats	**Hayat** – By Senka Hadzovic – In an interview for Centralni Dnevnik, Cardinal **Vinko Puljic** agreed with reporter's comment that he acts as both political and religious leader of Croats adding that he advocates for human rights and freedom. "*I'm not against reform of Dayton Agreement; I am for the changes but not in this form. I am for BIH with democratic institutions that will defend human rights; I am for BIH with peoples that are equal. But the offered reform has scared us* (Croats) *because it endangers our existence. If entity vote principle is adopted we are gone*" Puljic explained his recent opposition towards the constitutional changes. He added that issue of constitutional changes is of grate political importance and his critical notes are intended to warn politicians that there are problems that need to be solved. According to Puljic, a solution for the constitutional changes would be organization of BIH at three levels (state, regional, local-municipal), where entity voting would be present at the second, or regional, level. Reporter remarked that political paradox has been created with two groups either supporting or rejecting the constitutional changes, in which Puljic is now in the group with (**Haris**) **Silajdzic** and (**Sejfudin**) **Tokic** (opponents) while (HDZ Leader **Dragan**) **Covic** is in group with (reisu-l-lema **Mustafa** effendi) **Ceric** and (SDA Leader **Sulejman**) **Tihic** and **SDS.**

Hayat's 'Face to Face': Young intellectuals pro and contra proposed constitutional changes	**Hayat** – By Senad Hadzifejzovic – Guests of 'Face to Face' were **Ivan Barbalic**, President of ACIPS (Alumni Association of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies ofthe University of Sarajevo) and **Zlatko Hadzidedic**, advisor to BiH Minister of Civil Affairs **Safet Halilovic** and author of a proposed BIH Constitution, who discussed the issue of constitutional changes. Barbalic believes that this was the good time for adoption of the amendments on constitutional changes since all political sides sat down and reached the compromise what was considered as impossible three years ago. On the other side, Hadzidedic disagreed with Barbalic that the agreement should be signed now. "*The amendments are damaging for BIH because they ensure eventual separation of RS from BIH*" explained Hadzidedic. Regarding the remark on RS separation, Barbalic is of opinion that these remarks are used to polarize political situation in BIH and cause tensions. He emphasised the importance of the constitutional changes "*especially when supported by U.S.A. and EU with guarantees that the process will be continued. Now, we are going to have more efficient state mechanism that will ensure more efficient communication with EU*". Hadzidedic stressed that the agreement was imposed "*allegedly by **Donald Hays** and we have the situation where U.S. Ambassador (**Douglas McElhaney**) took that agreement and kept the politicians closed in the room until it was signed*". As an explanation of the core of the constitutional changes, Hadzidedic used the personal anecdote with Donald Hays. Namely, Hadzidedic claimed that "*during the initial phase of the negotiations on the constitutional changes, Donald Hays came to me and without the reason he said: 'If you think I have come here to impose to RS your political solutions then you are wrong'. On that I told him: 'Yes, I think I understood you correctly, then you came here to impose RS political will to us'. As being actively involved in the negotiations, I have to admit that the process of negotiations exactly resembled my conversation with Hays. The core of the negotiations was to have Hays and McElhaney force (**Sulejman**) **Tihic** and Minister (**Safet**) **Halilovic**, not (**Zlatko**) **Lagumdzija** because he was from the start for that, to accept their proposals that represent all what **Milorad Dodik** wanted*". (**Note**: *please not that Hadzidedic is the author of a BIH Constitution that was once sent to the Parliament for discussion but was never put on the agenda. Hadzidedic also accused Barbalic of advocating for Lagumdzija when they talked about the importance of the constitutional changes*.)

Political Youth Movement: Const. Changes should be published	**Hayat** – Head of the newly formed Political Youth Movement (PYM) **Vedran Dodik** stated that this movement has 1000 members adding that the entire text of the constitutional changes should be published prior to the parliamentarian discussion for citizens to read it.
Hayat's question of day: Are you familiar with const. Changes?	Question of the day: Is anything clear to you regarding the constitutional changes? Commenting the constitutional changes, citizens stressed that they do not understand the constitutional changes since half of the ruling parties and half of the opposition are against the agreement. Many citizens stated that constitutional changes are aimed at preservation of RS since the agreement was prepared in Belgrade.
Hayat phone poll: Who is most endangered, citizens, Croats, Bosniaks or Serbs	Citizens were asked to vote as to who was most endangered in BIH, whether it is the citizens, the Croats, the Bosniaks or the Serbs. *Telephone poll results:* ***1403*** *voted for Citizens* ***134*** *voted for Croats* ***658*** *voted for Bosniaks* ***41*** *voted for Serbs.*

Political Developments

Expelled members of HDZ BiH Ljubic and Raguz form 'HDZ 1990', promise to focus on opening new jobs, oppose to proposed constitutional changes	**BHT1** – Report by Seid Masnica – New party under the name 'HDZ 1990' was formed in Mostar on Saturday. **Bozo Ljubic,** former HDZ member, was appointed as acting party chairman. HDZ 1990 members stressed that the party would act responsibly and with focus on opening new jobs, solving of social and health issues, support to education workers and improvement of education system. **Martin Raguz** who was appointed as acting deputy chairman of HDZ 1990 stated that the difference between HDZ and HDZ 1990 would be in credibility and democratic profile. HDZ on the other hand feels that the forming of HDZ 1990 does not represent competition for them. HDZ member and BIH Presidency member **Ivo Miro Jovic** stressed that everyone has a right to form a party. **RHB** By Dragan Komadina, from Croatian radio – The reporter noted the HDZ 1990 opposes the amendments on constitutional changes in BIH because, according to those amendments, Croats in BIH will be treated as the national minority. *"We will do everything in our power to reach the acceptable agreement based on our proposals in next 15 days that will not endanger the Croats' constitutionality*" stressed Ljubicc. Ljubic invited all Croat parties to form the Croat Coalition for equal and democratic BIH organised in several federal units with Sarajevo as district. **FTV** – Reporter (Amir Kadribegovic) comments that over 400 members were registered at HDZ 1990 founding assembly and adds that many members are former HDZ BiH members. **Oslobodjenje**, front pg splash and pg 3 'HDZ 1990 see role models in Croatian and Sanader', by Sanita Rozajac – carries Raguz who addressed the participants of the founding assembly by saying the HDZ 1990 should be formed by following the recipe applied by **Ivo Sanader** (leader of HDZ of Croatia and Croatian PM), which should result in BiH achieving results Croatia has achieved. **Dnevni Avaz,** pg 2'Ljubic: We are saving not dividing HDZ by doing this', by F. Vele – carries Ljubic as responding to a question whether the HDZ 1990 will support establishment of the third entity. *"BiH is not possible in the shape it is in currently, nor it is possible as a civic state. Everything else is possible, even BiH with 3, 4, 5 or more federal units"*, said Ljubic. (also reported by **BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni List**, front pg splash and pgs 2-3 'Croats get new parliamentary party', by Dario Pusic, Ivica Glibusic, **Vecernji List**, front pg splash and pg 3 'HDZ 1990 established', by Miroslav Vasilj, **Nezavisne Novine**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'Bozo Ljubic is temporary president', by M. Krilic).

SNSD's Spiric: BiH CoM is not responsible to BiH Parliament, but rather to OHR	**Nezavisne Novine**, pgs 8-10, mentioned on front 'Constitutional amendments will be adopted in state parliament', by Mirjana Kusmuk – carries an interview with Deputy Speaker of BiH House of Representative, **Nikola Spiric** (SNSD), who talks about several topical political issues in BiH, including the relationship between the BiH CoM and BiH Parliament. Spiric says that most likely the motion of vote of no confidence in the BiH CoM (submitted by MP Gligorevic) will be discussed in the BiH HoR on April 12 or 13, however he does not believe that the MPs will remove the BiH Com. Spiric insists that the BiH CoM is not responsible to the BiH Parliament, which should be the case, instead is responsible to the OHR only.
Political movement of BiH youth formed in Sarajevo	**BHT1** – Political movement of BIH youth was formed in Sarajevo on Saturday. The goal of the movement is to include young people in all levels of authority. Chair of this party **Vedran Dodik** stated that the party would fight for participation in the political scene through elections. Dodik stressed that the party would not form a coalition with anyone and added that they are not "the youth" of any party in BIH. "*We are independent political organisation that gathers young people*", says Dodik. (also reported by **Hayat, RTRS**)
Hayat comment: SNSD's Dodik and SDP's Lagumdzija abusing daily politics to assume power	**Hayat** – By Vlastimir Mijovic – Commenting on the situation in BIH, Mijovic stressed that BiH will be smothered by political careerism of people leading BIH or franticly fighting to get there instead of nationalism as it is feared. Mijovic mentioned RS Prime Minister **Milorad Dodik** and SDP Leader **Zlatko Lagumdzija** as examples for his statements. Reporter criticized Dodik and Lagumdzija for their fight for power adding that both of the above-mentioned politicians have sank to the bottom of the daily politics. Mijovic noted that both Dodik and Lagumdzija had resisted the temptation of the power for long time but today "*Dodik absorbed by social-democracy threats that he will fight with anyone who will try to remove RS symbols from his office while Lagumdzija, contradicting himself, glorifies minimal and nationalistic improvements regarding the organisation of BIH. Something what he was ready to condemn yesterday as cheap political move, today he praises as important step forward for strengthening the country* ".

Economy/Social Issues

Citizens in Sarajevo protest against announced increase of prices of electricity	**BHT1** – Report by Marina Boskovic – Citizens in Sarajevo are still protesting due to announced increase of electricity prices. **Demir Mahmutcehajic** from movement "Dosta" (Enough is enough) believes that these protests will make FBIH Government to cancel this decision made by FBIH Electricity Regulatory Commission (FERK). Citizens are featured saying that the decision to increase electricity prices is shameful. Reporter comments that now it seems that FBIH Government knew about the increase of prices beforehand. FBIH Assistant Minister for Energy **Mile Srdjanovic** says that this increase is in fact a result of reform of entire energy sector. Reporter concludes that the protests of Sarajevo citizens are too small to make an impact on the FBIH Government. (protests also reported on by **RHB, Hayat, FTV, RTRS, Oslobodjenje**, pgs 4-5 'Still rebellion against increase of price of electricity', by Asaf Becirovic, **Nezavisne Novine**, g 2 'Annul decision on increase of price of electricity', by D. Muminovic)

CEO of ‘Elektroprivreda BiH’ Kreso: FBIH Govt and FERK agreed on increase of prices of electricity in several phases	**Hayat** – By Senad Hadzifejzovic – In the interview for Centralni Dnevnik, CEO of ‘Elektroprivreda BIH’ **Enver Kreso** commented the FBIH Electricity Regulatory Agency’s (FERK) decision on increasing prices of electricity.Kreso stated that he has no information why FERK has increased prices adding that the FERK has legal authorisation for such decision. He also stated that FBIH Government and FERK have agreed on increase of prices in several phases adding that Elektroprivreda only submits the annual report to FERK. Asked to comment on the social situation of citizens related to paying of electricity bills, Kreso noted that electricity must be paid however *“the FBIH Government is responsible for not designing some kind of social program for citizens that are not in position to pay the full price”.* (**Note**: *Please note that FBIH Prime Minister Ahmed Hadzipasic was also invited to CD for the conversation with Kreso which he refused. Reporter also asked several very provocative questions to Kreso regarding his appointment. Kreso was asked which party has appointed him and can that party ‘keep’ him in that position. At first Kreso refused to answer which party he supported but later he openly stated that he supports SBIH.*)

IRA Director Causevic: Political interference makes work of ITA more difficult	**Dnevni Avaz**, front pg splash and pg 5 'They force us to do business with suspicious people', by Faruk Cardzic – The Director of Indirect Tax Administration (ITA), **Kemal Causevic**, notes that the recent discussions related to distribution of public revenues from the single account are not affecting the work of ITA, however he complains of political interferences that make the work of ITA difficult. Namely, Causevic explains that the ITA wants to build a regional customs centre in Tuzla, which could be financed by the EU in amount of 21 million Euros (negotiations are ongoing), however the BiH authorities (relevant commission in the BiH Parliament) is not giving the green light for purchase of a construction site in Tuzla. Instead, the commission is trying to force the ITA to rent premises that, according to Causevic, are owned by people with very suspicious past. Inset 'We have worrying increase of revenues' carries Causevic as saying the VAT has caused a dramatic increase in collection of public revenues, namely the collection in first 3 months of 2006 is better by 12% than in the same period of 2005. In that context, Causevic is worried that too much money is being extracted from the economy.