

OHR BiH Weekend Round-up, 23-24/10/2004

Friday

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
Tihic meets McElhaney	Building of Vc corridor	Reactions to Bozanic	Removals in Bileca police
Kerry on Balkans	Update to audit reports	War Crime Chamber	Forger Cejic arrested
Catholic priests in VF	Reactions to Bozanic	Del Ponte asks for HB docs	Feature on abandoned boy
Reactions to Bozanic	Del Ponte asks for HB docs	BiH troops in Iraq	Arrests in Makprom

Saturday

NTV Hayat (18,55 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
World news	Ann. Stupni Dol massacre	Feature on Mirza Gasal	Makroprom case
BiH deminers in Iraq?	Mass served on Bobovac	Election Comm. on Teslic	SBS and cattle smugglers
Mass served on Bobovac	Feat. on Banovici refugees	Election results in USC	Brcko District strategy
Kosovo elections	Return of Serbs to Croatia	Youth initiatives	Mikerevic back from USA

Saturday

Oslobodjenje	IMF bans BiH to finance the highway; US Ambassador with Tihic: USA accepted the offer on deployment of BiH deminers in Iraq ; Sarajevo East on Friday stayed Serb Sarajevo: Mayor hopes for referendum; Del Ponte demands Herceg-Bosna documentation
Dnevni Avaz	Tihic meets McElhaney: Important decisions for USA and BiH; Highway contract signed: Terzic: This is the beginning of big dream!
Dnevni List	New The Hague indictments are arriving
Vecernji List	They were selling infected food
Slobodna Dalmacija	Covic's successor is being looked for already
Nezavisne Novine	Update to "Makroprom": Owner in a run, his brother arrested; Police action "Forgery": Police scattered the top forgery officials; USA accepted offer that BiH would send soldiers to Iraq ; RS Government froze the property of Karadzic
Glas Srpske	TI research in BiH: Blue envelope for hospital as well
EuroBlic	Update to "Makroprom": Director Gladovic ran away; Pupils under video surveillance

Sunday

Oslobodjenje	Mass service in Bobovac: Bosnia has often been shattered from inside
Dnevni Avaz	Terzic: What does Humphreys want?
Dnevni List	Cardinal Puljic: We are fighting for worthy life!
Vecernji List	Features Croatia related headlines
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines

Political issues

Reactions to appointment of Dragan Bozanic to BiH Ambassador to CoE

RHB, Vecernji List Sat pg 3 'Ban to Bozanic has been out of force for 6 years' by E. Medunjanin, **Slobodna Dalmacija** Sat last pg 'Entering Europe has not been banned to Ambassador' by B. Kristo – The dailies carry that EU banned entrance to EU countries to newly appointed BiH Ambassador with the Council of Europe **Dragan Bozanic** in 1997, however, the ban was lifted a year later.

Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 9 'Dragan Bozanic was banned from entering EU countries' by A. Malagic – Commenting to the decision of BiH Presidency to appoint Bozanic, chair of the Presidency **Sulejman Tihic** says: *"I am waiting on the stance of BiH Foreign Affairs Ministry on this case, as it is obligated to check all candidates... Because of all this, I will personally question the responsibility of the Ministry as such two mistakes [Tihic refers to Bozanic case and appointment of Congo's honorary consul to BiH] ruin BiH Presidency's and state's credibility."* Spokesperson for BiH Foreign Ministry, **Lepa Babic**, states that Ministry has not checked Bozanic's background.

BHT 1 Fri – *"It surprises that a person, who's entrance to EU was undesirable, is appointed as a BiH representative to the Institution which generally more than any other in the Europe deals with issues of human rights"*, EC spokesperson **Frane Maroevic** commented. *"Foreign Affairs Ministry is obligated to, let say 'wash out', all those objections and to come up with a 'clear' proposal. I received a proposal from them and I assume that all that was checked within the Ministry and that this proposal is completely clear"* **Borislav Paravac** comments.

FTV Fri – FTV says that appointment of Dragan Bozanic is a proof that anything is possible in BiH, adding that according to their source this is just a result of a political exchange between BiH Presidency's members. **Fuad Sabeta**, Spokesperson of Foreign Affairs Ministry, said that its Board which advises the Minister has never discussed this appointment. Reporter concluded that most suspicious is the reaction of Sulejman Tihic who could not answer to the question of journalist as to why he didn't called upon the vital national interest which would automatically block the appointment.

Nezavisne Novine pg 5 'OHR removed Dragan Bozanic from EU black list' by R.C. –RS Association of former inmates is embittered over the appointment of Bozanic as BiH Ambassador at Council of Europe.

<p>Mladen Ivanic on Bozanic's appointment</p>	<p>NTV Hayat by <u>Senad Hadzifejzovic</u> – In an interview to NTV Hayat, the BiH Foreign Affairs Minister Mladen Ivanic commented to the appointment of Dragan Bozanic saying that were both formal and informal talks in BiH Presidency on this issues adding that the blockade of the Ambassadors' appointments lasted too long. <i>"I didn't see any reason and no one up to this moment didn't give me any reason why Bozanic shouldn't be appointed. Mr. Bozanic was Deputy Minister, traveled throughout Europe while on this function. After that, ...he was appointed to the position of BiH Ambassador in SouthAfricanRepublic... From that position, I don't see any special reasons why Mr. Bozanic wouldn't be appointed again to ambassadorial position,"</i> said Ivanic. Hadzifejzovic asked Ivanic can Radovan Karadzic's Minister represents BiH, and he answered: <i>"In that case, I think that this question should have been asked earlier, at the time when he was appointed to the Deputy Minister position, when he was appointed to earlier Ambassador's position... Personally, I support appointments of non-controversial persons to such positions. In this case, there was proposal which was discussed in several occasions, and in informal talk on this subject things that we talked about now were never mentioned."</i></p>
<p>Oslobodjenje op-ed speculates on possible motives for Bozanic's appointment</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sat pg 9 'Little Karadjordjevo occurred in Sarajevo' op-ed by <u>Mirko Sagolj</u> – Editorial reads that Borislav Paravac's motive to approve Bozanic's appointment is obvious: to preserve politics of Radovan Karadzic to divide BiH and annex RS to Serbia. As for Dragan Covic, author reminds that he is currently facing possibility of a number of lawsuits against him and Paddy Ashdown's criticism over preventing local judiciary to process war crimes cases. For this reason, <i>"Covic thinks logically: everything should be done to see his 'self-rule' becoming republic, as in that case his freedom would be ensured. In light of that, he voted for Bozanic."</i> Adding that while Bozanic's appointment may not be particularly important for destiny of BiH, it is certainly very indicative. Editorial wonders what would happen if Bosniak parties were to leave authorities protesting over this decision, however concludes that this is unlikely to happen as they 'made a deal with a devil' just to stay on power.</p>

**Tihic meets
McElhaney: US
to keep Eagle
Base and
support
deployment of
BiH troops to
Iraq**

RHB, RTRS Fri, **Nezavisne Novine** cover and pg 4 'USA accepted offer that BiH would send soldiers to Iraq' by R. Cengic, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 2 'US accepted the offer of BiH deminers' deployment in Iraq', mentioned on cover, by S. Rozajac, **Dnevni List** Saturday pg 2 'Americans are establishing military base in Tuzla, volunteers go to Iraq!' by D. Resic – After the meeting with US Ambassador to BiH **Douglas McElhaney** which was held on Friday, Chairman of the BiH Presidency **Sulejman Tihic** stated that the USA accepted BiH's proposals and decided to establish a military base 'Orao' in Tuzla after departure of SFOR's units and support departure of a BiH unit of volunteers to Iraq.

Dnevni Avaz Sat cover splash 'Important decisions for BiH and USA', pg 3 'Continuation of US troops presence is a proof BiH has a strong friend' by A. Malagic – *"The decision of Eagle base is a part of our own plan to keep supporting stabile and peaceful BiH... Our active role here will be continue through our presence in Butmic camp and NATO's headquarters,"* stated McElhaney adding that there will be additional consultation on size and duration of the mission. Tihic called this decision a proof for all anti-Bosnian forces that BiH has a strong friend. McElhaney also welcomed the decision to send a BiH unit of deminers to Iraq . Commenting to the statement by a journalist that there are many objecting this decision, Tihic added that there is no serious political party in BiH which does so.

FTV Fri – When asked why this is so important for USA, Ambassador McElhaney has answered: *"I could also ask why USA sent its soldiers to implement peace and security in this part of the world. The thing that I especially appreciate is the fact that we and our colleges from BiH will stand together in name of peace and security".*

Oslobodjenje Sun pg 5 'US military base in BiH is peace guarantee' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** Sun pg 5 'Establishment of US base in BiH is a certain guarantee of peace' by Fena – SDA believes that establishment of US base in BiH is a guarantee for peace in the country.

<p>BiH parliament discusses Law regulating deployment to peacekeeping missions</p>	<p>BHT 1 Fri, FTV Fri, Dnevni Avaz Sat 'BiH Parliament will approve decision on sending BiH troops to peacekeeping missions' by Fena, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Parliament to give final word on deployment of soldiers to peace missions' by M. Cubro; EuroBlic RSpg 3 'To peace mission after harmonisation of Law' by D.S. – Joint Commission of BiH Parliament for defence and security policies discussed deployment of BiH troops, police or any other officials to other countries and in principal agreed on the basics of the Law under which this issue should be regulated. Momcilo Novakovic, Chair of the Commission, explained that according to this Law the decision on deployment to peacekeeping operations rests with BIH Presidency and within 60 days of making decision BiH parliament should ratify it. Otherwise, it would be considered as rejected. Asked about deployment of BiH troops to Iraq , Novakovic said BiH will bear all responsibility for it, as the law is still not valid.</p>
<p>Mikerevic says he was assured by US that they will oppose to DPA changes</p>	<p>BHT 1 Sat – RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic returned from his visit to USA , where he discussed a number of issues important for RS.</p> <p>FTV Sat – Dragan Mikerevic commented: <i>"I also raised issue of some initiatives which can be seen in BIH, but not outside of BIH, and these are the demands for changes of Constitution."</i> Mikerevic stressed that USA authorities have no interest in changing Dayton agreement and that BIH authorities are the only ones to decide on that.</p> <p>RTRS Sat – MIkerevic also spoke to representatives of IMF and World Bank on new resources that should arrive to RS Budget by the end of the year. These resources will not be used for increase of salaries.</p>

**Update to
change of names
of towns and
municipalities
in RS with
prefix 'Serb'**

Oslobodjenje Sat pg 2 'Mayor hopes for referendum', mentioned on cover, by A. Becirovic – Daily brings the comment of the mayor of municipality which as of Friday ceased to be called Serb Sarajevo and instead was given by BiH Constitutional Court a temporary name 'Sarajevo East'. The Mayor, **Milivoj Gatalj**, says all technical preparations to make necessary changes have been completed but that they are waiting for final decision, stating that he is not certain how much this would cost the municipality which has to change its memorandum, seal, etc. BiH Constitutional Court brought decision to impose temporary names to all towns and municipalities in RS with a prefix 'Serb' after RSNA failed to change the names itself within three-months deadline. Gatalj adds:
"Most probably we will organize referendum so Serb Sarajevo will be called as people want it."

RTRS Fri, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 2 'Instead of 'Serb' – 'Bosnian'' by Onasa, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 2 'No agreement on two Laws' by V.P.; **Glas Srpske** g 2 'Still no agreement' by M.Dzepina – Joint commission of RSNA and RS Council of Peoples on Friday failed to agree on the change of names of cities, including Serb Sarajevo. Bosniak and Croat delegates in the Council of Peoples asked for prefix 'Serb' to be changed with 'Bosnian'. RSNA Speaker **Dusan Stojicic** commented that RS is constitutional category and all those opposing the name Sarajevo in RS must have strong arguments.

BHT 1 Fri by Armela Subasic – BHT 1 comments that even though the decision of the BiH Constitutional Court was published in the Official Gazette the Municipalities in question still interpret it differently. Municipality Lukavica has respected this decision and they have removed the sign on Municipality's building. Municipality Kasindol still hasn't done anything on this issue, and it seems that they are waiting the appointment of new Head of the Municipality. Residents of Lukavica have the same opinion on this and they say that this was always Srpsko Sarajevo for them and it will stay like that, explaining that this decision was brought by the Institution which has nothing to do with Serb people. CIPS Direction said that citizens will be informed in time regarding the replacement of IDs, but it is still unknown will the documents be changed at all.

<p>Terzic criticises Humphreys: EC statements are rude</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sun cover splash ‘Terzic: What does Humphreys want?’, pg 2 ‘The latest statements of EC representatives are rude’ by <u>A. Malagic</u> – The Chairman of the Council of Ministers Adnan Terzic commented to the EC’s statement which question whether BiH CoM enjoys the support of BiH Parliament and which says that CoM should considers resigning if it could not ensure the adoption of Law on single rate VAT saying that there was no reason for such reaction from the European Commission. <i>“The introduction [of VAT] began six months before the deadline. Therefore, I think that the EC reaction was not appropriate. The EC has no right to communicate with the BiH CoM in such manner. Their statements given in the past few days could be characterized as rude,”</i> Terzic said adding that he will try to solve this issue with EC in Brussels as he is interested to know whether they want to see this CoM resigning. <i>“It is obvious that Ambassador [Michael] Humphreys thinks so, ”</i> Terzic concluded adding that after he sent letter to Humphreys EC came with even harsher comments. He emphasizes that he has weekly meetings with EC and that this issue was never brought up concluding that <i>‘some game must be played.’</i></p>
<p>Humphreys: This BiH government is most efficient one since DPA</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sun pg 3 ‘Most efficient government in post-Dayton Bosnia’ by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni Avaz Sun pg 2 ‘Humphreys: We have never and never will ask for CoM’s resignation’ by <u>Fena</u> – The head of the EC’s delegation in BiH, Michael Humphreys stated that EC supports the work of CoM adding that the current BiH government was the most efficient one in the country since the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement. He concluded that EC has never and never will ask for CoM’s resignation.</p>

<p>Puljic and Covic at mass in Bobovac</p>	<p>Vecernji List pg 3 'Puljic: We do not appreciate our values' by <u>F. Matic</u> carries that the anniversary of death of the last Bosnian Queen Katarina was marked in Bobovac on Saturday and the program started with a holy mass for homeland BiH served by Cardinal Vinko Puljic. On this occasion Puljic stood for peace and tolerance among all peoples but he also criticized the lack of unity among the Croat people. Croat member of the BiH Presidency Dragan Covic also attended the ceremony and he stated: <i>"BiH needs new future devised by BiH citizens and not by those who are trying to abolish many rights, open new wounds and thus stop BiH as a modern and sovereign state."</i></p> <p>BHT 1 Sat, Oslobođenje Sun cover splash 'Bosnia has been often shattered from inside' by <u>N. Kobacic – S. Subotic</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija Sunday pg 10 'Cardinal Puljic served mass for homeland' by <u>G. Spreckic</u>, Dnevni List Sunday front pg splash and pg 3 "We are fighting for worthy life' by <u>D. Resic</u> also report on this ceremony.</p>
<p>NN int with Borislav Paravac</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine pgs 3-6 in NN supplement Revija 'I will change the method of work of BiH Presidency' by <u>Natasa Krsman</u> – In a lengthy interview to NN, Borislav Paravac, Serb member to BiH Presidency, says that when he assumes the position of Presidency Chairperson (on 28 October), he would change the method of work of this institution, noting this is a part of agreement this institution reached, with an aim to improve cooperation and work of the BiH Council of Ministers and BiH Parliament. He says: <i>"In comparison with hitherto activities, we will have a number of innovations, because we have – in my view – made many omissions in insufficient coordination with another institutions."</i> He stresses it is necessary to improve cooperation with the ICTY, including the arrests of war crime suspects and disclosure of all crimes committed during the war in BiH. He stresses the state auditors have done an excellent job, although BiH Presidency was also under one of its audits. Commenting on press question as to whether there would be new removals at SDS, he says: <i>"I have one observation to make when speaking of High Representative: I do know what he can do, but I do not know what he cannot do."</i></p>

<p>SD: 'Covic's successor is being looked for already'</p>	<p>Slobodna Dalmacija Saturday front pg splash and pg 6 'Covic's successor is being looked for already' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – SD says that after the investigation on Croat member of the BiH Presidency Dragan Covic was taken over by the Special Department for Organized Crime and Corruption with the BiH Prosecution and after High Representative Paddy Ashdown singled out Covic as a person who would be held accountable for blockade of passing the Law on BiH Court for War Crimes, people from the BiH political and diplomatic circles believe that Covic will leave the BiH political scene and his successor is being looked for.</p>
<p>GS brings reactions on Ashdown's statement on OHR</p>	<p>Glas Srpske pg 2 'Barometre' by <u>G.D.-S.Sa.</u> – GS carries some brief comments on the statement of Paddy Ashdown, High Representative to BiH, that BiH is not ready for the abolishment of the institution of High Representative. Krstan Simic, SNSD Vice President, says: <i>"I – to some extent – agree with Ashdown that BiH is not ready. But who is responsible for that? The ruling coalition and High Representative should share responsibility for this."</i> Gostimir Popovic, military and political commentator, says: <i>"If HiRep had respected Annex 10 of DPA, he should have handed over his duties to local institutions by now."</i> Momcilo Novakovic, delegate at the BiH HoR, says: <i>"This statement can only further discourage local institutions from taking over responsibility for their state."</i></p>
<p>VL int with Valdimir Seks</p>	<p>Vecernji List Saturday pg 6 'Croatia will stand for protection of Croats in BiH' by <u>M. Vasilj</u> carries an interview with President of the Croatian Parliament Vladimir Seks who says that Croats in BiH are faced with big problems and that everyone should be aware that BiH as a state cannot progress if the position of the Croat people does not change. Asked whether Croatia will do something with regard to this issue, Seks says that the Croatian Government will make concrete moves through talks with Chairman of the BiH CoM Adnan Terzic but also with HR Paddy Ashdown.</p>

Economic issues

Agreement on drafting documentation on Vc corridor signed; Terzic criticises IMF

Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'Documentation for 5C corridor would be completed in 18 months' by M. Cubro; **EuroBlic** RSpg 3 'BAM 32 million for documentation' by D.S.; **Glas Srpske** pg 4 'Road upon agreement' by N. Zelenovic, **Dnevni List** Sat pg 5 'Construction of Corridor Vc entered second phase', mentioned on cover, by D. Polovina-Mandic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** Sat last pg 'Agreement on drafting of documentation for Corridor Vc signed' by B. Kristo – The agreement on drafting of the plan and study documentation for construction of 330 kilometres of a highway on a part of Corridor Vc was signed on Friday between the BiH Ministry of Traffic and Communications and the consortium made of 21 companies from BiH, Croatia and Italy.

Dnevni Avaz Sat 'Terzic: This is the beginning of a big dream!', pg 2 'Terzic: This is the beginning of the highway's construction' by L. Sinanovic – BiH Transport and Communications **Branko Dokic** said that BiH authorities will closely monitor the work of the consortium.

Oslobodjenje Sat cover splash 'IMF bans BiH to finance construction of highway', pgs 4-5 'IMF bans BiH to finance the construction of highway with its money' by Azhar Kalamujic, **Dnevni List** Sat pg 5 inset 'Terzic: We are against IMF proposals', **Vecernji List** Sat pg 16 'IMF brings in question financing of Corridor Vc' by D. Jazvic – Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers **Adnan Terzic** stated: *"The International Monetary Fund (IMF) wants us to sign in the Memorandum on Understanding that we are giving up an earlier decision, which envisages that money received from the compensation for licenses in mobile telephony is directed on construction of highways, and that these funds are redirected for meeting of an internal debt. We are absolutely against such proposal and we want to divert the IMF from such stupid idea."*

FTV Fri – BiH Minister of Transport and Communications, **Branko Dokic** pointed the IMF objections to CoM decision to use the money from GSM Licences for building of Corridor 5C. *"I am deeply convinced, and here I have two most important witnesses – the CoM Chair and Minister of Finances – that we will not give up on our decision"* – said Dokic.

BHT 1 Fri – The Feasibility Study on Corridor 5C will be finished in eighteen months and will cost 32,7 million KM.

**EC insists on
adoption of
Law on one
rate VAT**

Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 2 'Politicians must not create holes in the taxation law' by F. Cardzic – Spokesperson for EC delegation in BiH, **Frane Maroevic**, stated that EC thinks that unless BiH Parliament adopts the Law on single rate VAT brought by CoM, the survival of BiH Government would be in question as it is not able to ensure parliamentary majority. Maroevic added that *"EC has repeatedly stated that it is necessary for BiH to adopt the law with single rate of VAT in order to ensure higher influx of revenues and prevent manipulations enabled by system of more rates."* Maroevic concludes that if politicians want to help vulnerable population categories they must develop specialized programmes and not create holes in taxation system. Asked whether there is a chance for EC to suspend its assistance to BiH, Maroevic answered he could not comment to that but added that if there is no readiness to establish the system which will effectively collect revenues EC has to asked itself how to continue spending European tax payers' money in BiH. SDA delegate **Elmir Jukic** commented that he and his partisans will support CoM's law. SBiH delegate **Berzic Belkic** said that nobody can deprive representatives of the right to discuss such important decision. SDS delegate **Momcilo Novakovic** stated that *"if the solution offered by CoM is the only one possible, than there are mechanisms through which the High Representative can impose the law."*

<p>BHT 1 feature on BiH Auditors' issues</p>	<p>BHT 1 Fri by <u>Gvozen Sarac</u> – BiH Prosecution is conducting an investigation regarding the criminal liability of officials noted in 26 audit reports on financial work of BiH Institutions for 2003. Publishing audits' reports, Deputies of BiH Chief Auditor, Samir Musovic and Dragan Kulina have confirmed that political pressures have existed, but new BiH Chief Auditor, Milan Sego claims that there are no pressures and that politics has no place in his Office. <i>"I am not at politically engaged at all. It is true that I come from Croat people, but there is some assumption that if you are Croat they immediately connect you to HDZ,"</i> Sego commented. Sego replaced Ivan Miletic, who resigned due to family matters but unofficial information show he was given an apartment in Mostar by HDZ and that he did not want audit of BiH Presidency. BiH Parliament approved his appointment, but only for a year when mandate of Musovic and Kulina is expiring. Sego on the other hand believes that his appointment was done in accordance to the Law on Audit and he says that his mandate will be five years. <i>"Unfortunately I have a feeling that the Presidency has appointed a new Auditor for five years in accordance to the Law and thus shown that new Auditor is unfortunately a part of political manipulations in BiH"</i> Nikola Spiric, Deputy Speaker of BiH HoR commented.</p>
<p>BHT 1 on 3rd GSM operator</p>	<p>BHT 1 by <u>Damir Simic</u> – According to BHT 1 information, Croatian Telecom is to buy additional Eronet shares, as response to offer of 24 mill. Euros worth offer of Mobilkom Austria. According to this offer, state would keep 63% of HT Mostar stocks and 20% of Eronet stocks. Boris Nemesic, Chair of Mobilkom Austria's Steering Board, their offer includes solution for problems of BiH, HT Mostar and Eronet, as well as for the "Hercegovacka banka" case. HT Zagreb offered to renounce their 49% Eronet stocks in favor of HT Mostar. In return, they demand more stocks of HT Mostar. HT Zagreb plans to unite HT Mostar and Eronet in order to provide better service to the customers. FBH government didn't accept any of the offers yet, but they announced new negotiations with possible strategic partners. According to Nedžad Brankovic, FBH Minister for Transport and Communication, the Government will do everything to protect state property in HT Mostar.</p>

<p>Oslobodjenje's int with Hadzipasic on 3rd GSM, Aluminij, Internal Debt Law</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sat pg 28, Pogled supplement, 'Government wants to save both Eronet and HT Mostar' by <u>Aldijana Omeragic</u> – FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic states in an interview that the FBiH Government has not accepted one of two offers related to 3rd GSM operator in order to save Eronet, strengthen HT Mostar and maintain value of BH Telecom. He explains that Eronet should rent infrastructure to HT Mostar which can also use 30% of BH telecom's and Mobis' capacities to provide with mobile services. In that way, both companies could develop. On the Law on FBiH internal debt, Hadzipasic comments: <i>"With this Law we have done more for big depositors, and that is unacceptable for me as a person. However, that is the compromise and we will try in some other way in accordance with the possibility within the budget to protect those vulnerable,"</i> Hadzipasic said. On Aluminij, he says that since the arbitrary agreement has not been still reached after six years the Government will have to make the revision of the ownership outside of the arbitration: <i>"If there are no improvements in next 30 days, I am certain that the government will decide in favour of different ownership's revision."</i></p>
<p>IT on corruption in BiH</p>	<p>Glas Srpske cover page story 'Blue envelope for hospital as well' by <u>D.V.M.</u> – The story is about the Transparency International's Global Corruptions Perceptions index which rated BiH as 83rd on the scale. The report carries statement of Srdjan Blagovcanin, TI to BiH Spokesperson, who says that corruption is not related to BiH authorities solely, but also a part of the international community as well, noting: <i>"OHR has refused to sign Memorandum of Understanding with our organization, with an explanation that it is not in charge of resolving corruption related issues. It is obvious that OHR holds to double standards, since it is known it has removed some officials over corruption."</i> The headline is about corruption at health care system, noting that there are 145 recorded cases of corruption amongst doctors and medical staff.</p>

Judicial and police issues

<p>Bileca Police Commander removed</p>	<p>RTRS Fri, BHT 1 Fri, FTV Fri, Dnevni List Sat pg 6 'Commander of Police Administration Bileca removed' by <u>N. Kolak</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija Saturday pg 16 'Head of Police removed' by <u>T. Bojanic</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 9 'Police commander removed' by <u>S. Karic</u>; EuroBlic RSpg 2 'Bileca Police Station Commander removed' by <u>V.M.</u> – The press release issued by the Public Security Centre Trebinje says that Commander of the Police Administration Bileca Dobrivoje Balj was removed because of shortcomings in his work during the recent SFOR's action in Bileca when Nedjo Samardzic, war crimes suspect, was wounded.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 2 'Police Commander in Bileca removed' by <u>S. Sijakovic</u> – PSC Bileca also filed the criminal report against Borislav Kovacevic suspecting him for attack against RTRS cameraman. In addition, it also initiated discipline procedure against Balj, his Deputy and two other police officers present at the 'lynch' of journalists but failed to do anything about it.</p>
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<p>Update to Makroprom case</p>	<p>RTRS Fri and Sat, Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 2 'Owner in a run, his brother arrested' by <u>D. Risojevic</u>; EuroBlic cover and RSpG 2 'Director Gladovic ran away' by <u>G. Savic-M.DJurdjevic</u> – The Prijedor police on Friday arrested Zeljko Gladovic (46), Head of "Makroprom" production facility and warehouse, and Nenad Mutic(40) chief technologist following police search at the facilities of "Makroprom" in Prijedor and Banja Luka and opened investigation against Ljubomir Gladovic, the owner of "Makroprom" company, who is believed to be in a run. The BAaja Luka Prosecutor's Office charges Zeljko Gladovic (the brother of Ljubomir) for being an accomplice in the smuggling, tax evasion and production of dangerous substances.</p>
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<p>FTV feature on BiH court's departments</p>	<p>FTV Fri – After he was appointed as the head of BiH Prosecution's Special Department for Organized and Economic Crime and Corruption, John McNair should have become the Head of new Department for War Crimes and Organized Crime, but that will not happen being that BiH House of Peoples has agreed to separate this Department on War Crimes Chamber and Special Department for Organized and Economic Crime and Corruption. Not it is unknown who will be the Head of War crimes Chamber, but it is known that function of International Registry will be done by Michael Johnson. But never the less, McNair's Office will as of next year have more Prosecutors and more work. <i>"Current number of six International Prosecutors in Special Department will be increased with arrival of at least ten domestic Prosecutors and probably with additional four International Prosecutors. In that way the result will be a Special Department, which will be composed of International and domestic Prosecutors, whose number at the beginning will be the same, but the number of International Prosecutors will be gradually reduced, so that in few years domestic Prosecutors could successfully run the Special department entirely"</i>- said McNair.</p>
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<p>VL says that independence of BiH judiciary is being endangered</p>	<p>Vecernji List Saturday pg 5 'BiH judiciary is getting High Representative' by Z. Jurilj says that an ultimate demand that HR Paddy Ashdown and Chief ICTY Prosecutor Carla del Ponte addressed at the high-ranked Serb and Croat officials shows that the IC still has not trust in functionality and independence of the BiH judicial authority. VL goes on to say that uninformed BiH public is not aware that the beginning of transformation of BiH judicial authority, which will be completely controlled by foreigners, stands behind the aforementioned demand. According to the article, aware of such situation a group of BiH politicians tried to oppose this plan however, they gave up after they had been threatened with dismissals.</p>
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**NTV Hayat
update on
Alijagic
case**

NTV Hayat by Senad Hadzifejzovic – NTV Hayat brings update to the verdict according to which Municipality Trebinje, RS Government or company Metalac should pay 36 million KM of compensation to **Salih Alijagic** who filed charges against RS for thievery of his property during the war. Payment should be made in instalments as of Monday, otherwise their bank accounts would be frozen. Six days before the payment, RS NA adopted the Law blocking this and similar payments. Journalist commented that this is a direct political interference in the work of independent judiciary adding that OHR should react. *"This law is... discriminating. It violates basic human rights and it is directed against returnees.,"* RS Council of Peoples Chair **Remzija Kadric** commented. RS Premier **Dragan Mikerevic** explained that adopting the Law protected the RS institutions' budgets from being blocked. *"Relevant BiH institutions have to find a solution which is in accordance with the BiH Constitution and international human rights standards,"* stated OHR spokesman **Oleg Milisic**. *"I expect that question of vital national interest will be raised, and we will probable block the adoption of this Law,"* announced Kadric. Newly elected Head of Trebinje Municipality **Dobroslav Cuk** commented that the compensation is too high and unrealistic, adding that realistic compensations should be made. *"Judicial officials should be warned that they cannot bring such unsuitable verdicts... And what now? Should we block everything in Trebinje and pay Alijagic as Court ordered? With interest rates that reached 35 millions? That can't be and will not be that way,"* added Cuk.

War crimes

ICTY Prosecution
demands
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BHT 1 Fri, **FTV** Fri, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 3 'Del Ponte demands Herceg-Bosna documentation on inmates', mentioned on cover, by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 4 'Hague demands Herceg Bosna documentation on exchange of inmates' by H.Orahovac, **Dnevni List** Sat front pg splash and pg 3 'New The Hague indictments are arriving' by I. Glibusic, **Slobodna Dalmacija** Sat last pg 'Carla del Ponte interested in Herceg Bosna documents' by F – Croat Liaison Officer for Relations with the ICTY **Goran Mihaljevic** confirmed that the ICTY Prosecution demanded from the BiH Council of Ministers and the FBiH Government to submit documents and information which refer on the Department for Displaced Persons and Refugees of Herceg Bosna and the Department for Exchange of Prisoners and Other Persons of Herceg Bosna for the period from April 1, 1992 until March 31, 1994. Mihaljevic added that his Office has already taken appropriate measures and intensified activities in order to meet the demand of the ICTY Prosecution. **Vecernji List** Sat pg 2 'Exchange of prisoners under The Hague magnifying glass' by D. Jazvic – VL says that these documents refer on 6 high-ranked Croat officials charged with war crimes (**Jadranko Prlic**, **Slobodan Praljak**, **Berislav Pusic** etc.)

Vecernji List Sun pg 2 'The Hague is collecting information for new bills of indictment' by V. Rupcic carries FBiH Justice Minister **Borjana Kristo** as saying that this Ministry has not received any concrete demands or any announcement of new bills of indictment.

**DL: ICTY to
indict Silajdzic
and Ganic**

Dnevni List Sat front pg splash and pg 3 'New The Hague indictments are arriving' by I. Glibusic – According to unofficial information offered by DL source, the ICTY Prosecution is preparing new bills of indictment against Bosniak high-ranked, wartime officials **Ejup Ganic** and **Haris Silajdzic**. The same source also said that these days high-ranked officials from the FBiH Ministry of Interior have received new demands for arrest of war crime suspects, who will stand the trail in The Hague because of the war crimes, which took place at the time when they were holding responsible positions. DL also says that neither the ICTY Prosecution nor Mihaljevic could confirm this information.

RTRS Sat – RS Prisoners of War Association will cease cooperation with Chief ICTY Prosecutor **Carla Del Ponte** if she doesn't raise indictments against Bosniak war military and political leaders such as **Rasim Delic**, **Ejub Ganic**, **Haris Silajdzic** and **Atif Dudakovic**.

**Mikerevic: RS has
no alternative
but to cooperate
with ICTY**

RTRS Sat, **BHT 1** Sat – RS Prime Minister **Dragan Mikerevic** returned from his visit to USA, where he discussed important issues such as cooperation of RS with ICTY with US officials. According to Mikerevic, RS authorities will have enough time to make concrete steps in order to get positive evaluation of RS at Security Council on November 23rd. He said that both RS and Serbia have no alternative, and they must show readiness to comply with international demands.

FTV Sat – Dragan Mikerevic commented: *“I believe that I have managed to present Government’s opinion about certain political issues, in the first place about the cooperation with ICTY and relationship of RS to truth and reconciliation, and in that context the completion of Srebrenica Report.”*

Dnevni Avaz Sun pg 4 ‘RS will not be without MoI’ by M.R. – As for the reconstruction of BiH police forces, Dragan Mikerevic stated the position of RS government was clear and that Republika Srpska will not be without its own Interior Ministry.

<p>BHT 1 on report on BiH cooperation with ICTY</p>	<p>BHT 1 by <u>Laura Bosnjak</u> – In case of a negative report on BIH's cooperation with ICTY, which will be presented to UN Security Council next month, BIH will not start negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement, and will lose the support of the international lobbies. France and Germany are strongest supporters of BIH's association to EU, while Scandinavian countries and Great Britain are much less supportive. EU is disappointed by appointment of Dragan Bozanic as BIH Ambassador to European Council, which also might lead to losing lobby support. ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte will submit the final report on BIH cooperation with ICTY to Security Council, NATO and EU next month. Negative report will close the doors to Euro-Atlantic integrations.</p>
<p>NN update property-freezing activities</p>	<p>Nezavisne Novine cover and pg 3 'RS Government freezing the property of Karadzic' by <u>M.C.-V.P.</u> – Goran Radivojac, Spokesperson of the RS Interior Minister, stated that the RS Government would realise decision of the European Union Council regarding the freezing of the property of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, noting that :<i>"RS Government is clearly committed to an intensive cooperation with the Hague Tribunal."</i>NN further carries statement of Vedran Persic, OHR Spokesperson, saying that: <i>"Authorities must identify mechanism how to do that, but High Representative welcomes their commitment to do that."</i></p>

<p>Matijasevic: RS MoI's priority is arrest of war crimes suspects</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sun pg 4 'Priority is arrest of war criminals' by Fena, Dnevni Avaz Sun pg 4 'RS MoI priority is to arrest war crimes suspects' by Fena, Vecernji List Sunday pg 2 'RS and The Hague' by f, Dnevni List Sunday pg 4 'To arrest The Hague indictees as soon as possible' <u>not signed</u> carries RS Minister of Interior Darko Matijasevic as saying that a priority of this Ministry is arrest of war crimes indictees and added: 'It must be done and there are no dilemmas with regard to this issue.'</p>
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