

OHR BiH Weekend Round-up, 25-26/9/2004

Friday

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
Hercegovacka Bank trial	BiH CC decision- RS cities	BiH CC – corrupted Judges	PIC on BiH progress
Possible power shortages	Robbery of ABS Bank	BiH CC on RS cities	BiH CC on RS cities
Cavic on Tihic UN speech	Patterns in Bank robberies	RS reactions- CC decision	Bank robbery in Tuzla
Paravac on Tihic's speech	Hercegovacka Bank trial	PIC on BiH progress	Exhumation in Kevljani

Saturday

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	BH TV 1 (19,00 hrs)	FED TV (19,30 hrs)	RT RS (19,30)
Tihic on Croat's returning	Update to CC ruling	First snow in Vlasica	Igman group conference
Voting in elections	Affair of sky control in BiH	Igman group conference	War crimes trials in BiH
Ivanic at Adriatic charter	Search for bank robbers	Conference on genocide	ICTY relations w/ Serbia
Ivanic met Draskovic	Teachers strike in HNC	Investigation on Boskic	JNA military apartments

Saturday

Oslobodjenje	BiH Foreign Affairs Ministry hides data on passports and visas; Objections to indictments of Jelavic and resignation of Jelavic's lawyer rejected; BiH is not Al'Qaeda recruitment center; Serb Sarajevo became Sarajevo East; Non-purchased military apartments belong to Federation
Dnevni Avaz	Tihic: I am not ashamed of people who defended BiH; Terzic: We will ask from IMF to reduce pressure
Dnevni List	Muselimovic called off representing of Jelavic and Father Sevo
Vecernji List	Jelavic demands that foreigners do not try him
Slobodna Dalmacija	Jelavic: I do not know who sues me and who tries me!
Nezavisne Novine	Ante Jelavic: I do not acknowledge judges; RS must pay 8,2 million KM to the Alijagic brothers; Dragan Cavic: referendum is possible; BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs: the Spokesperson was illegally employed; No trace of stolen money
Glas Srpske	Great injustice was remedied; Kadric, resign!
EuroBlic	Decision of the Court denies RS institutions; Colak: BiH is not recruiting terrorists for Al-Q'Aida; Tihic in New York as on a private trip

Sunday

Oslobodjenje	Hospital in Cavtat shall be defended in Brussels
Dnevni Avaz	Ceric: Belgrade 's "Duga" moved to Sarajevo ; Tihic and Mesic in favour of Dayton change; Mikerevic: It is not up to me to arrest Karadzic and Mladic
Dnevni List	Tihic accused Catholic Church of disappearance of Croats in BiH
Vecernji List	Doris Pack: Return of Croats to BiH endangered
Slobodna Dalmacija	Features Croatia related headlines

BiH CC on names of RS cities with prefix 'Serb'

<p>BiH Constitutional Court imposes provisional names for 13 RS cities and municipalities in RS</p>	<p>RHB Fri, FTV Fri, RTRS Fri, Oslobodjenje Sat pg 4 'Serb Sarajevo became Sarajevo East', mentioned on cover 'Srpsko Sarajevo became Sarajevo East', by <u>A. Omeragic</u>, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Thirteen cities and municipalities in RS got provisional names' by <u>Az.B. – M.V.</u>, Vecernji List Sat pg 2 'Adjectives 'Eastern' and 'Bosnian' to disputable Municipalities in RS' by <u>E. Medunjanin</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija Sat last pg 'Names of 12 Municipalities and City Srpsko Sarajevo out of force' by <u>B. Kristo</u>, <u>A. Macanovic</u>, Dnevni List Sat pg 3 'Serbs town received temporary names', mentioned on cover, by <u>D. Polovina-Mandic</u>, Nezavisne Novine Sat cover and pg. 5 'Dragan Cavic: referendum is possible' by <u>R. Cengic</u> and <u>D. Risojevic</u>, Glas Srpske Sat pg. 3 'In accordance with tempo of politics' by <u>N. Zelenovic</u>, EuroBlic Sat cover 'Decision of the Court denies RS institutions' and pg. RS1 'Decision as a verdict' by <u>J. D. and T. V.</u>, Vecernje Novosti Sat pg. 21 'Srpsko became Eastern' by <u>M. L. – The BiH Constitutional Court decided that the names of the Municipalities and towns in the RS which had prefix 'Serb' will not be used any longer and at the same time passed the decision on temporary names of these Municipalities and towns until the RS National Assembly and RS Council of Peoples pass the finale decision on this issue. The Court brought decision on temporary names concluding that the RS National Assembly did not act in timely manner to ensure implementation of the Court's previous instruction.</u></p> <p>BHT 1 Fri – <i>"I will remind that decision of the Constitutional Court are final and mandatory and that they have to be respected, regardless does someone like them or not,"</i> Mato Tadic, Chairman of BiH CC, stated.</p> <p>RTRS Fri – <i>"It is not up to the Constitutional Court to worry about procedures that should be carried out by National Assembly. [They] knew that they to start with the procedure and not wait for the last moment",</i> says Tadic.</p>
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<p>Reactions: Cavic announces referendum in RS on cities' names</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sat pg 5 inset 'Referendum is possible' by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 2 inset 'Cavic announces referendum on names' , Nezavisne Novine Sat cover and pg. 5 'Dragan Cavic: referendum is possible' by <u>R. Cengic</u> and <u>D. Risojevic</u>, Glas Srpske Sat pg. 3 inset 'Dragan Cavic: Decision made under pressure', EuroBlic Sat cover, pg. RS1 inset 'Cavic: Possible referendum', Vecernje Novosti, Sat pg. 21 inset 'Dragan Cavic: We will sign out referendum!', Vecernji List Saturday pg 2 'D. Cavic is announcing referendum' by <u>bs</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija Sat last pg 'Names of 12 Municipalities and City Srpsko Sarajevo out of force' by <u>B. Kristo</u>, <u>A. Macanovic</u>, Dnevni List pg 3 'Serbs town received temporary names', mentioned on cover, by <u>D. Polovina-Mandic</u> – Commenting on the aforementioned decision of the BiH Constitutional Court, RS President Dragan Cavic stated that such decision was passed under pressure of SDA. He added that he does not exclude the constitutional possibility to organize the referendum before the RS Parliament passes the law on this issue.</p> <p>RTRS Fri – <i>"RS Constitution states that it is possible to test a certain legal act through referendum,"</i> says Cavic.</p> <p>BHT 1 Fri, FTV Fri – <i>"We will use all constitutional possibilities to prevent these illogical decisions, because this decision truly has no sense; it is rushed, it was made under the pressure and it is clear political decision and not the decision of highest Court Institution as the Constitutional Court is. And the thing I find shocking is the stance of RS representatives in CC, what they have been doing there, how they can accept these kinds of stances. Simply, I think that this decision of the Court is political and it will get a political response"-</i> said Cavic.</p>
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<p>Reactions: Mikerevic says decision has to be accepted, but that it is precedent</p>	<p>RTRS Fri, Nezavisne Novine Sat cover and pg. 5 'Dragan Cavic: referendum is possible' by <u>R. Cengic</u> and <u>D. Risojevic</u>, Glas Srpske Sat pg. 3 inset 'Dragan Mikerevic: Precedent of the Court', EuroBlic Sat cover, pg. RS1 inset 'Mikerevic: This is a precedent', Vecernje Novosti Sat pg. 21 'Srpsko became Eastern' by <u>M. L.</u> – RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic has assessed this decision as a precedent by which the Constitutional Court was transformed into a legislative body. He emphasised that the Government's lawyers will consider this decision to find out whether it is in accordance with the Law on the Constitutional Court</p> <p>FTV Fri, BHT 1 Fri – <i>"We... have to accept that and make it happen, but I have to say that this truly, I believe, presents one precedent; it seems to me that CC is turning into the legislative body"</i> said Mikerevic.</p>
<p>Reactions by RSNA Speaker and Deputy Speaker</p>	<p>FTV Fri – Commenting to the aforementioned decision of the BiH Constitutional Court, the Speaker of the RS National Assembly, Dusan Stojicic, said: <i>"We'll see, when we get this decision, we will evaluate what it truly means and what kind of possibilities there are for us in RSNA... We were accused of not implementing the decision of the Constitutional Court, that is very serious accusation, I believe that we will have to make certain moves."</i></p> <p>RTRS Fri – <i>"I think these decisions violate the laws that are guaranteed under the European Charter on local self-governance. The laws clearly state that citizens living in the area have the right to decide on this matter"</i> says Dusan Stojicic.</p> <p>BHT 1 Fri – <i>"I think that this is a clear signal to the institutions of the Government that they have to assure that all issues are acceptable to everyone"</i>- said Sefket Hafizovic, RSNA Deputy Speaker.</p>

<p>Halilovic says citizens of cities in question have to change documents</p>	<p>BHT 1 by <u>Marina Boskovic</u> – BiH Civil Affairs Minister, Safet Halilovic, said that citizens of municipalities with new names in RS will have to change personal documents in accordance to the decision of BIH Constitutional Court . According to Halilovic, costs of document change should be covered by RS institutions that failed to implement the Court's decision in timely manner.</p>
<p>Serb Caucus in RS CoP demand resignation of Remzija Kadric</p>	<p>Glas Srpske, Saturday, cover page 'Kadric, resign!' by <u>G. D.</u>, EuroBlic, Saturday, pg. RS3 'Caucus of Serb delegates requested for Kadric's resignation' by <u>R. R.</u> – Serb caucus at RS Council of Peoples on Friday asked from CoP Chairman Remzija Kadric to resign over abuse of office. The caucus claims he was obliged to convene a session of CoP within a deadline in which the council was obliged to decide on the Law on Changes and Addenda to the Law on Territorial Organisation and Local Self-government [which address the issue of prefix 'srpski' in names of some RS cities and municipalities], but that Kadric had failed to do so.</p> <p>RTRS Fri – Kadric on the other hand accuses RS Government for the delay. He claims that the Government didn't prepare the law on time and therefore the deadline given by the Constitutional Court was not met. <i>"National Assembly adopted the law on 27th July and the deadline given by Constitutional Court was 11th of August...Council of People didn't have enough time to declare itself on that matter"</i>, says Kadric.</p>

Court proceeding/security/Visa misuses

<p>Trial of Jelavic and others for Hercegovacka Bank begins</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 8 'Jelavic doesn't accept foreigners to try him' by <u>H. Orahovac</u>, Vecernji List Saturday front and pgs 2 and 3 'Jelavic demands that foreigners do not try him' by <u>D. Jazvic</u>, Dnevni List Saturday front and pg 'Muselimovic called off representing of Jelavic and Father Sevo' by <u>E. Mackic</u>, <u>N. Dedic</u> and Slobodna Dalmacija Saturday front pg 'Jelavic: I do not know who sues me and who tries me!' and pg 4 'Jelavic: I do not understand this language' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> – Trial in case of Ante Jelavic, Miroslav Prce, Miroslav Rupcic, friar Ivan Sevo and Ivica Karlovic, accused of embezzlement in "Hercegovacka Banka" case, commenced on Friday at BiH Court. According to dailies, after only 20 minutes of considering the Panel of Judges rejected all objections on the court procedure submitted by the defence (the lawyers disputed legitimacy of the Panel of Judges and competence of the BiH Court in this process and demanded that the BiH Constitutional Court passes the final decision on this issue). Defendants and their lawyers also disputed the fact that two foreigners are members of the Panel of Judges since according to their opinion the Panel of Judges should be made of domestic judges exclusively. During the trial Jelavic stated: <i>"I cannot accept that foreign citizens are in charge of the court process in my country and I cannot accept that any other language apart from the language of my people is used during the court process..."</i> Jelavic also said that he was fighting for reshaping of the Dayton Peace Accord without the use of force so that his people become equal with other two peoples and added: <i>"I was fighting for the things that every normal and sane person stands for now including the High Representative."</i> The dailies also carry that Jelavic's lawyer Josip Muselimovic stated that the lawyers wonder whether it makes any sense to participate in such court procedure. He added that he and lawyers Senka Nozica and Nikola Grljic (who are also engaged in this case) will meet on Monday and pass the final decision whether they will continue to work in this case or not. RHB Fri, BHT 1 Fri, FTV Fri, Oslobodjenje Sat pg 6 'Objections to indictment and resignation of lawyer rejected', mentioned on cover, by <u>A. Nezirevic</u> – Josip Muselimovic has stated he is not in a position to provide his client with an adequate legal aid. Although Jelavic has given his consent to Muselimovic, Grzic and Nozica not to represent him anymore, a presiding judge rejected this decision.</p> <p>RTRS Fri – carries that the trial has begun.</p> <p>Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, cover 'Ante Jelavic: I do not acknowledge judges' and pg. 3 'Jelavic does not acknowledge judges' by <u>A. Durmo</u>, Glas Srpske, Saturday, pg. 8 'They do not want to have foreign judges' <u>not signed</u> –Prosecutor John McNair has stated he does not understand how is it possible for the indictees not to understand the language in which they are being tried or the indictment written in Croat language.</p>
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<p>HDZ says this is a beginning of another 'judicial farce'</p>	<p>RTRS Sat, Dnevni Avaz Sun pg 2 'Beginning of another judicial farce', Oslobođenje Sun pg 7 'Croat officials not guilty for Bank' by <u>Fena</u>, Dnevni List Sun pg 3 'Trial against Jelavic is trial against Croat people?' <u>not signed</u>, Vecernji List Sun pg 2 'Court farce which insults every Croat' by <u>M. Relota</u> – Reacting to the trial against Ante Jelavic and other suspects in the Hercegovacka Banka case, HDZ BiH issued a press release which says that this trial is a rigged process out of all legal and constitutional frameworks of BiH. <i>"We believe that the single sin of Ante Jelavic is that he, before everybody else, recognized the need for BiH to be constitutionally reorganized and for its structure to be acceptable to all three constituent peoples and all citizens of BiH,"</i> press release reads. HDZ demands for a <i>"farce to be ended, and those responsible for illegal arrest and detention of Ante Jelavic to be legally processed and sanctioned for their actions."</i></p>
<p>Tadic denies allegations that BiH CC judges are corrupted</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 2 'Military apartments will not be returned to JNA officers' by <u>Az. B.</u>, Vecernji List Sat pg 2 'Judges: We were not receiving bribe' by <u>eme</u> – President of the BiH Constitutional Court Mato Tadic resolutely denied the claims about alleged corruption of the judges working in this Court. He qualified as absurd the claims according to which the judges from this Court were receiving bribe in order to obstruct passing of the decision in the cases dealing with immunity.</p> <p>FTV Fri – <i>"I resolutely deny the information, broadcast by FTV [Thursday] night,"</i> said Tadic. FTV broadcast on Thursday claimed that investigative bodies in BiH have been carrying out the investigation due to suspicion that some judges have accepted bribery and that they are postponing the discussion on the Law on Immunity. Regarding the decision on the Immunity Law, Tadic said that the case is closed, apart from the technical part to verify the text. FTV says that this means that final decision can be expected at the next session, which is scheduled for next month, adding that such delay goes in favour of some former and current high ranking politicians.</p>

<p>Hays warns MIP BiH on visa misuses</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sat cover splash, pgs 4-5 'Foreign Affairs Ministry hides data on passports and visas' by <u>Azhar Kalamujic</u> – In a letter last week to BiH Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic, Principal Deputy High Representative, Donald Hays, warned that the abuses and lapses in issuing visas to foreigners in diplomatic network of BiH presents a treat to the international security and continue to damage BiH reputation in the global fight against terrorism. Hays sent a letter following the media reports on 60 visas missing from BiH's Consulate in Brussels , and other possible cases in Embassies in Aman, Peking and New Delhi . Hays warned Ivanic actions were carried out to correct the lapses. Ivanic was also warned that Foreign Affairs Ministry has not submitted the information to the BiH Security Ministry on visas issued to foreign citizens, adding that the Ministry has a legal obligation to submit such information to the State Border Service, SIPA and other law enforcement agencies in BiH. Daily carries that OHR's most difficult accusation says that Foreign Affairs Ministry allegedly rejected to participate, together with CIPS, in establishment of unified electronic database of issued visas. Finally, Hays asked Ivanic to answer within 15 days on made changes. Inset 'Hays' pet' – According to unofficial information from Foreign Affairs Ministry, the majority of Hays' objections with regard to unification of information on passports and visas are not a fault of the Ministry but unstructured CIPS Directorate, referred to as 'Hays' pet'. Daily's source says that for this reason Hays sent a letter to the Ministry, not CIPS.</p> <p>RHB Sat – also reported on the letter sent by PDHR to Ivanic.</p>
<p>MIP BiH confirms disappearance of visas</p>	<p>RTRS Fri, Dnevni List Sat pg 7 'All competent and state bodies were informed about disappearance of visas' by <u>A. Beus</u>, Slobodna Dalmacija Sat pg 18 'Visa stickers disappeared from Embassy' by <u>B. Kristo</u> – Spokesperson of the BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lepa Babic stated that 60 stickers for visas disappeared from the BiH Embassy in Brussels and after the disciplinary procedure is over it will be known how they disappeared. Babic also denied speculations according to which employees in this Embassy were not familiar with the disappearance of the visas and she stressed that they were familiar with this problem and on the ground of this information the disciplinary procedure against some persons was launched.</p> <p>Oslobodjenje Sat pg 3 'Unannounced controls of BiH Embassies started' by <u>Az. K.</u> – Babic stated for daily that Ministry's representatives, OHR and EUPM met on Saturday to discuss protection measures with regard to the visa misuses. Commenting to PDHR's letter to Mladen Ivanic, Babic stated that the Ministry is very keen to prevent cases of visa misuses to occur.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 10 'Ivanic: There were lapses in other BiH consular offices' by <u>M. Drinjakovic</u> – In a statement to DA, Ivanic confirms disappearance of 60 visas in BiH Consulate in Brussels, and that additional 4 audits established lapses in several other Embassies and consular offices.</p>

<p>Colak: BiH is not Al'Qaeda recruitment center</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 3 'There is no ground for claims that Al'Qaeda members are recruit in BiH', Oslobodjenje Sat pg 5 'BiH is not Al'Aqeda recruitment center' by <u>Onasa</u> – BiH Security Minister, Barisa Colak, stated that the allegations made by some international media that BiH was an Al'Qaeda recruitment centre or a training centre for terrorists were ungrounded. He stressed that <i>"BiH authorities were strengthening everyday and that there was no need to stress that authorities were capable of fighting the crime."</i></p>
<p>RS authorities to pay 36 million KM of war damage compensation</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sat 'RS Authorities must pay 36 million KM of war damage compensation' by <u>A.M.</u>, Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, cover 'RS must pay 8,2 million KM to the Alijagic brothers' and pg. 2 '8,2 million KM to the Alijagics' by <u>N. Kolak</u> – As according to the decision of Trebinje Regional Court, RS will have to pay approximately 8,2 million KM to brothers Salih and Muamer Alijagic, the owners of "Alijagic" firm, in the following 30 days to compensate damage caused to them. In 1993, then Ministry of Trades, Municipality of Trebinje and "Metalac" firm have confiscated property of "Alijagic" firm. The property was subsequently sold to buyers from Montenegro.</p>

Political issues

<p>PIC Steering Board in session</p>	<p>BHT 1 by <u>Laura Bosnjak</u> – The Peace Implementation Council Steering Board, meeting in Sarajevo on 23 and 24 September, praised the pace of law adoption and economic reforms leading BiH towards Brussels. That, however, is not enough as the start of negotiations with the European Union depends on the implementation of these laws, the High Representative Paddy Ashdown said for BHT 1. He said that some delegates voted for the reform laws while at the same time being convinced that the laws would not be implemented in practice. PIC has said that our country would miss the second chance to join the Partnership for Peace and negotiations with the European Union if 24 war crime indictees, including Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, are not arrested in the next three months. <i>“If the citizens of BiH are again to be led by a small, corrupt group that deems it more important to protect war criminals than provide a future for the citizens in this country, I will most certainly react and take measures,”</i> said HR Ashdown. According to reporter, the international community believes the RS authorities are obstructing conditions set by Brussels as a result of the belief that the future of that entity should be dictated by Belgrade. <i>“There is a message for the Serb Republic authorities: Banja Luka has to understand that, if they want to step on the tracks leading to Europe, those tracks start in Sarajevo, not in Belgrade,”</i> Ashdown stressed. PIC has warned that BiH Parliament must urgently pass the Law on PBS and implement all other laws, otherwise BiH will not get positive avis regarding the beginning of the negotiations on the Stabilization and Accession agreement. <i>“We will certainly start with the negotiations at the beginning of the next year. Whether that will be in February or March, that isn’t so important at this moment, what is more important is to dedicate to the implementation of changed in BiH legislation, that must be felt on the field”</i> said Adnan Terzic, Chairman of the Council of Ministers.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 4 ‘Authorities must entirely implement reforms’, Oslobodjenje Sat ‘Support to HR strategy’ by <u>Fena</u>, Vecernji List Saturday pg 3 ‘Green light to Ashdown’s strategy’ by <u>f</u>, Dnevni List Saturday pg 9 ‘Support to Ashdown’s near-term strategy’, mentioned on cover, by <u>NINA</u> and Slobodna Dalmacija Saturday last pg ‘Reforms without alternative accepted’ by <u>D. Pasic</u>– PIC also praised the process of passing the reformatory laws in accordance with the Feasibility Study, but stressed that the governments must supports their implementation.</p> <p>FTV Fri, RTRS Fri, Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, pg. 3 ‘RS must cooperate with the Hague’ by <u>A. S.</u>, Glas Srpske, Saturday, pg. 2 ‘Faith in one’s own hands’ by <u>N. Zelenovic</u> – PIC communiqué reads that it is necessary to complete administrative and logistic preparations for the adoption of laws needed for a consolidation of reforms in field of defence, police and intelligence services, to ensure functioning of BiH Court and extended CoM, to complete the preparations for the introduction of VAT and uniting of customs administrations must be completed and to enable self-governing status of Brcko District.</p>
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<p>Mesic and Tihic stress need to change Dayton at conference of Igman initiative</p>	<p>FTV Sat, Oslobodjene Sun pg 24 'Future of 'Dayton triangle' lies in EU' by <u>Darjan Zdravec</u>, Dnevni Avaz Sun pg 2 'Mesic and I agreed on need to change Dayton', mentioned on cover 'Tihic and Mesica in favour of change of Dayton' by <u>F. Cardzic</u>, Dnevni List Sun front and pg 3 'Tihic accused Catholic Church of disappearance of Croats in BiH' by <u>I. Glibusic</u> and Vecernji List Sunday front pg 'Tihic: To look for responsible ones in political parties' and pg 10 'Mesic and Tihic: DPA should be changed' by <u>V. Moskaljov</u> – The Chairman of the BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic and Croatian President Stjepan Mesic have attended a regional conference of the Igman Initiative called 'Future of Southeast Europe – BiH, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and perspective of European integration', which started in Zagreb on Saturday. Talking about the Dayton Peace Accord (DPA), Mesic stated that the DPA stopped the war, however, it has not completely established mechanisms for functioning of BiH. Mesic concluded that finishing touches should be put on the DPA. Talking about the same issue, Tihic said that the political system established by the DPA is becoming an obstacle and the time for the beginning of the Brussels ' BiH has come.</p> <p>BHT 1 Sat – Tihic said that the Dayton system could end next year, at its 10th anniversary, and after Mladic and Karadzic are arrested. According to Tihic, this could be an end of Dayton BIH, and beginning of Brussels BIH.</p> <p>RTRS Sat –Tihic stressed that the main problem in inter-state relations is unsuitable behaviour towards war criminals. <i>"Still in some countries and with some politicians there is a conscience of trying to justify war crimes and war criminals. It is justified and trying to be justified with protection of national interests or with the fact that others committed crimes too",</i> says Tihic</p>
<p>DL editorial on constitutional changes</p>	<p>Dnevni List Saturday pg 30 'BiH's secret' by <u>P. Gasparevic</u> carries an editorial on possible constitutional changes in BiH. Among the other things, the author says: <i>"Actually, coming constitutional changes might give an answer to the question whether the Dayton Peace Accord was means to stop the war in BiH or a long-term projection of political and territorial arrangements. BiH is at the same time both the fact and secret."</i></p>

<p>Cavic criticises Tihic's address before UN and visit to Sacirbegovic</p>	<p>RTRS Fri, RHB Fri, Slobodna Dalmacija Saturday pg 6 'RS President is criticising Chairman of BiH Presidency' by H and Dnevni List pg 8 'Cavic: Tihic undermined dignity of all BiH citizens' <u>not signed</u> – At the press conference held on Friday RS President Dragan Cavic criticised the speech of Chairman of the BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic at the session of the UN General Assembly. Cavic said that on this occasion Tihic was stating incorrect judgments about the situation in BiH, demanded a new constitutional organization of BiH and expressed policy of one BiH people only. Cavic also criticized the fact that Tihic met with former Head of the BiH Mission with the UN Muhamed Sacirbegovic.</p> <p>RHB Fri, Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, pg. 4 'Sulejman Tihic is representing SDA' by D. R., Glas Srpske, Saturday, pg. 2 'The Constitution below feet' by M. Dz., EuroBlic, Saturday, cover 'Tihic in New York as on a private trip' and pg. RS2 'Political brutality and private-like behaviour' by M. J. – Dragan Cavic has also accused Tihic of destroying dignity of all BiH citizens by his address to UN and by his meeting with Sacirbegovic. He said that Tihic did not represent BiH but he represents SDA in the most brutal way – by meeting with criminals from international wanted lists.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz Sat cover splash, pg 3 'I am not ashamed of people who defended BiH' by A. Malagic – Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Sulejman Tihic, in a statement to DA said that he visited Muhamed Sacirbegovic [charged with embezzlement] while in visit to New York privately, adding that a lot of people appreciate what Sacirbegovic did for BiH during the war. <i>"I am not ashamed of such people. I am not ashamed of people who defended BiH,"</i> Tihic stated.</p> <p>Dnevni Avaz Sun cover splash, pg 3 'Ceric: Belgrade's "Duga" unfortunately moved to Sarajevo' by M. Kukan – In his address to opening of the main mosque in Sokolovic-kolonija, mufti Mustafa Ceric reminded of Belgrade's magazine Duga, which often contain articles in favour of the Great Serbia and against Bosniaks. Ceric further said that "Duga"-alike people are now in BiH, referring to "those" criticising Tihic's meetings with Sacirbegovic, adding: <i>"They should know that there is no person who will forbid us to meet in New York, Brussels, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Belgrade. We are free people, we are free Muslims."</i></p>
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<p>EU and BiH officials meet</p>	<p>RTRS Fri, Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 2 'Decertification of police officers to be implemented in compliance of IPTF decisions', Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, pg. 5 'Progress towards EU' by <u>Srna</u> – European officials have assessed during a political dialogue between EU and BiH in New York that a progress in field of fulfilling of 16 pre-requisites from the Feasibility Study was achieved. EU emphasised the importance of functioning of SIPA, cooperation with the Hague Tribunal, implementation of obligations in relation to IPTF decisions on de-certifying of police officers, etc.</p> <p>BHT 1 Fri, FTV Fri – also reported.</p> <p>Glas Srpske, Saturday, pg. 2 'In front of the door of Europe' <u>not signed</u> – BiH Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanic has stated that during talks with EU representatives he '<i>got a clear signal that BiH is on a good path to the admission to Euro-Atlantic integrations</i>'. '<i>This is an important day for BiH because this is the first time we have had a direct dialogue with the highest representatives of EU during which it was confirmed to us that we are at the doorstep of the admission to Europe</i>', Ivanic has stated.</p>
<p>German politician: BiH soon will not need HR</p>	<p>Dnevni List Sat pg 8 'BiH without HR soon?' <u>not signed</u>, Nezavisne Novine, Sat pg. 4 'BiH soon will not need a High Representative' by <u>Srna</u> – Deputy Head of CDU (Christian-Democratic Union from Germany) caucus Wolfgang Schoebl thinks BiH soon will not need the institution of a high representative of the international community. In an interview to Austrian media, Schoebl has said that a general deadline for the cease of the institution of high representative will be determined by a successful admission to the Association and Stabilisation Agreement, as well as the admission to the PfP.</p>
<p>VL on restructuring of Mostar City Administration</p>	<p>Vecernji List Sunday pg 2 'Paddy Ashdown is coming to Mostar on Tuesday?' by <u>M. Relota</u> – With regard to restructuring of the Mostar City Administration, VL carries that the Commission in charge of applications submitted for leading positions in the Mostar CA was supposed to publish the names of candidates who scored the bigger number of points on September 25, however, according to VL sources close to the OHR the publishing of these names has been postponed for October 1, 2004. VL says that they also received the information that High Representative Paddy Ashdown should visit Mostar on Tuesday September 28 in order to get familiar with the current course of a new Mostar Statute implementation. The article also says it is well known that there are difficulties when the agreement between the Croat and Bosniak sides regarding distribution of crucial positions in the Mostar CA is in question and according to VL the possibility that the OHR intervenes in case that the two sides do not reach the agreement is not excluded.</p>

Economic, social and return issues

**Pensioners in
RS announce
protests,
Mikerevic asks
Ashdown to
assist in
pensioners
issues**

RTRS Fri, **Dnevni List** Saturday pg 3
'Pensioners announced peaceful protests for Monday' by NINA, **Glas Srpske**, Saturday, pg. 2
'Protests to be held on Monday' by R. S., **Vecernje Novosti**, Saturday, pg. 20 'Protests to be held the day after tomorrow' by Lj. Mutapcic – Pensioners from the RS announced peaceful protests which are to take place in Banja Luka on Monday if the RS government does not secure payment one out of three overdue salaries by then.

FTV Fri, **RTRS** Fri, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 9
'Solve relations within PIO' by Fena, **Glas Srpske** Sat pg. 2 'The Federation is acting in its old way' by G. Dakic, **Vecernji List** Sun pg 3 'He wrote to Ashdown because of pensioners' by B.S. carries that RS Prime Minister **Dragan Mikerevic** wrote to High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** about dissatisfaction of pensioners. In his letter Mikerevic asked from the HR to use his authorities in order to implement the BiH Human Rights Chamber decision with regard to payment of pensions according to the principle of local competence.

<p>BiH Constitutional Court decides military apartments will not returned to JNA officers</p>	<p>RTRS Sat, Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 2 'Military apartments will not be returned to JNA officers' by <u>Az.B.</u>, Oslobodjenje Sat pg 7 'Non-purchased military apartments belong to Federation' by <u>A. Omeragic</u>, – In considering the request submitted by delegate in BiH House of Representatives, Nikola Spiric, for assessing the constitutionality of Article 3a of the Law on terminating implementation of the law on abandoned apartments in Federation BiH, the Constitutional Court has fortified that the disputed decree is not contrary to the BiH Constitution. According to this decision, apartments declared abandoned during the war would not be returned to former JNA officers who remained in military service outside BiH after 19 May 1992 . Instead, these apartments will stay at the disposal of the FBiH Defence Ministry.</p>
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NN, DA
interview with
Terzic

Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, Revija inset, cover and pgs 4-5 'Pre-election time is bad for a discussion on VAT' by Mirza Cubro – In a two-page long interview to NN, CoM Chairman **Adnan Terzic** has stated he thinks that the BiH Parliament has commenced the discussion on VAT in a wrong period of time. He claims that the pre-election period is not good time to have discussions on extremely important system law.

Apart from this, Terzic expressed his satisfaction with results of the international conference on development, which was held last week. Asked about negotiations with IMF on the stand-by arrangement, Terzic said: *'I expect IMF would come to a final round of negotiations in mid October. As until now, we have mainly communicated through correspondence and we have tried to ensure better conditions for us. We have succeeded to have OHR and EC engaged in negotiations on a new stand-by arrangement. This is very important because, with support of these two institutions, we might persuade IMF to realize the current proposal is not good for BiH.'*

Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'We will ask IMF to reduce the pressure on BiH authorities', mentioned on cover, by Faruk Cardzic – In an interview to DA, Terzic raised similar issued. He additionally announces new visit to USA next week, where he will attend the annual conference of the World Bank and IMF. Terzic says that at this occasions, as BiH leads negotiations with IMF regarding the stand-by arrangement, BiH delegation will ask from IIMF to reduce the pressure on the authorities regarding the deficit and financing of the new institutions.

<p>Tihic, Mesic on returnee issues</p>	<p>RHB Sat, Oslobodjene Sun pg 24 'Future of 'Dayton triangle' lies in EU' by <u>Darjan Zdravec</u>, Dnevni List Sunday front and pg 3 'Tihic accused Catholic Church of disappearance of Croats in BiH' by <u>I. Glibusic</u> and Vecernji List Sunday front pg 'Tihic: To look for responsible ones in political parties' and pg 10 'Mesic and Tihic: DPA should be changed' by <u>V. Moskaljov</u> – The dailies carry that Chairman of the BiH Presidency Sulejman Tihic is attending a regional conference of the Igman Initiative called 'Future of Southeast Europe – BiH, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and perspective of European integration', which started in Zagreb yesterday. Asked to comment on the statement of Vrhbosna Archbishop Cardinal Vinko Puljic who said that the position of Croats in BiH is dramatic, Tihic stated that the political parties, which were representing Croats in BiH, are responsible for this situation since they were promoting some sort of moving to various areas. Tihic added that the Catholic Church is also responsible since the Catholic Church should have said that such policy does not serve the interest of the Croat people. On the same issue Croatian President Stjepan Mesic said that <i>'those who are criticizing now should say the whole truth – all sides are responsible, but we must not forget our responsibility either'</i>.</p>
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<p>Terzic to seek protection of BiH property in Croatia</p>	<p>Oslobodjenje Sun cover splash ‘Hospital in Cavtat shall be defended in Brussels’, pg 6 ‘Terzic will demand cessation of sale of BH hospital in Cavtat’ by <u>Azhar Kalamujic</u> – Daily reports that Chair of CoM, Adnan Terzic, will ask from Croatian authorities on Monday to cease the sale of BiH owned hospital in Cavtat, and that BiH will seek the protection of its property before the European Union.</p>
<p>Doris Pack: return of Croats to BiH endangered</p>	<p>Vecernji List Sunday front pg ‘Doris Pack: Return of Croats to BiH endangered’, pg 3 ‘RS still closed for Croats’ by <u>Z. Kresic</u> – Commenting on the UNHCR report on return of refugees to BiH, Chairman of the European Parliament delegation for Southeast Europe Doris Pack called on the International Community to intensify pressure exerted against the RS in order to make possible return of Croats who were expelled from the RS territory by the Serb authorities. She also said that Croats who return to the RS are faced with much bigger problems than Serbs who return to the Federation of BiH.</p>

War crimes

**Update to RS
war archive
demanded by
ICTY**

Nezavisne Novine, Saturday, pg. 3 'They are still searching for documents of RS Army Headquarters' by D. R. – RS Defence Minister **Milovan Stankovic** stated on Friday that RS institutions were still searching for wartime documentation of RS Army Headquarters. *'Our commissions are browsing through archives and everything that will be found will be forwarded to the RS Government Secretariat for Relations with the Hague Tribunal, which will forward the material to the Hague Tribunal'*, Stankovic stated. RS President **Dragan Cavic** assessed that all competent Ministries and the Government are working on these issues.

Oslobodjenje pg 'It is still unknown where is documentation' by Onasa – RS Prime Minister **Dragan Mikerevic** stressed that the Government doesn't have reserves to fulfilling its obligation towards ICTY. *"This is not about wanting, willing or wishing, but about possibility to do something,"* said Mikerevic.

<p>DA on meeting of Covic and Matijasevic over cooperation with ICTY</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sat pg 4 'Ashdown's ultimatum to Covic and Matijasevic' by <u>S. Numanovic</u> – DA writes that after the election, RS authorities will be more pro-actively engaged in arrest of war criminals and other obligations of RS needs to implement towards the ICTY. Daily says that Paddy Ashdown reiterated this to Dragan Covic and newly appointed RS Interior Minister, Darko Matijasevic, when meeting them in Sarajevo on Thursday. DA learns that Ashdown strongly repeated this, adding that otherwise RS will face harsh sanctions. In addition, DA learns that three war crimes indictees hiding in the territory of RS announced they will surrender in exchange to benefits.</p>
<p>Mikerevic on RS cooperation with ICTY</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz Sun pg 5 'It is not up to me to arrest ICTY fugitives', mentioned on cover, by <u>Mira Zgonjanin</u> – In an interview to DA, RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic stated RS <i>"must return the image, much better than the one we had. That is priceless. If RS was to be respected in the international relations and within BiH, it has to do what is expected to do. I am sure that anybody thinking differently in this situation works against this Republic."</i> He added that it is not up to RS Government, but authorized police structures to arrest war crimes suspects.</p>