

# OHR BiH Weekend Round-up, 28-29/8/2004

| <b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b><br>(18,00 hrs) | <b>BHT 1</b><br>(19,00 hrs) | <b>FED TV</b><br>(19,30 hrs) | <b>RT RS</b><br>(19,30)    |
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| Covic testified on HB case               | Covic testified on HB case  | Covic testified on HB case   | Covic testified on HB case |
| Herceg Bosna archives                    | BiH's assistance to Iraq    | Boskic arrested in USA       | Journalists protests in BL |
| ICTY update                              | RS Action Plan on ICTY      | Exhumations in Kevljani      | Forgery action: new arrest |
| Eronet's appeal refused                  | Boskic arrested in USA      | ICTY verdict for Brdjanin    | Bad quality fuel in RS     |

## Saturday

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| Raguz had traffic accident               | Change of ICTY rules        | SFF award ceremony           | Ann. First Serb Upraise  |
| Update HB Sume case                      | Ann. of Markale massacre    | Employment of disabled       | Monument to 56 soldiers  |
| Ann. First Serb Upraise                  | SIPA to start operations    | Miners in Breza on strike    | Ann. of Markale massacre |
| Change of ICTY rules                     | Ann. First Serb Upraise     | Brcko deposited 100mil KM    | June pensions on wait    |

## Saturday

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| <b>Oslobodjenje</b>       | Terzic: I am not going to Party for BiH; Covic testified at the court; Terrorists arrived to Rome from BiH; [Kazani] Exhumations to stop on Monday; Belgrade approves Bosnians to move from Bosnia to Bosnia! |
| <b>Dnevni Avaz</b>        | Covic gave statement to McNair; Polic arrested Marko Boskic in Boston   |
| <b>Dnevni List</b>        | Covic questioned, investigation continues   |
| <b>Vecernji List</b>      | Vatican in fear of BiH terrorists   |
| <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> | Nine-year primary school as pilot project   |
| <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>   | We are defending freedom of media; Dragan Covic was heard at the BiH Prosecutor's Office; The Police have illegally spent money during the Pope's reception   |
| <b>Glas Srpske</b>        | Threat from Brcko   |
| <b>EuroBlic</b>           | Njegus should apologize; A bridge, 150 years old, was stolen and sold for 280 KM; Decision of the Ministry of trades: coffee bars were banned to work after 23:00 hrs   |
| <b>Vecernje novosti</b>   | From Brcko to Vatican   |

## Sunday

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| <b>Oslobodjenje</b>       | Policemen sang at the mass grave location?!; Thousands of Boskics still walking around BiH; Bosniaks refused moratorium on flags |
| <b>Dnevni Avaz</b>        | Trial of Boskic in BiH?  |
| <b>Dnevni List</b>        | Werner Whendt talked with Jahic, Beslic and Coric: Vacancies next week   |
| <b>Vecernji List</b>      | The Hague divided BiH judiciary  |
| <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> | Features Croatia related headlines   |

|   | Audits and legal issues   |
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| <p><b>Dragan Covic gave statement on Hercegovacka Bank case</b></p> | <p><b>BHT 1</b> Fri – Prosecutor of the BiH Prosecutor’s Office Special Department for organized and economic crime, <b>John McNair</b>, on Friday interrogated the BiH Presidency member <b>Dragan Covic</b> as a witness in the Hercegovacka Bank case. McNair confirmed that Covic voluntarily gave statement. <i>“Covic might be subpoenaed again to give additional information. It is also possible that he will be a witness at the Hercegovacka bank trial,”</i> McNair added. The BiH Prosecutor’s Office has charged the former BiH Presidency member <b>Ante Jelavic</b>, and former FBiH officials <b>Miroslav Prce</b>, <b>Miroslav Rupcic</b>, <b>Ivica Karlovic</b> and friar <b>Ivan Sevo</b> with multi-million embezzlements related to the bank’s operations. The trial is scheduled to begin in 23 September.</p> <p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> Sat cover splash, pg 3 ‘Covic gave statement to McNair’ by <u>F. Vele</u> – DA brings statement from Ante Jelavic’s lawyer, <b>Josip Muselimovic</b>, who said: <i>“BiH Prosecution obviously did not have information that Covic... accepted to be a witness for defence, so they invited him yesterday [Friday]... probably with the intention to ask him to testify for prosecution.”</i></p> <p><b>RHB</b> Fri, <b>Vecernji List</b> Saturday pg 2 ‘Dragan Covic defence witness of Ante Jelavic!’ by <u>Z. Kresic</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, Saturday, cover ‘Dragan Covic was heard at BiH Prosecutor’s Office’ and pg. 5 ‘McNair heard Covic’ by <u>M. Cubro</u> – According to the source close to the Prosecution Covic testified as the witness of defence for Ante Jelavic.</p> <p><b>FTV</b> Fri – McNair said that Covic was interrogated regarding one aspect of the case, without disclosing its nature. <i>“There are additional suspects in case of Hercegovacka Bank and more charges will be pressed, we are working on that. We are intensively preparing for a trial on first charge in case of HB, which should start in September,”</i> said McNair.</p> <p><b>RTRS</b>, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sat pg 8 ‘Dragan Covic testified about Hercegovacka Bank’, mentioned on cover ‘Covic testified before BiH Court’, by <u>A.N.</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> Saturday front pg ‘Covic questioned, investigation continues’ and pg 3 ‘Covic testified in Hercegovacka Banka case’ by <u>E. Mackic</u>, <u>N. Dedic</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> Saturday pg 7 ‘Covic testified with regard to Hercegovacka Banka case’ by <u>H</u> – also reported.</p> |

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| <p><b>SDP asks from HR Ashdown to react on possible Covic's responsibility</b></p> | <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sun pg 6 'What about Dragan Covic's responsibility?' by Fena, <b>Dnevni List</b> Sunday pg 5 'To react against possible Covic's abuse of office' by <b>NINA</b> – SDP demands from High Representative <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> to react to suspicions on possible <b>Dragan Covic's</b> abuse of position in the Hercegovacka Banka case. <i>"Investigation led by the BiH Prosecution confirms that former high ranking state and HDZ officials did not use Hercegovacka Bank only to get rich in illegal way, but also as a parallel institution to ensure building economic foundation of desired third entity with public money. At the time of those anti-Dayton activities, budgetary means were managed by Dragan Covic,"</i> reads SDP press release, adding that the party expects from Ashdown to fulfill his duty.</p> |
| <p><b>New arrest within Forgery action</b></p>                                     | <p><b>FTV</b> Fri, <b>RTRS</b> Fri, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, Saturday, pg. 4 'One more RS Ministry of Interior employee is behind the bars' by <b>I. S., Z. K., Glas Srpske</b>, Saturday, pg. 9 'Miroslav Brkljac was arrested' by <b>M. D., Blic</b>, Saturday, pg. RS7 'Another employee of Ministry of Interior was arrested' by <b>M. J.</b> – Banja Luka Public Security Centre arrested worker of RS Interior Ministry <b>Miroslav Brkljac</b> in Banja Luka on Friday, in frame of the "Forgery" action, suspected of falsifying of documents and of illegal registration of vehicles.</p>  |
| <p><b>NN claims RS MoI illegally spent money</b></p>                               | <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> Sat cover 'The Police have illegally spent money for the Pope's reception' pg. 3 'The Police have illegally spent money' by <b>P. Klinčov</b> – The article claims several sources close to the top of RS Ministry of Interior have stated that the Police have illegally spent several hundreds of thousands of KM from funds earmarked for the Pope's reception in Banja Luka.</p>   |

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|  | <p><b>Security issues</b></p> |
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Italian  
daily says  
terrorists  
from Brcko  
to carry out  
terrorist  
attack  
against  
Vatican

*RHB Fri, BHT 1 Fri, RTRS Fri, FTV Sat, Oslobodjenje Satcover, pg 9 'Terrorists from BiH have arrived to Rome' by S. Mihaljinac, Vecernji List Sat front pg 'Vatican in fear of BiH terrorists' and pg 18 'Terrorist group from BiH is planning to attack Vatican' by S. Tomasevic, Dnevni List Sat pg 8 'Terrorists from BiH threaten Vatican' not signed, Glas Srpske Sat cover page 'Threat from Brcko' not signed, Nezavisne Novine Sat pg. 2 'Terrorists from BiH pose a threat to Vatican' by N. N., Blic Sat pg. 7 'Terrorists are preparing an attack on the Vatican' by Srna, Vecernje Novosti Sat cover and pg. 15 'From Brcko to Vatican' by S. Ostojic – Italian daily 'Corriere della Sera' published on Friday that a group of 10 terrorists came to Rome from Brcko in order to attack Vatican during the celebrations at the St Mark square. According to the daily, Multinational Specialized Unit of carabinieri regiment based in Sarajevo has reported to the Carabinieri Force General Command and intelligence service on an alleged threat. The attack is to allegedly be carried out by using plastic explosive C4. Apparently, the carabinieri attached a list of suspected people living in Brcko area to their note whose names are now being checked. Controls have been set up at land borders, particularly with Slovenia, and airports.*

**BiH  
authorities  
deny Italian  
daily**

**FTV** Sat, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg. 8 'Milicevic: there are no terrorist groups in Brcko' by E. Razanica, **Slobodna Dalmacija** Sat pg 7 'There is no terrorist organization in Brcko' by F – In a statement for Fena news agency, Head of the Brcko District Police **Milenko Milicevic** denied claims by the Italian newspapers. He added that these claims are not true since there are no organizations that might be connected to terrorism on the territory of the Brcko District.

**Dnevni List** Sun pg 3 'There are no terrorist threats for BiH for the time being' not signed – Commenting on this issue, BiH Security Minister **Barisa Colak** stated that his Ministry has no any information about this case. Asked whether terrorist attack threatens BiH, Colak said that his Ministry does not have such information for the time being.

**RTRS** Fri, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 9 'This is misinformation' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg. 8 'Milicevic: there are no terrorist groups in Brcko', inset 'Denials from Italy', by E. Razanica, **Nezavisne Novine**, Saturday, pg. 2 'Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Groundless claims' – BiH Foreign Affairs Ministry has said that in connection with the allegations in the Italian paper Corriere della Sera, according to which terrorists from BiH have been planning an attack in The Vatican, the relevant BiH institutions are in constant contact with the appropriate Italian services. *"On the basis of information at our disposal, we have found that this is groundless misinformation,"* the BiH Foreign Ministry's press statement reads.

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| <p><b>SFOR, OHR<br/>refuse to<br/>comment<br/>allegations<br/>in Italian<br/>media</b></p> | <p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b> Sat pg. 15 'The news did not come from us' by <u>D. Stojakovic</u> – VN says that neither OHR nor SFOR have denied claims brought by Corriere della Serra.</p> <p>SFOR Spokesperson Major <b>Sandor Ziros</b> (sp!) has stated he has no comment on this. He said he has read the article and claims no person from Carabinieri HQ from Sarajevo has given any statements for the newspapers. <i>'These are second-hand information and we at SFOR do not comment such information'</i>, he concluded. OHR wanted neither to confirm nor deny the claims. <i>'It is not our job to comment on such claims. This is a matter for domestic authority'</i>, OHR Spokesperson <b>Mario Brkic</b> has stated.</p> |
| <p><b>DA op-ed on<br/>foreign<br/>media<br/>linking BiH<br/>with<br/>terrorists</b></p>    | <p><b>Dnevni Avaz Sat</b> pg. 3 'New imputations on terrorism in BiH' op-ed by <u>Edina Sarac</u> –</p> <p>The author claims no person in BiH, including officials from state or international institutions has information on terrorist cells in BiH. She claims attempts to present BiH as a nest of crime in the Balkans will continue to exist for a long time. She concludes by saying: <i>'Regardless to such a high cost we have to pay, the most important fact is that BiH is being linked with terrorism through various intelligence-journalistic constructions, although not a single act of terrorism has been committed in the territory of BiH as yet, nor it has been proven any BiH citizen was a terrorist'</i>.</p>  |

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| <p><b>BHT 1<br/>feature on<br/>SIPA</b></p> | <p><b>BHT 1</b> Sat by <u>Marina Boskovic</u> – BHT 1 says that the SIPA's special unit for arrest of ICTY indictees will be established in the next two months, while the Agency will start with investigations on organized crime in October. Seven hundred police officers requested a job in SIPA, out of which 500 of them will be employed. <b>Sinisa Karan</b> from SIPA states: <i>"If we could manage to have this number of employees in SIPA, that would be enough for a start of SIPA operations."</i> As for its authority to arrest war crimes suspects, SIPA officials say that they already have information which will help. <b>Sredoje Novic</b>, Chief of SIPA: <i>"I think that [SIPA] will absolutely be able to solve even the most complicated cases of organized crime, narcotics abuse and terrorism, and it's sure that [it] will deal with arrests of ICTY indictees, of course in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies."</i> SIPA says its has enough finances to start with the operations, however seek support for the next year. SIPA will need 25 – 30 million KM per year.</p> |
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|  | <p><b>War crimes</b></p> |
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**US arrests  
Marko Boskic,  
possibly  
involved in  
Srebrenica  
massacre**

**FTV** Fri, **RTRS** Fri, **Dnevni List** Sunday pg 4  
'He 'forgot' to state that he was  
participating in attacks on Srebrenica' by  
M. Karacic – According to the Boston  
Globe, the USA authorities arrested **Marko  
Boskic** who has a residence in  
Massachusetts because he kept silent that  
he was involved in the Srebrenica massacre  
as a member of the Bosnian Serbs Army when  
he was applying for refugee's visa and  
permanent residence in the USA. US  
Prosecutor **Michael Sullivan** confirmed that  
Boskic will be tried to lying when  
applying for both refugee's visa and  
residence in the USA .

**Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 6 'Marko Boskic  
involved in Srebrenica massacre' by Onasa  
– Boskic voluntarily agreed to stay  
detained to the beginning of the trial,  
and first hearing is scheduled for 23  
September.

**Vecernji List** Saturday pg 3 'Marko Boksic  
arrested in USA because of lie about  
Srebrenica', mentioned on cover, 'In  
prison in USA because of lie about  
Srebrenica', by vr, – According to VL, the  
investigation on this case continues and  
there are indications that Boksic might be  
deported to BiH.

**BHT 1** Fri, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 4 'Marko  
Boskic arrested in Boston for  
participation in massacre of 1200  
Bosniaks', mentioned on cover 'Police  
arrested Marko Boskic in Boston', by S.  
Numanovic – Boskic was identified by  
**Drazen Erdemovic**, during his testimony  
before the ICTY. Erdemovic claims that  
Boskic was one of eight people that  
carried out massacre of 1200 Bosniaks from  
Srebrenica.

**Boston Globe  
says it is  
possible that  
Boskic will be  
tried in BiH  
for war crimes**

**Dnevni Avaz** Sun cover splash, pg 2 'Boskic to be tried in BiH?' by S. Numanovic – DA says that Boston Globe writes that despite the fact that **Marko Boskic** was identified as one of the participants of massacre in Srebrenica, ICTY has no intention to bring indictment against him. *"Director of the Bosnian intelligence says,... that it is possible for his government to press charges against Boskic before the local court for war crimes which should start working at the end of this year,"* reads the Globe's article. SIPA Director, **Dragan Lukac** [note: SIPA Director is Sredoje Novic, not Lukac], stated for Globe that he was not informed on Boskic's arrest, but that he expects *"demands for his extradition and processing here."* However, Sullivan told Boston Globe that there are no plans for extradition, as neither ICTY nor BiH authorities requested so.

**Reactions to  
arrest of  
Marko Boskic**

**FTV** Fri by Salih Brkic – FTV brings comments to the arrest of **Marko Boskic**. “When it comes to BiH this is another absurdity, as justice sooner reaches people in USA then in BiH where everyone calls upon the alleged cooperation with ICTY... Those like Boskic, who have participated in Pilica, certainly walk every day through Srebrenica, Zvornik and Bratunac... I firmly believe that without international forces not even one war criminal will be arrested in RS territory,” **Sadik Ahmetovic**, Vice President of the Srebrenica Municipal Assembly, commented. President of Association “Mothers of Srebrenica”, **Hatidza Mehmedovic**, commented that everything can be done if there is a will, saying that many of war criminals are walking through Srebrenica. Journalist concludes that while FBiH Commission for Missing Persons works according to the information received from Srebrenica Commission on mass graves they can’t locate, war criminals will be arrested in other States.

**Oslobodjenje** Sun pg 5 ‘Thousands of Boskics walk around BiH’, mentioned on cover, by M. Kavaz-Sirucic – Daily carry statement by president of Association of “Mothers of Srebrenica and Podrinje”, **Ibran Mustafic** who welcomed Boskic’s arrest. Director of Sarajevo Documentation and Investigation Centre, **Mirsad Tokaca**, also welcomed arrest adding that “thousands of Boskics walk around BiH.”

**BiH officials  
to search for  
HR archives in  
Croatian State  
Archive**

**RHB** Fri, **RTRS** Fri, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 3 'BiH representatives allowed insight' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 4 'Croatian officials allowed examination of documents' by Fena, **Vecernji List** Sat pg 12 'BiH representatives in State Archive' by H, **Slobodna Dalmacija** Sat pg 7 'Jaksa Muljacic received Croat liaison officer for relations with ICTY' by H, **Nezavisne Novine**, Saturday, pg. 4 'War documentation is at the Croatian archives' by Hina – Head of the Croatian Office for Cooperation with the ICTY **Jaksa Muljacic** received in Zagreb yesterday Croat liaison officer for relations with the ICTY **Goran Mihaljevic** with regard to the BiH's demand to get an insight in documents on war in BiH that are probably in Zagreb. Muljacic stated that the BiH authorities believe that some of the documents demanded by the ICTY might be in the Croatian State Archive and the Croatian side will make possible for the BiH side to get an insight in these documents.

**Dnevni List** pg 5 'Herceg Bosna archive found in Zagreb', mentioned on cover, 'Herceg Bosna archive found' by Ivica Glibusic – DL carries Mihaljevic as saying that he does not expect new ICTY bills of indictments against BiH Croats.

**Dnevni Avaz** Sun pg 2 'Mihaljevic starts with search in Croatian state archive tomorrow' by H. Orahovac – Mihaljevic confirmed to DA that on Monday his people will start with the search of documents in Croatian State Archive.

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| <p><b>FBiH Comm. for Missing Persons to cease exhumations in localities identified by Srebrenica Commission</b></p> | <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sat pg 6 'Exhumations to cease on Monday', mentioned on cover, by <u>A. Avdic</u> – Daily claims that Chief of FBiH Commission for Missing Persons, <b>Amor Masovic</b>, on Friday afternoon decided to cease exhumations at localities claimed by Srebrenica Commission to be mass graves.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> Fri – FBiH Commission for Missing Persons has ceased exhumations in Kazani, due to bad weather and the fact that they haven't found a single body. Member of Commission <b>Murat Hurtic</b> said that for these reasons they aren't sure will the exhumation continue on Monday. After three days of working at the locality identified to be a mass grave in a report by Srebrenica Commission, FBiH Commission has not found anything. Hurtic said that they aren't sure are there any bodies there, but they know that new layer of dirt was spread over that location. Chairman of Srebrenica Commission, <b>Milan Bogdanic</b>, said that the exhumations shouldn't be cased.</p> |
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**DA interview  
with Amor  
Masovic**

**Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 5 'More and more we receive information on mass graves from Serbs' by Edina Sarac – In an interview to DA, the Chief of FBiH Commission for Missing Persons, **Amor Masovic**, talks about the source of information on newly discovered mass graves: *"Smaller portion of information are old [information] that we were checking and discovered only now where the mass graves are. However, it is interesting that lately Serbs living in smaller BiH entity give information to us all the time. I have to say that those information are precise, so we don't have to waste time checking the field."* Masovic also commented on statements by officials from Serbia and Montenegro for necessity of withdrawing BiH's lawsuit against SCG by saying that there is no reason for BiH to withdraw the lawsuit, and stressed that positive verdict for BiH would probably burden SCG to pay for war compensations to all three peoples for decades, but that it would bring moral satisfaction to all BiH citizens. As for the change of ICTY rule regarding the location of trials for war crimes, Masovic says that such decision would not harm justice as long as cases are not transferred to the states directly included in events from 1992 to 1995.

**Oslobodjenje**  
op-ed on 'non-  
existent' mass  
graves

**Oslobodjenje** Sun pg 2 'Non existent mass graves' op-ed by Senka Kurtovic – *"It sounds almost impossible that the FBiH Commission [for Missing Persons] was given wrong information [on mass graves sites]. But, it seems that it is just like that... Can we be optimistic and say that false information was not given intentionally... After Srebrenica Commission was established with such difficulties,... did RS authorities intentionally deleted real and put non-existing mass graves. As bitter as it sounds, it is not impossible. In all these, claim by Masovic, that lately Commission is contacted by Serbs living in RS who give information, is comforting. That gives hope that not everything in this poor country is deceit, lie and hopelessness,"* reads editorial.

**Oslobodjenje  
on disputes  
btw police and  
Commission in  
Stari Kevljani  
mass grave**

**Oslobodjenje** Sun cover splash, pg 3  
'Policemen sang at the mass grave  
locality?!' by Besima Kahrmanovic – Daily  
writes about the dispute between local  
police and officials of the FBiH  
Commission for Missing persons at the  
locality of mass grave in Stari Kevljani.  
Apparently on Friday, a group of German  
citizens, who help citizens of Sanski  
Most, visited locality and were prevented  
to take photos of the mass grave by the  
local police who provides security at the  
site. This was strongly, but  
unsuccessfully, opposed by leader of the  
exhumation team, **Jasmin Odobasic**, who also  
said that several days before that police  
officers on duty *"on mass grave in  
Kevljani organized a real party with loud  
singing and in presence of women."*  
Odobasic also said that their commander  
has been informed about this.  
**FTV** Fri, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 8 'Six bodies  
more found in Stari Kevljani' by Fena – In  
last 14 days, remains of 47 victims were  
exhumed from Stari Kevljani locality and  
it is assumed that at least 30 more bodies  
are to be found.



**Media on  
change of ICTY  
rules  
regarding  
place of  
trials**

**Vecernji List** Sun front, pg 3 'The Hague is dividing BiH judiciary' by D. Ravic – The ICTY Office in Sarajevo will forward to competent ICTY bodies in The Hague demands of a few Associations from BiH that are against changes and amendments to the book of rules on the procedure and evidence referring to transferring of bills of indictment to the other court. VL also carries a few commentaries on this issue. Lawyer **Senka Nozica** believes that after the ICTY ceases to exist the International Criminal Court should take over cases that the ICTY has not processed. President of the Helsinki Board for Human Rights in the RS **Branko Todorovic** says that the BiH judiciary, as well as, the judicial bodies in neighbouring countries have shown that they are not capable to run complex cases such as trials against war criminals. Vice President of the Association of RS Inmates **Slavko Jovicic** doubts that domestic courts would be bale to run the court procedure properly. On the other hand, assistant to the RS Justice Minister **Mladen Mandic** believes that the BiH Court is able to process war crime indictees.

**BHT 1** Sat, **Dnevni Avaz** Sun pg 3 'Office of the Tribunal will pass objections to the Hague' by Fena – ICTY office in Sarajevo announced that the changes of ICTY regulations will not allow the accused persons to chose in which country they want to be prosecuted. The Office will also pass all objections to the ICTY in the Hague.

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| <p><b>BHT 1 feature on RSNA action plan on cooperation with ICTY</b></p> | <p><b>BHT 1</b> Fri by <u>Boris Gagic</u> – BHT 1 says that Analysts and opposition parties feel that RS Government has obligation to arrest war criminals, even without RS National Assembly passing the Action Plan and this issue will be the most important one for new RS Minister of Interior, who should be appointed in September. According to unofficial information, with this action plan, police prepares to arrest war criminals. Political analyst, <b>Tanja Topic</b>, comments that there are too many papers on this issue in RS without any concrete action. <b>Igor Gajic</b>, journalist of “Novi Reporter” said that this action plan is just a marketing statement. As for opposition, they said they will not regard this as an election trick if the Government implements the plan soon. <i>“I think that the domestic public, even in RS, is tired of hearing these stories about cooperation with ICTY, about arrests of war criminals... Finally, for once, this Government [should] arrest one suspect from the ICTY list,”</i> <b>Slobodan Popovic</b>, official of SDP, commented. <i>“Who ever becomes the Interior Minister, his first obligation will be meeting obligations towards ICTY,”</i> Dragan Cavic, RS President, said.</p> |
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|  | <p><b>Political issues</b></p> |
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| <p><b>Journalists protests in BL against RS Police Director</b></p> | <p><b>BHT 1</b> Fri, <b>FTV</b> Fri, <b>RTRS</b> Fri, <b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sat pg 5 'Njegus invited to publically invited' by <u>Fena</u>, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> Sat pg 5 'Giving wooden stick to Radomir Njegus' by <u>M. Vidovic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> Sat pg 4 'About 100 journalists protested' <u>not signed</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> Sat pg 17 'We do not have to be in prison or mental hospital' by <u>A. Macanovic</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> Sat pg 4 'Journalists demanded apology and replies from Radomir Njegus' by <u>NINA</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> Sat cover and pg. 2 'We are defending freedom of media' by D. Risojevic, <b>Vecernje Novosti</b> Sat pg. 19 'They want answers on crime' by M. Labus, <b>Glas Srpske</b> Sat pg. 3 'The public wants an answer' by M. Mi., <b>Blic</b> Sat cover 'Njegus should apologize' and pg. RS1 'Questions with no answers' by <u>Nedeljka Breberina</u> – About 100 journalists from the Coordination of BiH Journalists' Associations protested on Friday in front of the RS Ministry of Interior and they demanded to talk with Director of the RS Police <b>Radomir Njegus</b> who harshly criticized the work of some media last week. Njegus stated that journalists of RTRS and 'Nezavisne Novine' are members of the organized group that works on his discrediting. In spite of demands, Njegus did not appear because of his urgent engagements.</p> |
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**SDHR Wnendt  
meets Mostar  
officials; DL  
claims Beslic  
new Mostar  
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**RHB** Sat, **FTV** Sat, **Oslobodjenje** Sun pg 4 'Appoint state officials without delay' by **Fena**, **Dnevni Avaz** Sun pg 2 'Wnendt demands beginning of appointments', **Dnevni List** Sunday front pg 'Vacancies next week' and pg 10 'Vacancies for senior state servants next week' by **S. Bjelica** – Senior Deputy High Representative **Werner Wnendt** met in Mostar on Friday with Mostar Mayor **Hamdija Jahic**, his Deputy **Ljubo Beslic** and President of the HDZ City Board Mostar **Miroslav Coric** in order to discuss the recent developments of events at the session of the Mostar City Council with regard to systematisation of places of work in the Mostar City Administration. During the meeting, Wnendt stressed the appointment of senior civil servants should start without delay. He also expressed regret that HDZ did not use a chance to talk about objections on some provisions of the systematisation plan during the session of the Mostar City Council.

**Dnevni List** Saturday pg 9 'Only Beslic suits OHR when election of new Mayor is in question', mentioned on cover, 'Only Beslic acceptable for OHR', by **Z. Jukic** – DL speculates that a new Mostar Mayor will be the current Mostar Deputy Mayor **Ljubo Beslic**. DL explains that OHR – claiming that it will play a key role in appointing new mayor – has various objections on other candidates, while cooperativeness that Beslic has shown so far with regard to the implementation of the OHR's decision on restructuring of Mostar and the fact that he is acceptable for other peoples in Mostar make him possibly the only serious candidate for the position of the Mostar Mayor.

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| <p><b>Foreign and domestic officials meet over Stolac issue</b></p> | <p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> Sat pg 2 'New incidents in Stolac must be prevented' by <u>F. Vele</u> – On Friday, under chair of EUPM Commissioner <b>Kevin Carty</b> and OHR Mostar officials, key political players from Stolac and Hercegovina met to discuss current situation in the city. Article reads that several sources who attended the meeting confirmed that Croat representatives insisted security situation to be discussed, while Bosniaks insisted causes for it to be examined, which includes placing mono-ethnic flags, segregated schools and lack of employment for Bosniaks in Stolac. The meeting will again take place on 1 September.</p> <p><b>Vecernji List</b> Sunday pg 5 'Problems in Stolac are being provoked at certain time' by <u>F. Matic</u> – At the meeting, President of the HNK Government <b>Miroslav Coric</b> stated while there are many problems in Stolac, many things are being provoked at certain time in order to raise big dust. Coric added that such practice must be stopped in order to resolve problems in peace and not in tensions. Asked to comment on the fact that there is no Law on National Symbols in the HNC, Coric said that that this Canton alone cannot adopt such Law and that they need assistance from the FBiH and state level. Commenting on this meeting, Carty only said that <i>'they were there to give support to the dialogue and not to give a solution in advance'</i>.</p> <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sun pg 6 'Bosniaks rejected moratorium on flags', mentioned on cover, by <u>A. Becirovic</u> – President of the Stolac Municipal Council <b>Zoran Turkovic</b> stated for daily that the meeting on 1 September will be at the local level. <i>"It was agreed to solve all problems in Stolac through institutions of the system, and that HNK police will help police in Stolac,"</i> Turkovic said. He added that HDZ representatives asked for "moratorium on flags", that is for nobody to touch newly placed three Herceg Bosna flags in Stolac downtown, however that Bosniak side did not accept that.</p> |
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| <p>Oslobodjenje,<br/>NN interviews<br/>with Terzic on<br/>situation in<br/>SDA, his<br/>future<br/>activities in<br/>CoM</p> | <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sat cover splash, Pogled supplement pg 28 'I am not going to Party for BiH' by <u>Vedrana Zivak</u> – In an interview to Oslobodjenje, the Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, denied allegations that there is a 'silent war' between him and SDA leader <b>Sulejman Tihic</b>, as it was speculated by media recently. <i>"The fact that he is the first one as both the president of the party and member of BiH Presidency, which appointed me to the Prime Minister post, and that I am the second one, that doesn't represent an issue for me. I have no intention to bring down his authority,"</i> Terzic said. Asked whether it is correct that he prepares to transfer to Party for BiH, Terzic responded: <i>"I don't intend to leave SDA and I don't see a reason for that. When the party was breaking apart, that is at the time of Alliance's ruling, as a chair of SDA Club in FBiH Parliament I led those who tried to save the party... While the party was in opposition, many people from the party moved away waiting for storm to pass. Now that is over,.. they probably feel they lack physical space and those are forces in SDA that possibly mind having Adnan Terzic in this position."</i></p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, Saturday, pg. 6 'Britain will plead for admission of BiH to EU and NATO' by <u>M. Cubro</u> – In an interview to NN, Adnan Terzic says Great Britain will plead for the admission of BiH to EU and NATO. Terzic also announced his visit to Russia , Libya , France and Scandinavian countries and said these visits can be assessed as a lobbying for the support to the admission of BiH to EU.</p> |
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| <p><b>Ivanic on situation in BiH, OHR transformation</b></p> | <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sun pg 3 'Admission by the mid next year?' by Fena, <b>Dnevni Avaz</b> Sun pg 2 'In PfP by the mid next year' by M.V., <b>Vecernji List</b> Sunday pg 2 'BiH will join Partnership for Peace next year' by bs, <b>Dnevni List</b> Sunday pg 5 'BiH in Partnership for Peace next year' <u>not signed</u> – BiH Foreign Affairs Minister <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> said on Saturday that he expects BiH to join the Partnership for Peace and to begin negotiations with the European Commission on joining the EU by the middle of next year. Ivanic said at a reception for journalists in Banja Luka that a number of events, apart from elections, will determine future developments in the country in the next few months. He pointed out that this relates, above all, to the process of transformation in the OHR and the reduction of the High Representative's powers. Ivanic expects to see the privatization of larger companies in BiH in the following months, which could be used for more significant investment in the country.</p> |
| <p><b>Croatian President Mesic visits BiH</b></p>            | <p><b>RHB</b> Fri, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b>, Saturday, pg. 4 'Mesic to visit the District on Sunday' <u>not signed</u> – A Delegation of the Republic of Croatia, with President <b>Stjepan Mesic</b> at the head, will visit Brcko District on Sunday. Mesic will meet the District Government officials at the building of Brcko District Government, after which he will also meet with OHR delegation.</p> <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b>, pg. 4 'Mesic to visit Brcko and Gradacac on Sunday' by V. Jahic –President Mesic will visit Gradacac, where he should meet with Chairman of BiH Presidency <b>Sulejman Tihic</b> and Gradacac Mayor <b>Ferhat Mustafic</b>.</p>   |
| <p><b>Cavic on Republika Srpska</b></p>                      | <p><b>RTRS</b> Sat – In monastery Dobrun near Visegrad, 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Serb Upraise was celebrated. At the occasion, RS President <b>Dragan Cavic</b> stated: <i>"RS is above all of us and BIH has to know that it is a state as long as RS is in it"</i>. The celebration was attended by a number of domestic and international officials.</p> <p><b>BHT 1</b> Sat, <b>RHB</b> Sat, print media – also bring details from the celebrations.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b><br/>says 300<br/>hectares of<br/>BiH territory<br/>'occupied' by<br/>SCG</p> | <p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> Sat pgs 4-5 'Belgrade approves Bosnians to move from Bosnia to Bosnia!', mentioned on cover, by <u>Edina Kamenica</u> – Article carries that at least 300 hectares of BiH territory <i>"has been under undisturbed occupation of Serbia and Montenegro, that is former Yugoslavia, since 1992."</i> <i>"Actually, that territory is much larger, but at this time those 300 hectares are especially important in area of Janja,"</i> <b>Mustafa Begic</b>, Director of Administration for geodetic and property related issues, stated for daily. Upon the OHR's request, Begic made a study on this issue and made it available to daily. He also claims that this issue would stay outside of public attention if citizens of Janja region had not tried to address this issue with BiH authorities.</p>   |
| <p><b>VL int with</b><br/><b>director of</b><br/><b>Transparency</b><br/><b>International</b></p>   | <p><b>Vecernji List</b> Sunday pg 6 'We are investigating embezzlement of the donation from Croatia', mentioned on cover 'We are investigation embezzlements of donations', by <u>R. Radic</u> – VL carries an interview with Director of Transparency International for BiH <b>Boris Divjak</b>. Asked whether they dealt with investigating of corruption within the International Community in BiH, Divjak says:<br/><i>"The truth is that the IC influences a lot domestic institutions and there is no the institution which is completely independent from the OHR. It is hard to talk about corruption within the OHR at this moment, however, for instance, we were warning about the 'Siemens' case in which big lobbying influence of the IC was present. Also, during the rule of former High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch many Austrian banks and companies came to BiH. This had exceeded limits of diplomatic lobbying."</i></p> |



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| <p><b>DA says HDZ BiH and HDZ Croatia meet tomorrow in Zagreb</b></p> | <p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> Sun pg 4 'Meeting of leadership of two HDZs in Zagreb tomorrow' by H.O. – DA learns from HDZ BiH source that on leaders of HDZ BiH and HDZ Croatia will meet in Zagreb on Monday to “<i>sum up the results of party cooperation in the past three months and to establish priorities in upcoming period.</i>” Meeting will be participated by <b>Barisa Colak, Dragan Covic, Niko Lozancic</b> and <b>Anto Spajic</b>. From Croatia, <b>Ivo Sanader</b> and his associate will attend. Source says it is assumed that the large part of the discussion will be focused at cooperation with ICTY.</p> |
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**RAK Council  
rejects Eronet's  
appeal on third  
GSM licence**

**Vecernji List** Sat pg 4 'Eronet's appeal rejected' not signed, **Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 2 'Eronet's appeal rejected' by Onasa, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 9 'RAK council rejected Eronet's appeal' by A.M. – The Council of the Communications Regulation Agency [RAK] rejected the appeal lodged by Eronet against the decision to issue the third GSM license to HT Mostar.

**Dnevni List** pg 4 'RAK's Council rejected Eronet's appeal', mentioned on cover 'RAK rejected Eronet's appeal' not signed – DL carries General Manager of HT Mostar **Stipe Prlic** as saying that they expected such decision. In an inset under headline 'I cannot comment on decision of RAK's Council' DL carries President of the Eronet's Steering Board **Robert Gavranovic** as saying that he cannot comment on the aforementioned RAK's decision. Asked whether Eronet will lodge an appeal to this decision, Gavranovic said that he cannot say anything before the session of the Eronet's Steering Board takes place next week.

**RHB** Fri – Eronet director **Bozo Knezevic** stated that due to earlier statements of RAK Director, **Kemal Huseinovic**, nothing else could be expected, accusing him misusing his position by interfering with the work of RAK Council.

**Terzic on Ploce  
port, Vc corridor**

**Oslobodjenje** Sat cover splash, Pogled supplement pg 28 'I am not going to Party for BiH' by Vedrana Zivak – In an interview to Oslobodjenje, the Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, **Adnan Terzic**, was asked about the progress of solving Ploce port issue with Croatia. He responded:

*"BiH Presidency... took over responsibility for further destiny of Ploce port. I am glad to see that they agreed with [Croatian president **Stipe** **Mesic** to finalize this by the end of this year. I expect Presidency will do everything for us to enter management of Ploce by then, especially now when reactivating Zenica steal factory brought up the need for additional construction at Ploce."* On issue of Vc corridor, Terzic said that money from GSM licences will be used to finance drafting of the Feasibility Study, expecting it to be over by March 2005.

*"Feasibility Study will enable many important things about Vc corridor, it will further make this project clear and put it in realistic framework,"*

Terzic stressed.

**Hadzipasic: FBiH  
Parliament will  
decide on further  
sale of state  
capital in  
Sarajevoosiguranje**

**Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 2 'Parliament will decide on further sale of state capital in Sarajevo osiguranje' by A. Hadziarapovic – FBiH Prime Minister, **Ahmet Hadzipasic**, confirmed to DA that there will be no further sale of the state capital in "Sarajevo osiguranje" [Sarajevo Insurance] until FBiH Parliament give its stand on this issue. The issue came into the focus after "Croatia osiguranje", owned by Republic of Croatia, has submitted an offer for purchase of Sarajevo osiguranje. *"It is also questionable for me to have a buyer of the state capital to be a company also with the state capital of another state,"* Hadzipasic said adding that this doesn't mean that he wants to slow down privatisation process. DA says that the plan of Croatian insurance is rather obvious: to control entire market in FBiH by purchasing Sarajevo osiguranje shares.

**Owners of old  
foreign currency  
savings write to  
HR Ashdown**

**Oslobodjenje** Sat pg 5 'Currency holders demand either shares or to sell companies' by Fena, **Dnevni Avaz** Sat pg 4 'Association doesn't fight only for interests of a 'handful' of rich people' by Fena, **Dnevni List** Sat pg 4 'To resolve issue of old foreign currency saving by study made by experts' not signed – Member of the Steering Board of the Association of Owners of Old Foreign Currency Savings **Muhamed Cengic** proposed in a letter sent to High Representative **Paddy Ashdown** that together with the Federation of BiH Government a group of experts, that will make a study, be also engaged in resolving of the old foreign currency savings issue. Cengic is proposing that the study is made in a way that depositors are not damaged and that there are no negative consequences for the state.