

OHR's Statement at the International Agency's Joint Press Conference

Jelavic case

Press reports about purported OHR interference in legal proceedings against Ante Jelavic are the result of a transparent attempt to divert attention from the criminal charges against Mr Jelavic. The letter Slobodna Dalmacija refers to was written before Paddy Ashdown became High Representative, and was entirely in line with the rules of procedure laid down by the Constitutional Court. There are some people who are clearly trying to turn Mr Jelavic into a martyr by suggesting that he has been arrested for his political views. The reality is that the charges against him relate to crime and corruption, and his innocence or guilt is now a matter for the courts.

Mostar Statute

Also in the press today, reports that the Mostar Statute is about to be changed. It is not about to be changed. Make no mistake, the Statute imposed on 28 February will be the Statute that will be in force in the October elections and afterwards. Instead of talking about changing the Statute, Mostar's politicians should focus on implementing it.