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Americans conditioning ICTY support

Vecernji list

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United States Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter seeks to withhold funds for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) at The Hague in 2006 until the Tribunal dismisses the indictments against four Croatian journalists "who have filed reports critical of the work of the ICTY." The journalists are Ivica Marijacic, Markica Rebic, Stjepan Seselj and Domagoj Margetic. McCotter's proposal is an amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act which authorizes the budget for the State Department's foreign operations. The amendment further argues that the ICTY is threatening freedom of the media. The vote on McCotter's amendment was scheduled to take place yesterday afternoon.

A Delegation of the Sardinia region visits Mostar

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The Mayor of Mostar, Ljubo Bešlić, has received a delegation of the Italian Region of Sardinia in the Mostar City Government today. The delegation includes the Mayor of Pula from the Region Sardinia, Valter Cabasini, representatives of the Ministry of Education and of the Department for Literary Heritage of Sardinia, and the representatives of the Italian Caritas.

Addressing the journalists, the Mayor Cabasini said that the reason of their today's visit is to reinforce the cooperation between Pula and Mostar. He pointed out that during the war the City of Pula received about 350 refugees from BiH, mostly from Mostar. Most credit for this goes to the manager of the Italian Caritas, Marko Lai, in cooperation with the manager of the Mostar Caritas, don Ante Komadina.

In the organisation of the Mostar City Government and the Region of Sardinia an exhibition named "The Mediterranean Library" will be organised at the Croatian Cultural Centre "Herceg Stjepan Kosača" at 20:00 hrs this evening. The exhibition will present books from the Mediterranean region. On this occasion the gastronomic offer of Sardinia will be presented, and the folklore group of this Region will give a performance. An exhibition of the young Italian painter Francesco Meloni will also be arranged.

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Central Bank: Encouraging inflow of foreign direct investments in 2004

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The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH) has published statistical data on foreign investments in 2004, during which the direct foreign investment inflow in the amount of KM 956 million has been recorded.

Governor of the CBBH Kemal Kozarić stressed that these are encouraging data and that the inflow of direct foreign investment has increased by 45% compared to 2003, which is the evidence of the increased interest of foreign investors for BH, which has a positive effect on economic growth, CBBH said.

Also in 2004, the largest number of direct foreign investments in the amount of KM 356 million came from Austria, followed by the Netherlands Antilles in the amount of KM 251 million and Croatia in the amount of KM 81 million. These three countries account for 72% of the total direct foreign investments.

Foreign investments were increasing over the year to reach KM 414 million in the fourth quarter of 2004.

In respect to sectors' share, the shift has been noticed in terms of larger investing into production – 50%, only to be followed by banking with 25% and non-banking financial sector with 9% of the total amount of direct foreign investments.

Also, the data on foreign investment stocks at the end of 2004 have been compiled. The foreign investment stocks is a special statistical category and it does not only represent the sum of all the previous flows but also all other changes, such as foreign exchange differences, accounting changes and other. Foreign investment stocks in BH as of December 31, 2004, was KM 5, 9 billion, out of which, KM 3, 8 billion are direct foreign investments and KM 2, 1 billion are portfolio and other foreign investments.

Out of KM 3, 8 billion of direct foreign investments, over two thirds – 68% is in the form of the ownership capital, while the rest is in the inter-company loans and other forms of investing.

The CBBH conducts a detailed quarterly and annual research through direct compiling of the data from companies and banks with foreign investments in accordance with the international methodology. Through this research, more than 600 companies and banks with foreign investments of over KM 100.000 were covered while estimates were made for others. Internationally recognized concepts on foreign investments were used and these data may be different from the administrative data which were published in BH earlier.

The CBBH would like to thank to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations for cooperation as well as to companies, which send their data regularly. More detailed data on foreign investment flows in 2004, foreign investment stocks at the beginning and the end of 2004 and revised data on the balance of foreign investments in mid 2003 are available at the CBBH web site (<http://www.cbbh.ba/bh/statistika.html>).

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ICTY Prosecution opposes pre-trial releases of Gvero and Miletic

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THE HAGUE – The prosecution has requested freezing of the decision on approving pre-trial release for two Bosnian Serb senior officials, indicted for genocide in Srebrenica, Radivoj Miletic and Milan Gvero, is said in the document announced on Thursday.

“The prosecution requests that the decision be frozen until the Chief Prosecutor submits an appeal”, is specified in the written request.

“The prosecution also requests keeping the two indictees in custody until these matters have been resolved”, is said in the request.

The ICTY judges on Tuesday approved the requests for temporary releasing of Milan Gvero and Radivoj Miletic.

The two high-ranking officers in the Bosnian Serb army are indicted for war crimes and crimes against humanity, for perpetrating in persecutions of thousands of Bosniaks from Srebrenica and Zepa, as well as for their mass murders.

For the Chief Prosecutor, “pre-trial releases of the indictees could mean their escape”.

The prosecution announced that it is not satisfied with the guarantees given by Serbia and Montenegro, while the third person indicted on the same charges, Zdravko Tolimir, is still at large, regardless of the promises of SCG officials that he would turn himself over.

Hellman: Still too early to speak about date of referring case against Zeljko Mejakic and others to BiH

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BANJA LUKA – Representative of the ICTY Secretariat-Office in Sarajevo Mathias Hellman on Thursday said that it is still too early to speak about the date for referring the case against Zeljko Mejakic and another three suspects indicted for crimes in Prijedor, after the Tribunal’s Referral Bench on Wednesday delivered a Decision that approves the prosecution’s request for referring the case to BiH.

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Hellman told a press conference that defense and prosecution have a possibility to appeal this decision in the period of 15 days, and that the four-week summer-break in working of the Tribunal starts next week.

The indictees in this case are held accountable for persecutions, murders, inhumane deeds, cruel behavior in context of detaining the non-Serb population in camps “Omarska” and “Keraterm” near Prijedor from May to August of 1992.

Hellman confirmed that the ICTY Prosecution two days ago announced the request for referring the case against Pasko Ljubicic to BiH.

His defense announced that they do not oppose the referral, but declared that the case should be referred to Croatia, and not BiH.

Ljubicic is indicted for persecutions, murders, destruction and other crimes, including the murders of about 100 civilians in attacks on Ahmici, Nadioke, Pirici, Santici and Ocehnici in April of 1993.

Hellman also reiterated that the Appellate Chamber on Thursday handed down the verdict for Miroslav Deronjic and thus, confirmed his ten-year prison sentence.