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At the UN Security Council meeting, Chief Prosecutor Brammertz expressed his satisfaction and full support to the BiH Prosecutor's Office and complimented its work to finalize the Category II cases and efforts invested in regional cooperation



Chief Prosecutor and the BiH Minister of Security – New activities on strengthening the capacities to combat organized crime and corruption



More than 530 persons indicted for war crimes – remarkable results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Message of the Chief Prosecutor

Dear readers,

We are nearing the end of another year in which the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina has made great efforts in establishing the rule of law and in its fight against organized crime, corruption, terrorism as well as against the impunity of war crimes.

By the end of this calendar year the Prosecutor's Office of BiH shall, as we have previously announced, make prosecutorial decisions in all Category 2 cases i.e. Investigation stage cases that were transferred to the BiH judiciary and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in order to complete the investigation and prosecute high-ranking war crimes suspects.

Special Department for War Crimes has invested maximum of efforts in this segment and the investigations in these cases will be completed with prosecutorial decisions. Indictments will be issued in the majority of these very complex cases and only a smaller number of cases will be completed by cessation of investigation hence that will mark the end of another important chapter, when it comes to the process of establishing the rule of law and prosecution of war crimes.

Regarding the prosecution of war crimes the largest number of indictments in a single year and in the history of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is expected in 2015.

Great efforts have also been made in the segment of the fight against terrorism.

Prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were active in the field and have participated in the activities on clarification and prosecution of terrorist attacks that have disturbed the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We expect the appointment of new Prosecutors to our Terrorism Section, in order to strengthen the capacities for detection, prevention and punishment of the perpetrators of these crimes, and to continue cooperating, as a serious actor, with partner agencies and institutions in the region, Europe and the world, in the global fight against terrorist threats.

We have continued an intensive fight against corruption and corruption offenses. We have carried out successful operations and issued indictments for corruption offenses in which the suspected perpetrators were authorized officials from police and law enforcement agencies, and by doing so demonstrated that no one is untouchable in the fight against corruption.

We should issue indictments for some of the criminal offenses that have caused millions of damages to our country, its citizens and budget



in the near future. Financial investigations will provide for the confiscation of ill-gotten gain from the perpetrators of these crimes and will help get the adequate convictions and sentences in accordance with the law. We will continue to push for a stricter penal policy for serious criminal offenses which are harmful to our society and the state.

We expect new challenges in the coming year and as the Chief Prosecutor I can promise that we shall continue with our resolute fight against all crimes that are within our jurisdiction in order to create the safest possible living environment for all citizens.

Respectfully,

Goran Salihović
Chief Prosecutor



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Chief Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT) Justice Hassan B. Jallow visits the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and meets Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović

Central topics of the meeting pertained to the cooperation in the prosecution of war crimes cases. Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović and officials of the Special Department for War Crimes within the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina met with the Chief Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT), Mr. Hassan Jallow.

At the meeting, the participants discussed the issue of mutual cooperation between the two respective Prosecutor's Offices in fighting impunity of war crimes, as well as the issue of joint efforts invested into bringing war crimes perpetrators to justice and prosecuting them. The Chief Prosecutor informed Mr. Jallow about the activities and results of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the past period and its plans for achieving the best possible results with respect to war crimes prosecution in 2015.



Prosecutor Jallow expressed his continuing support to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and he commended its efforts in prosecuting war crimes cases as efficiently as possible.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the MICT Office of the Prosecutor have intensive cooperation with respect to the activities of the war crimes cases prosecution and those related to the legacy of the

International Tribunals, in view of the fact that the Residual Mechanism will continue to work after the completion of the Tribunal's mandate. ■



Chief Prosecutor and Prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, in a meeting with the Chief Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT), Hassan Jallow

QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THE WORK OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES IN BIH IN 2013 AND 2014

Prosecutor's Office	Quality 2013	Quantity (relative quality)	
		2013	2014
PO BH	94%	119.61%	89%
Central POs	91.67%	122.55%	91%
District POs	93.17%	108.49%	94%
Brčko District PO	92%	120%	101%

Chief Prosecutor Salihović and officials of SIPA and met with the Director of SIPA and

the BiH Prosecutor's Office visited his closest associates



Mutual support and joint commitment to the fight against organized crime, war crimes, corruption and terrorism was highlighted at the meeting. High level delegation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH consisting of the Chief Prosecutor, Heads of Departments and Heads of Sections came to visit the newly-appointed Director of SIPA, Mr. Perica Stanić. An initial meeting was held at which both institutions voiced their support for the joint mission - efficient prosecution of all crimes within the jurisdiction of the two institutions. The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and SIPA cooperate ope-

ratively on daily basis as a result of which every month hundreds of operational and investigative activities are undertaken in the fight against organized crime, war crimes, terrorism, corruption, money laundering, financial crimes and all other crimes within the jurisdiction of these institutions. BiH Prosecutor's Office and SIPA are leaders in the fight against serious crimes and are essential for the establishment of the rule of law and peaceful and secure living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The two institutions have, in the past 12 years, realized a

lot of activities and prosecuted hundreds of suspects, demonstrating that great efforts are being invested in the fight for the rule of law, that they are key stakeholders in the fight against serious forms of crime, and that BiH citizens have confidence in these institutions. Good and dynamic cooperation was also established with counterpart agencies in the region, Europe and around the world in the fight against cross-border crime. It was agreed that operational meetings between the BiH

Prosecutor's Office and SIPA should be held in future in relation to the activities of individual Departments and Sections as well as that the institutions will make every effort to make sure that the results in the fight against all forms of crimes are even better in the next year. The two institutions will continue to work intensively on creating a safer living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina on our country's path towards European integration. ■



■ Mutual supports and joint commitment to combat organized crime, war crimes, corruption and terrorism voiced at the meeting

Chief Prosecutor met with Head of the EU Delegation and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Head of the EU Delegation, H.E. Lars -Gunnar Wigemark, visited the BiH Prosecutor's Office met and discussed with the Chief Prosecutor - Goran Salihović. The Chief Prosecutor informed Ambassador Wigemark about the capacities and the background of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH including the organization of the institution and its jurisdiction, as well as results achieved in the previous period. The focus of the meeting was on the activities in the fight against corruption, organized crime, terrorism, as well as prosecution of war crimes. The Chief Prosecutor emphasized that the support of the international community and the authorities of our country is very important for the Prosecutor's Office of BiH if it is to achieve better results in its work. Ambassador Wigemark supported the activities of the judiciary in establishing the rule of law and creating a better and safer living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and voiced his support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.



Chief Prosecutor pointed out that the European Union is an important partner of Bosnia and Herzegovina, expressed his gratitude for the support that the EU provides to judicial institutions and underlined the commitment of BiH Prosecutor's Office for Co-operation on the European path of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



Management of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH held a meeting with ISA management. Mutual support in the fight against crime

Chief Prosecutor - Mr. Goran Salihović, visited ISA /Intelligence and Security Agency/ and met with ITS Director - Osman Mehmedagić and the newly appointed management of the agency. They discussed cooperation in the fight against terrorism, organized crime, corruption and war crimes.

Top Officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and ISA management discussed cooperation in the prosecution of perpetrators of terrorist acts, organized crime, corruption, war crimes and other criminal offenses under the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the BiH ISA.

Special emphasis was given to activities in the fight against terrorism, in the context of recent events in BiH and terrorism as a threat to the security of BiH citizens as well as the global security considering that intelligence gathering is one of the priorities in the fight against terrorism and detection and prevention of terrorist activities.

The parties discussed legal and technical modalities of improvement of institutional cooperation and its efficiency as to allow utilization of the evidence gathered by the agency in criminal proceedings. The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and ISA are institutions which share the same goals: fight against crime, prosecution and punishment of criminal offence perpetrators and creating a safer environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Heads of the two institutions voiced their mutual support and desire for better and more efficient cooperation. ■



Chief Prosecutor met with the BiH Minister of Security. The two respective institutions expressed full mutual support in establishing the rule of law

Mr. Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, met with Mr. Dragan Mektić, BiH Minister of Security. At the meeting, the participants discussed the issue of mutual assistance and cooperation of the two respective institutions in the process of establishing the rule of law and strengthening security for all the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chief Prosecutor Salihović congratulated Minister Mektić on his appointment and expressed his satisfaction with the formation of the Council of Ministers and the inception of its work, in view of the fact that functioning of the government at the state level is very important for all the ongoing reform processes.

Minister Mektić expressed his full support to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its intensification of activities in fighting corruption, organized crime, terrorism and other criminal offenses, because prosecution of such criminal offenses is very important for the overall security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the region, even at the global level, when fight against terrorism is concerned.

The Chief Prosecutor informed the Minister about the current activities and the work of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as about the fact that a larger number of indictments would be issued in the next few months, in relation to very serious criminal offenses of organized crime, money laundering, terrorism, as well as that indictments against citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina would be issued for unlawful joining foreign military and paramilitary organizations and for participation at foreign battlefields.

Minister Mektić noted that the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Prosecutor's Office of



Bosnia and Herzegovina were partner institutions which shared the same goal and mission to improve security of citizens and remove and eliminate all threats to the security in our country.

In the following period, the Ministry of Security is planning to strengthen its capacities for dealing with all security threats, and good cooperation with its partner institutions represents a key element in it.

In view of the fact that there are several police and security agencies working as part of the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and that the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina has intensive daily cooperation with them, further strengthening of direct communication and cooperation in mutual work and in joint activities was agreed for the period to follow.

The security aspect is a very important aspect in the process of European integrations of Bosnia and Herzegovina; therefore, intensive cooperation with partner institutions of the countries in the region and EU countries and strengthening of international role of Bosnia and Herzegovina in that process were agreed. ■



BiH Prosecutor's Office delegation visiting the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia

May 2015

Anti-Terrorism Task Force meeting: extraordinary session of the BiH Council of Ministers will be requested

One of the conclusions is that the Anti-Terrorism Task Force will request an extraordinary session of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be held in relation to the influx of emigrants to neighbouring countries, as well as that to safeguard the security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The meeting of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force was held on the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it was chaired by the Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović.

The meeting was attended by Prosecutor Dubravko Čampara from the Terrorism Section of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Hasan Pleh, Head of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor, as well as by the highest-ranking officials of the state and entity-level law enforcement agencies and security institutions, namely: Đuro Knežević, SIPA Deputy Director, Mirsad Vilić, Director of the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies, Zijad Srabović, Deputy Director of the BiH Border Police, Almir Džuvo, Director of the BiH Intelligence and Security Agency (OSA), Miro Džakula, Director of the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA), Izet Nizam, Deputy Director of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs, Gojko Vasić, Director of Police of Republika Srpska Ministry of the In-



terior and Dragan Lukač, Director of the Police Department of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In view of a large influx of emigrants from the territory of the Middle East to the territories of neighbouring countries, members of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force discussed the activities that would need to be carried out in order to raise the level of readiness in Bosnia and Herzegovina and protect the country from a possible arrival of persons related to terrorist groups, who might abuse the process of migrations of refugees to move towards EU countries.

Mr. Izet Nizam, Deputy Director of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs, informed the attendees that the Service had capacities to accommodate no more than 500 persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that the accommodation capacities needed to be taken into consideration along with the possibility of controlling the entry of such refugees to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Members of the Anti-Terrorist Task Force expressed their opinions about this matter and proposed possible solutions, which were in line with the competencies of their respective institutions.

Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina have already established contact with the institutions in Serbia, with the aim of anticipating and eliminating possible problems in this respect.

Although, currently, there is no danger of the influx of a large number emigrants, members of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force agree that there is a need for a preventive acting and searching for solutions to possible problems, so that the security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and safety of all the citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina is not endangered in future.



session

Council of Ministers of Bosnia activities are undertaken

During this meeting, there were also discussions about the priority actions of all the institutions represented in the Anti-Terrorism Task Force, in order to detect and eliminate any threats of terrorism and prosecute perpetrators of terrorism-related criminal offenses.

The issues of detection, prevention and prosecution of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who attempted to join foreign paramilitary formations linked with terrorist groups was also discussed in the meeting, together with the issue of criminal prosecution of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who participated at foreign battlefields in the territories of Syria and Iraq.

Mr. Dubravko Čampara, Prosecutor from the Terrorism Section of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, informed the members of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force about the activities in the past period, as well as about the pronouncement of a final and binding Judgment for the terrorist attack in Bugojno, for which long-term prison sentences were imposed.

Moreover, Prosecutor Čampara informed the participants in the meeting about the prosecution and status of



cases pertaining to unlawful departures of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina to foreign battlefields. The meeting of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force was attended by the highest-ranking officials of the following institutions:

- Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA),
- Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies,
- Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- Intelligence and Security Agency (OSA),
- Service for Foreigners' Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ITA),
- Republika Srpska Ministry of the Interior, and
- Police Department of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



Meeting in the Prosecutor's Office and security related preparations for the visit of Pope Francis

June 2015

Office of the Chief Prosecutor - Constant readiness for the toughest jobs

In his work the Chief Prosecutor trusts and relies on the support of his associates - young people with good education, enthusiasm and considerable experience in the judiciary, media and diplomacy. Working in the Office of the Chief Prosecutor implies willingness to work in a dynamic environment, the ability to quickly and independently find solutions for the difficulties that arise in the work as well as constant availability to the Chief Prosecutor. The Chief Prosecutor trusts the young people who have the energy and the skills necessary for everyday activities in a very dynamic job, such as working in the prosecutor's office at the state level which is the biggest prosecutorial institution in the country. ■



Boris Grubescic (1977)
Head of the
Public Relations Department

Hasan Pleh (1974)
Head of Office of
the Chief Prosecutor

Emil Pinkas (1984)
Deputy Head of Office of
the Chief Prosecutor



Visit of Pope Francis

June 2015

Counter Terrorism Operative Group held a meeting at the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Intensive daily cooperation and communication between police and security agencies and exchange of information and knowledge on potential terrorist threats was agreed at the meeting.

A meeting of Counter Terrorism Operative Group was held at the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and chaired by the Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović.

The meeting was attended by representatives of all police and security agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina from the state level, entities and the Brčko District.

It was agreed that members of the operative group from the police and security agencies will be in constant and daily contact and communication in order to exchange data, information and knowledge that can be linked to terrorism or terrorist activities, persons of interest in terms of safety, as well as any dangers of terrorism.

This Operative group will launch activities on the development of regional cooperation with partner agencies in the region, in order to



efficiently collect information on potential terrorist threats.

Representatives of the U.S. Embassy and the FBI voiced their support for the work of the Counter Terrorism Operative Group.

A list of nominated members of the Operative Group, who will represent their respective police and security agencies within the frame-

work of the group, will be forwarded to the Council of Ministers for confirmation in the upcoming period.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH continues its intensive activities in the fight against terrorism, as well as in detection and prevention of any terrorist activities. ■



Chief Prosecutor met with the Director of the BiH Border Police, who made 2,400 officers of the border police available to the BiH Prosecutor's Office to fight corruption, terrorism and organized crime

Mr. Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, met today with Mr. Zoran Galić, Director of the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Director Galić and his Deputy discussed the ongoing activities with the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as their joint actions. On that occasion, Director Galić and his Deputy said that all 2,400 border police officers would be made available to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to fight corruption, terrorism and organized crime.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina have good and intensive cooperation in the prosecution of criminal offenses relating to the smuggling of persons, unauthorized international sale of narcotic drugs, smuggling of goods and other criminal offenses within the purview of these institutions.

The recent action codenamed Mreža /Network/ was aimed at detecting and prosecuting perpetrators of criminal offenses, members of the Indirect Taxation Authority and Border Police, respectively, all of which demonstrates determination of these institutions to fight corruptive criminal offenses.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina are continuing their joint activities and many investigations are currently being conducted both in Bosnia and Herzegovina and at the international level. ■



Prosecutor's Office of BiH and partner Law Enforcement Agencies will fight all forms of terrorist activities and such resolute fight requires the support of governmental institutions - stated the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Addressing the participants of the international workshop "Fight against terrorism", which was organized by the US Department of Justice and the US Embassy in BiH and held in Sarajevo, the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović pointed out that strengthening of the capacities to fight terrorism



continues in prosecutor's offices as well as police and security agencies in BiH. Chief Prosecutor stated that the Prosecutor's Office and partner agencies are successfully prosecuting cases of BiH nationals leaving to fight at foreign battlefields, as well as other cases that are related to crimes of terrorism. The Chief Prosecutor also added that he expects the institutions of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to support the Prosecutor's Office, the police and security agencies in strengthening of the capacities to fight terrorism, both in terms of human resources and technical capacities. Attendees of the international conference were officials of the Prosecutor's Office, police and security agencies of the country, FBI representatives and experts in the fight against terrorism from the National Security Division of the Department of Justice. ■

An International Conference of Prosecutors dedicated to combating terrorism held in Paris



The conference was attended by Chief Prosecutors from a number of countries from Europe and the rest of the world, who have exchanged their experiences in combating terrorism and have established mutual contacts in order to ensure more effective cooperation in the future. International cooperation is the key for the fight against terrorism. Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović had a notable presentation in which he discussed the current and future activities of the Prosecutor's Office, the police and security agencies in the fight against terrorism, financing of terrorism, all forms of support to terrorism and the efforts for successful prevention of terrorist activities. In the coming period the Prosecutor's Office of BiH will work intensively to strengthen its capacity for combating terrorism by increasing the number of Prosecutors. ■

December 2015

First indictment issued in the "Gibraltar" case

The Prosecutor's Office issued the first indictment in Gibraltar case.

The following persons are indicted:

- Stipe Prlić (1958),
- Zoran Bakula (1964), and
- Neven Kulenović (1967).

The accused are charged with the criminal offenses of Abuse of Office or Authority, Accepting Gifts and Other Forms of Benefits and Giving Gifts and Other Forms of Benefits.

The indictment was issued on the basis of evidence collected during a months-long investigation, which was conducted in cooperation with the State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia, the police agencies of the Republic of Austria, the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA), BiH Indirect Taxation Authority and the Financial Police of the Federation BiH.

The accused are charged with a series of actions that enabled the legal entities SV-RSA d.o.o. /LLC/ Sarajevo and Ujedinjeni mediji d.o.o. Sarajevo to acquire illegal benefits as well to obtain illegal profits for themselves.

The indictment alleges that the accused persons Stipe Prlić and Zoran Bakula, in their capacity as members of the board of JP HT d.o.o. Mostar, per-

formed illegal activities enabling the legal entity SV-RSA doo Sarajevo to acquire illegal material gain in the amount of BAM 6,682,812.31; legal entity Ujedinjeni mediji d.o.o Sarajevo to acquire illegal profits in the amount of BAM 123.300.00, as well as that they have obtained illegal profits for themselves as follows: Stipe Prlić in the amount of BAM 33.513.18 and Zoran Bakula in the amount of BAM 386.256.86, which were paid to their accounts in the Republic of Austria from the account of the company based in Gibraltar in which the authorized person was Neven Kulenović.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH shall prove the responsibility of the accused for those criminal offenses by examining 15 witnesses and presenting about 100 pieces of material evidence collected during the investigation.

This indictment is the first indictment in the Gibraltar case and refers to crimes that are associated with the company JP HT Mostar. The investigation against other suspects, whose acts are not directly related with this company, will continue in cooperation with the aforementioned judicial authorities and police agencies.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH continues its resolute fight against corruption and all forms of corruptive offenses. ■



Visit of the delegation of Prosecutors from France

June 2015

December 2015

Almaz Bezirović extradited to BiH Judiciary from the U.S.

The United States extradited Almaz Nezirović, suspected of committing war crimes against ethnic Serb victims in Derventa, to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Almaz Nezirović born on August 14, 1959 in Derventa was extradited to BiH Judiciary at the Sarajevo Airport.

Following the extradition Nezirović will be handed over to the Assigned Prosecutor of the Special Department for War Crimes, who will question the suspect and then file a motion for remand in custody to the Court.

Almaz Nezirović is under investigation by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, and is suspected of having acted contrary the provisions of international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War during war and armed conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in his capacity as a member of the Military Police of the 103rd Derventa HVO Brigade during the period from April to July 1992.

He is suspected of having, in his capacity as a guard at the camp Rebić in Derventa, committed crimes against ethnic Serb victims who were detained in the camp during the spring and summer of 1992.

Almaz Nezirović is suspected of having, together with other HVO members, personally participated in the torture and severe abuse of victims, infliction of serious bodily injuries, infliction of great suffering and torture on victims in extremely humiliating ways.



The suspect is under investigation and is charged with having committed war crimes against at least 30 Serb victims including some elderly people.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH cooperated with the judicial and police authorities of the United States in this case with the aim to locate and extradite the suspect to Bosnia and Herzegovina therefore the Prosecutor's Office of BiH would like to thank the judiciary of the United States for the cooperation and assistance in the extradition of the suspect to the judiciary of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH undertakes intensive activities to detect, locate and extradite those suspected of war crimes that are hiding around the world, in order to ensure that they be brought to justice, prosecuted and punished for committed war crimes. ■



Seminar - "The Judiciary and the public" was organized at the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Center of FBiH, in November 2015; one of the trainers was M. Sc. Boris Grubešić, Head of the Public Relations Department in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. The seminar was attended by 30 Judges, Prosecutors and staff of several judicial institutions. ■

International action codenamed "CD" carried out. Several persons deprived of liberty in BiH for Organized Crime and Trafficking in Persons

This is a large international action involving the first Joint Investigation Team of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of France. Deprivations of liberty and searches of several dozen suspects in Bosnia and Herzegovina and France were carried out simultaneously.

This morning, in a coordinated action ordered by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and led by the Joint Investigation Team consisted of the members of the police, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of France, respectively, SIPA police officers carried out an extensive action codenamed "CD", aimed against persons suspected of organized crime and trafficking in persons for purposes of work exploitation, theft and beggary and in the territory of France.

In a swift action carried out in both entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, namely in the territories of Zenica, Vlasenica, Jajce and Prijedor, several persons were deprived of liberty and a larger number of facilities and vehicles used by the suspects was searched.

The persons deprived of liberty are suspected of organizing for a longer period of time, namely since 2012, departures of women and minor children to the territory of France, where they used threats, blackmails, abuses, extortion and intimidation to force the victims to do pocket-picking and other forms of street crime in several cities in France.

In that way, the suspects acquired unlawful material gain in the amount of more than 2 million euro, which they used for personal needs and to buy real estate in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The aforementioned suspects are also subject to investigation for the criminal offenses of money laundering,

forging of documents, smuggling of persons, abuse of narcotic drugs, as well as for other criminal offenses.

The action started at 6 a.m. this morning in Bosnia and Herzegovina and France, after an agreed signal was made.

This case was handled by a Joint Investigation Team of around 20 persons from the police and Prosecutor's Offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina and France, who had spent several months conducting joint investigative actions in the territories of the two respective States, in order to discover very complex and socially dangerous forms of crime that put the safety of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Union at risk.

These activities were supported by the European Association of Prosecutors- EUROJUST.

By participating in this action, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and SIPA demonstrated their readiness to work on shedding light on the most complex forms of international crime, as well as a high level of professionalism in cooperating with their colleagues from the European Union.

The Chief Prosecutor and the officials of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina have held several meetings with their colleagues in France and members of the Joint Investigation Team in Bosnia and Herzegovina and France.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina expresses its appreciation to the institutions of the European Union, EUROJUST, judiciary and the police of the Republic of France, as well as to police officers in Bosnia and Herzegovina who were engaged in the implementation of this important international operation. ■

President of the Regional Bar Association Sarajevo, Senad Kreho, expressed his gratitude to the institution for the activities undertaken by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and police agencies on detection and prevention of the planned murder of lawyer Muhidin Kapo

In his media appearances President of the Regional Bar Association Sarajevo, Senad Kreho, expressed his gratitude to the institution for the activities undertaken

by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and police agencies on detection and prevention of the serious criminal offense - planned murder of lawyer Muhidin Kapo ■

Students from the United States visited the BiH Prosecutor's Office

During the visit students were told about the history of the institution, as well as the results achieved in the past 12 years. A group of students of the Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA, visited the BiH Prosecutor's Office during the course of the European summer study. Boris Grubešić - Head of the Public Relations Department of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH met with the students and presented on the history of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH from its inception in 2003 to date.

Students found out about the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and its internal organization, about the importance of the institution for the establishment of the rule of law in BiH as well as about the results achieved in the previous period. The students were interested in the work of the Prosecutor's Office



of BiH on cases related to criminal offenses of terrorism and were informed about the results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in this area. The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a judicial institution, maintains good relations with the professional and the academic community in the area of justice and the rule of law in BiH and the world. ■



Visiting the DCPB



Exhumations at the locations of Kazani and Radača, as well as other sites throughout BiH, will be the priority for the future

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH organized the meeting that was attended by representatives of the Institute for Missing Persons, ICMP and the UN Mission.

The central topics of the meeting were related to the process of exhumations, as well as search and identification of the missing at the location of Kazani, the site of the Radača pit, the mass grave Jakarina Kosa, the landfill in Kozluk, as well as other locations throughout BiH.

At the meeting held at the Prosecutor's Office of BiH it was concluded that the process of exhumation and identification of missing persons should be intensified and prioritized and that in case of any obstruction to the process any person disrupting the process will be prosecuted.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina is determined in its attempt to determine the exact information on the exhumation process at the location of Kazani i.e. the number of victims identified to date, as well as to define the continuation of the work on the ground that is geologically inaccessible and mined, as to allow to exhumation to continue.

Given that there have been reports that the specified location contains more remains than those found and



the findings about the possible relocation of the remains from this site to other locations, it is necessary to carry out intensive activities with the aim of determining the exact number of the mortal remains and identifying the victims.

So far, the remains of 27 people, of which only 17 victims have been identified, were unearthed at the location of Kazani.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH views the process of exhumation and identification of missing persons as an absolute priority in the prosecution of war crimes and will continue to carry out intensive activities in the process of exhumations in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the future. ■





Meeting with Bishop Komarica, February 2015



Meeting with Mr. Ivanić February 2015



ITA BiH award presentation February 2015

Regional Trilateral meeting of Prosecutors held. Cooperation in combating impunity for war crimes a priority in the future

Meeting of Chief Prosecutors: Goran Salihović, Vladimir Vukčević and Dinko Cvitan was held in Sarajevo. Joint fight against impunity for war crimes and search for the missing persons set as priorities for cooperation in the future.

The trilateral meeting of Chief Prosecutors in the Region dedicated to efforts on prosecution of war crimes was organized by the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Sarajevo.

The modalities of expediting case processing in matters which require mutual cooperation between prosecutors' offices for their prosecution was discussed at the meeting.

It was concluded that the parties should agree on solutions for any situation in practice which requires joint action in cases. The joint activities in detection and prosecution of war crimes suspects such as those undertaken in Štrpci and Srebrenica cases are an excellent example of cooperation in the region in the fight against impunity.

Joint efforts in the search for missing persons were also discussed at the meeting because more than 9.000 persons are still missing in the region, most of

which are the victims of crimes committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The meeting was also attended by representatives of institutions tasked with search for the missing persons from the region because of the aforementioned topics.

It was emphasized that the Prosecutor's Office of BiH plans to issue indictments in at least 70 cases this year and that from its inception to date it has indicted 522 people for the most serious violations of international humanitarian law, which is the highest number of indictees in the region, and is certainly a significant result in the global aspect of war crimes prosecution throughout the world.

The conclusion made at the meeting was that in the interests of justice and the victims the parties have to work on detecting, prosecuting and punishing war crimes perpetrators and on searching and identifying the missing persons, because it is a key element for the establishment and sustainability of the rule of law as well as the existence of a peaceful and safe living environment for all citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia, and that the support of the international community is very important to this process. ■



Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY Serge Brammertz. Significant progress in prosecution of category 2 cases

It is planned that all Category 2 cases be resolved by the end of the year.

Chief Prosecutor Brammertz was informed about the activities and progress achieved in Category 2 cases at the meeting and it was concluded that significant progress was made in these cases as well as that the Prosecutor's Office of BiH has made plans and is working intensively to resolve all of these cases by the end of this year.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that the communication lines between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the ICTY Office of the Prosecutor's will be open and constantly active even after the completion of work on Category 2 cases and that ways of further cooperation in the fight against the impunity of war crimes will be considered.

Intensified regional cooperation between the prosecutor's offices in



prosecution of war crimes in the region was highlighted as it has already delivered significant results where joint efforts have resulted in indictments and prosecutions of those responsible in two countries.

Chief Prosecutor Salihović in-

formed the colleagues from ICTY about the difficulties in the work of the Special Department for War Crimes caused by the disruption of engagement of 22 employees who were hired under the IPA project, the number which represents as much as 10% of the total capacity available to the Prosecutor's Office, which is about 20 % of the capacity of the Special Department for War Crimes.

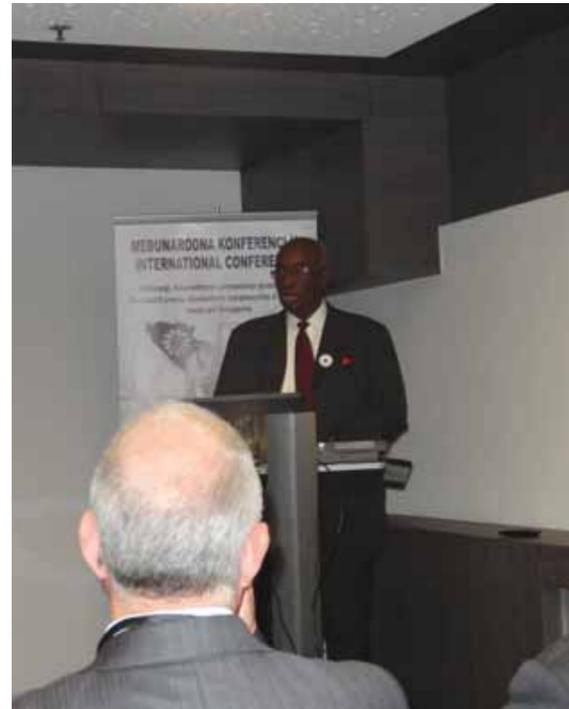
Chief Prosecutor Salihović has once again urged the BiH authorities to unblock the IPA processes and has asked Prosecutor Brammertz to use his authority to assist in solving this problem because the situation is harmful to war crimes victims. ■



■ The plan is to resolve all Category 2 cases by the end of the year

International Conference "The research proces, documentation and prosecution of genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina" was held on June 11 and 12 in Sarajevo

The conference was attended by top officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, ICTY Office of the Prosecutor and the Prosecutor's Office of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. ■



■ Chief Prosecutor Salihović presented the results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the prosecution of genocide and war crimes in Srebrenica at the conference



■ Representatives of the prosecutors' offices of the region attended the conference



Meeting of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force

Capacity building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and partner agencies and detection and prevention of terrorist activities are key elements for the fight against terrorism and a good security situation

The main topics of the meeting of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force were current activities in the fight against terrorism, monitoring and prevention activities that are related to terrorism, as well as the need to strengthen the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH by appointing Prosecutors to the Terrorism Section, which now operates with only one Prosecutor.

Given that the Prosecutor's Office of BiH issued indictments and is already prosecuting about 20 persons in connection with participation in terrorist activities and travel to foreign battlefields in Syria, and that there are active investigations against at least 20 persons related to recruitment, organizing of departures and other illegal activities that have to do with Syria, it is clear that the priority is appointment of Prosecutors that has been an ongoing process for several months because of various obstructions.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and partner agencies are, at this moment, investigating at least 40 persons, whose activities can be linked to terrorism, terrorist activities and potential terrorist threats. A number of international operations in the fight against terrorism are ongoing with our country participating with other partner countries.

Any delay in the appointment of Prosecutors will directly jeopardize the fight against terrorism.

At the meeting of the Task Force it was pointed out that almost every day ISA, SIPA and other police agencies submit information and reports to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH on terrorist activities and events that may be associated with terrorism, which creates more and more active cases.

One of the conclusions made was that a very important segment for the safety of citizens which needs to be intensified is continued work on detection and prevention measures as well as prevention of activities with links to terrorism, because in a situation when a terrorist act happens the law enforcement agencies are dealing with the consequences.

The transformation of terrorist activities was noted as well as activities of the perpetrators in cyberspace (video clips and web publishing) both in Bosnia and in the world. The law enforcement agencies in BiH and the world are facing the situation in which the perpetrators of terrorist acts are very young people aged 20-30, often with criminal history, which is a situation that requires a new approach in which law enforcement agencies must act in time to detect and prevent such dangers.

Anti-Terrorism Task Force, which involves the heads of police and security agencies from both the BiH and Entity level, will soon be transformed into a coordinating body in order to ensure better efficiency. It will continue its activities in the fight against terrorism and the elimination of the threat of terrorism all the interest of creating a more secure living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

Normal working day in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



■ Office of the Chief Prosecutor



■ Prosecutor Enisa Adrovic and Legal Officer Alen Džaferagić



■ Prosecutor Eldina Biuk and Daniela Gutović, administrative assistant



■ Prosecutor Olivera Đurić



■ Legal Officer Sanja Ljuboje



■ Prosecutor Miroslav D. Markovic and typist Branka Klačar



■ Amer Lepenica copying office of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



■ Prosecutor Edina Hubjer and Legal Officer Nedžida Kunić



■ Investigator Mirza Jamaković with a colleague from SIPA



■ Prosecutor Milorad Barašin, Nina Mujezinovic, typist and the Head of the Investigation and Witness Support Department Aleksandar Faladžić



■ Prosecutor Saša Sarajlić, Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption



■ Prosecutor Ismet Šuškić, Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption



■ Zdravka Đukic, Head of Records Office



■ Sanja Golijanin, Librarian of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



■ Adnan Divović, Legal Officer of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



■ Prosecutor Dubravko Čampara with associates, goes to trial

Normal working day in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



■ Božo Mihajlović, Deputy Chief Prosecutor and Head of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption



■ Sena Uzunović, Prosecutor of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption



■ Elma Zubović and Željka Gunjak, officers of the ICT Department



■ Prosecutor Sead Đikić, Special Department for War Crimes



■ Prosecutor Sedin Idrizović



■ Aleksandra Golijanin, Senior Advisor - Interpreter/Translator



■ Prosecutor Marijana Čobović, Special Department for War Crimes



■ Prosecutor Remzija Smalagić, Special Department for War Crimes



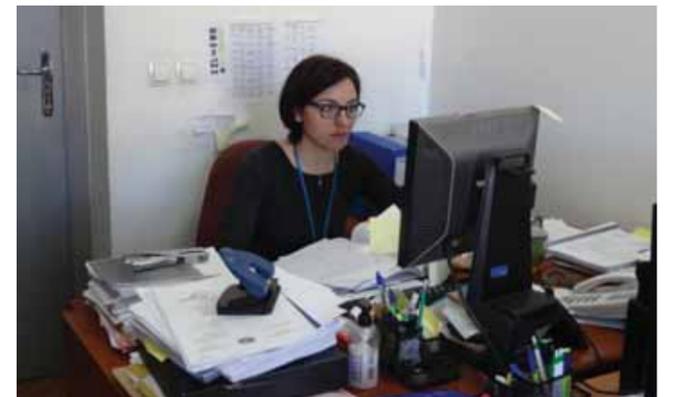
■ Investigators of the BiH Prosecutor's Office



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■ Prosecutor Stanko Blagić, Special Department for War Crimes



■ Selma Sakić, Legal Officer, Special Department for War Crimes



■ Collegium of Prosecutors May 2015.



■ Dorđe Blagojević - ICT Department officer



■ Prosecutor Dika Omerović, Special Department for War Crimes



■ Mirza Hukeljić, Prosecutor, Special Department for War Crimes / Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption

Collegium February 2015



Chief Prosecutor met with the Archbishop of Vrhbosna, Cardinal Vinko Puljić. Among other issues the security aspect of the visit of Pope Francis to Bosnia and Herzegovina was discussed at the meeting held in June 2015.





Chief Prosecutor met with United States Military Attaché to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Central topics of the meeting pertained to extending international support in the process of searching for mass grave sites and tracing missing persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with the Brigadier Scott Miller, United States Military Attaché to Bosnia and Herzegovina. At this meeting, there was discussion about the assistance and support of the US Government in the process of finding and identifying mass graves in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in order to expedite the process of tracing and identifying missing persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In this process, satellite images of BiH space, taken in the period between 1992 and 1995, may prove to be very useful, as those images show disturbances of the ground and possible locations of mass graves in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As a result of the international support, a large number of mass grave sites has already been found in Bosnia and



Herzegovina in this manner and such a procedure significantly helped to precisely locate the mass grave site in Tomašica near Prijedor, which is one of the largest mass grave sites found in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chief Prosecutor thanked the US authorities for their assistance and support in the process of searching for missing persons and he stressed the importance of the process, from both the legal aspect and the aspect of humanity, in view of the fact that around 8,000 persons, who had gone missing during the past war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, were still unaccounted for.

The Chief Prosecutor Salihović noted that it was very important to continue such cooperation, as well as to have as much support of international and national institutions in the process of tracing missing persons as possible.

The US Military Attaché emphasized the US willingness to continue supporting the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in that process.

The Chief Prosecutor thanked the US authorities and the US Ministry of Defense for their support extended so far in the establishment of the rule of Law in Bosnia and Herzegovina and expressed his satisfaction that such cooperation would continue in the future. ■

Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović meets the Chief Prosecutor of Paris. Central topics of the meeting are fight against terrorism and international smuggling of arms and explosives



The Chief Prosecutor of Paris, Mr. François Falletti, and his associates have visited the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and met with the Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović and officials of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chief Prosecutor Salihović has informed the colleagues from France about the activities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its prosecution of cases related to terrorism and unlawful smuggling of arms and explosives with international elements. In these cases, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina has established cooperation with judicial and security institutions of France.

The colleagues from France have expressed interest in the development of good relations and cooperation in fighting terrorism, locally and globally, and the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, being fully aware of the danger of terrorism, is conducting the activities aimed at prosecuting such cases and has intensive contacts with its partner institutions in the region, in Europe and worldwide.

The participants at the meeting have agreed that smuggling of arms and explosives, most commonly used for the perpetration of grave criminal offenses of terrorism or organized crime, poses a serious security risk and threatens the safety of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina; therefore, such illegal activities call for a decisive reaction of the judiciary, police and se-



curity agencies in detecting and punishing the perpetrators.

At this meeting, the setting up of joint investigative teams of the Prosecutor's Offices of the two respective countries has been agreed. Such teams would conduct joint investigations into the criminal offenses linked with both Bosnia and Herzegovina and France. The conclusion from this meeting is that the partner cooperation of the Prosecutor's Offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina and France, respectively, will be continued and intensified in the future. ■





The highest officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of Slovenia met in Ljubljana and discussed joint cooperation in fighting terrorism and organized crime

Chief Prosecutor - Mr. Goran Salihović and the Heads of Departments within the BiH Prosecutor's Office met with the State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia - Zvonko Fišer and top officials of the Prosecutor's Office of Slovenia.

The parties discussed joint cooperation of the prosecutors' offices in the fight against all forms of cross-border crime and the criminal offenses the commission of which extends in the area of the two countries.

Special emphasis was placed on cooperation in the fight against terrorism and terrorist activities, mutual exchange of information and cooperation.

The officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH met with Hari Furlan - Chief Special Prosecutor and Bran-ko Masleša - President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia.

Considering that a number of different criminal of-

fenses, which were perpetrated in Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and whose perpetrators were citizens of Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, was prosecuted lately the two prosecutor's offices have executed a considerable number of requests for mutual legal assistance in a number of cases.

It was concluded at the meeting that it is necessary to strengthen cooperation and contacts in order to effectively combat all criminal offenses that endanger the safety of citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia and that the two prosecutor's offices will pursue regular contacts and cooperation. ■



Chief Prosecutor met with the delegation of the State Prosecutorial Council of Serbia



Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović, met with the delegation of the State Prosecutorial Council of the Republic of Serbia during its visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Apart from the Prosecutors the delegation included representatives of the OSCE Mission in Serbia. The meeting was also attended by officials of the HJPC BiH.

At the meeting, the Chief Prosecutor informed the colleagues from Serbia about the activities of the judiciary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the work and objectives of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, and the intensive efforts of this institution in strengthening the rule of law. Chief Prosecutor spoke about the position of Prosecu-

tors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which includes a total of about 360 prosecutors at the state level, both entities and Brčko District.

In his speech he stressed the importance of preserving the independence in appointment of Judges and Prosecutors and of preventing any political influence on the process, as well as on other issues relating to the prosecutorial function holders, including personal income and fees. ■

Prosecutors and legal officers of the BiH Prosecutor's Office participated in a workshop on granting and lifting of protective measures for witnesses in war crimes proceedings, which was prepared by representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT) in The Hague



Topic of the day show aired on BH TV 1 on October 8, 2015

PRESENTER: Good evening dear viewers.

Who has the exclusive right to judicial reform in BiH, politics or profession? The politicians themselves do not have a consensus on the necessary reforms while the professionals have practically been excluded from the reform process. There are currently two versions of the law on the table, proposal of the Ministry of Justice of Republika Srpska from 2015 and the BiH Ministry of Justice from 2013. These two versions are the focus of a two-day seminar held under the auspices of the European Commission. The biggest problem for the politicians, by all accounts, is Article 7 of the Law on the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

TV REPORT: Politics and Profession have opposite views regarding the Law on Courts. There is no consensus on the new draft legislation to define the jurisdiction of the Court of BiH and the establishment of a new Appellate Court at the state level. The Profession considers the part of the proposal from Republika Srpska referring to the deletion of Article 7 relating to competence of the judiciary at the state level controversial as well.

TV REPORT - (President of the Court of BiH - Medžida Kreso): No compromises should be made at the expense of the rule of law. There should be none made at the expense of the loss or reduction of the jurisdiction of the Court and the Prosecutor's Office in terms of protection of the values of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina that are guaranteed by the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

What the dispute is actually about is Article 7 the deletion of which is generally advocated by RS politicians. That article provides for criminal liability for acts which would otherwise be within the jurisdiction of entity judicial institutions, except in cases with detrimental consequences to BH economy, or other adverse consequences for BiH. An example is the Appeal of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the case v. Budimir where they have, invoking Article 7 of the Law on the Court of BiH, stated

that the perpetration of criminal offenses listed in the indictment v. Živko Budimir et al. have caused harm to the judicial system and the international reputation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The previous practice, however, shows that application of Article 7 has not brought the desired results. The fact that Republika Srpska is most interested in the amendments to the Law on the Court of BiH and Article 7 itself, was confirmed by the Entity Minister Anton Kasipović. He also commented on the seriousness in the approach of colleagues from the State and Federation of BiH Ministry of Justice.

TV REPORT - (Minister ANTON KASIPOVIĆ): I will not interpret the patterns of behavior and approaches in other ministries, but I think that those who are responsible must do their duties..

In all likelihood, there is no agreement. Seminar participants should review the recommendations from the previous structured dialogue, as well as the recommendations of the Venice Commission and prepare a joint draft out of document delivered by the competent Ministries in the next two days. The final decision is still in the hands of the executive or the legislative authorities on which the European Union insists.

PRESENTER: Guests of the Topic of the day are: Goran Salihović - Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Milan Tegeltija - President of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Branko Perić - Judge of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Good evening gentlemen and welcome.

Mr. Perić the first question is for you. Has the judiciary in BiH ever been in a more complex and difficult problem than it is today?

COURT OF BIH JUDGE PERIĆ BRANKO: Probably not, but it is not certain that it will not be. Things are developing badly and I do not know who is to blame for that, I was simply embarrassed today listening to the conversation on such a serious topic related to the judiciary and politics, and I got the

impression that there is no general political will to solve things in the judiciary.

PRESENTER: Why?

JUDGE PERIĆ BRANKO: I do not know, it is a question to be put to politicians.

PRESENTER: Well, what do you think why there is no political will?

JUDGE PERIĆ BRANKO: I think because this situation suits someone. I cannot deal with that kind of analysis. I was there with the intention and aim to assist in the professional part, but I realized that no one had a sincere desire and will to change things and to stabilize the judiciary with at least some reform principles. I'm simply surprised by the way people, who are key players in dialogue and who have raised the issue and have tried to persuade us with some protocol of their honest approach to the reform process, have acted. To come, give a welcoming speech and then go and leave only one minister who came with his proposal; we have all probably had the impression that he came with the sincere intention of coming to get some things resolved without any pretensions of declaring his proposal as a solution to be adopted; but to leave him alone and subjected to mutilation of a document that should have been the basis for discussion.

PRESENTER: Mr. Tegeltija, the views of the profession and politics are opposite, there is no consensus, we heard about the new draft legislation to define the jurisdiction of the Court and the establishment of the new Court of Appeal at the state level, but Article 7 of the Law on the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina issue is a controversial one. What is your position on this point i.e. the position of HJPC?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: I will start from the question that you posed at the beginning of the show, and that is who has the exclusive rights to judicial reform. Is it the politicians or professionals. I think it should be a joint product. Of course it is the executive authority that

proposes laws, the Parliaments are those who adopt them, and the laws of systematic nature such as laws on the judiciary simply cannot be adopted without the views, without the opinions of people who are doing that job.

PRESENTER: But you obviously do not cooperate, there is no communication ..

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: We have cooperated so far, we are now excluded from this structural dialogue at this ministerial level. Your question, when you said that the views of profession and politics are not identical. I would first start by, if we are speaking of legislative solutions, saying that I would not go that far. I would say that we have different opinions in some respects. There are a lot of things in which there is a general consensus - that they are not good and that they should be changed. I think that here, in principle, it is a matter of how to change them and there is no agreement. And it is not mostly between politics and profession, but between the politicians themselves because we have witnessed it today at this structured, this TAIEX seminar, with people from the same Ministry - the Ministry of Justice of BiH, the Minister of Justice gave a speech presenting one view and afterwards the deputy minister gave an entirely different speech almost erasing what was said by the Minister so I no longer know what is the position of the Ministry of Justice of BiH. Therefore, to be a negotiator in the process, you first of all must have some kind of position that we know; that we know what is the position of the Ministry of Justice of BiH, for example. In any case, when it comes to judiciary and when it comes to profession, I think it is indisputable that the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council is the only legitimate representative of all judicial institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the entire judicial community and I think it was totally unjustified and baseless to exclude it from structured dialogue at the ministerial level although in its capacity and legal jurisdictions it is competent to address the judicial policies ...

PRESENTER: We shall talk about your role later. Mr. Salihović, we heard from the President of the Court of BiH who said that there should be no compromise at the expense of the rule of law, at the expense of loss or reduction of the jurisdiction of the Court and the Prosecutor's Office. Do you agree with Mrs. Kreso?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Of course I agree. We have to go back, so to speak, to the beginning. A lot has been invested in this structured dialogue, three or four years. This discussion and its results led to the only certain standards.



We have a standard that we have to keep if we want to join European Union, if we are going to have European laws. The standard of the Venice Commission said that we need to have the second instance court regardless of whether it will be Appellate or High or Supreme Court, that with regards to Article 7, Paragraph 2 noting is to be taken away or added and that it should just be defined more precisely. So we have the position of the profession i.e. the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council, the European Commission and all the conclusions of previous structured dialogue that went in this direction and in the meantime we have received a proposal of the Ministry of Republika Srpska, which was submitted for consideration. I think that everything in the proposal of the Ministry of Republika

Srpska that is in line with the Venice Commission, the structured- dialogue and the position of profession can be accepted. What is not acceptable, and not only in this proposal, is something that we can't, in my opinion, accept. As the President (of the HJPC) said we need to take what is positive and what we all agree on. My suggestion would be, and I said that today at the structured dialogue, that we should proceed with what we can, with matters that we all agree on. And what do we all agree on? Everyone agrees, the profession, Venice Commission, structured dialogue, Brussels, politicians - both opposition and government, that we need to have the second instance court. Let's start with the realization and set up the court of second instance in the law. The part which is controversial in Article 7, let us leave it, that is what Mr. Paquet said in Brussels the other day, we'll leave it aside and try to agree on it. We cannot negotiate something in a package deal when we have matters we agree on and matters where we cannot agree at all. Let's be wise and prudent and try to draft a proposal and forward it into the procedure; Not only on these three things that were said, there is another one which is very important, and that is to strengthen the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council. Of course through amendments to the Law on HJPC and the Venice Commission is of the same opinion. So if we are to go in one direction which is not in accordance with this standard, and of course the Parliament decides and the politicians may adopt whatever they want, we again have to know that if we want the European Union they will bring us back to these standards.

PRESENTER: The direction in which the reform of the judiciary is going now, what is your opinion is it good, bad, this current way of work?

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ: And where do you see the reform ..

PRESENTER: Well, these processes that are happening right now ..Judicial reform is something that lasts for years to say the least ...

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ: There is talk about reform, but there is no reform and I think that nobody is interested in reform and it is something that surprises me, something that I cannot understand, and now we have somewhat gotten the roles mixed. We, the professionals have appeared with some conditions of what can be and what cannot be and it is not our job. The executive and legislative authorities are responsible for adoption of good laws. We are here to tell them what is acceptable and what is not, what is a good solution and what is not.

PRESENTER: But there are these seminars, the structured dialogues ...

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ: All conditions were there for the Law on the High Court to be adopted. It has been discussed for three years. We even offered alternatives with regards to Article 7. We could not agree on that, but we have laid out the arguments for one or the other. Either remove it or try to objectify it in the best possible way. And we have offered alternatives. We did not agree on that. It is quite normal for us professionals to have a different approach to legal matters and the executive authorities had everything needed on the table to propose a Law to the Parliament, but obviously they did not want it. A new round of structured dialogue was launched that would again run for three years and nothing will be done. And this current format of talks was completely meaningless. You have two Laws on the table that are completely mismatched, and who other than the executive authority needs to harmonize these laws and come up with one proposal and then say let us hear your opinion. This is the logic of the politics and the legal profession but we seem to have been abused there and I think that the profession should not participate in these pointless discussions any more.

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: A lot of what colleague Perić said, is accurate. It is true that we were made to look pretty meaningless there. We are professionals who are doing their job by way of providing the best solutions within the framework of these objectives. Of course, the HJPC also deals with strategies and policies.

PRESENTER: And your task is to ensure, is it not so, an independent judiciary?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: Yes. But you see, when we talk about reform, we are not talking about reforms in terms of increasing independence as it is no longer disputable. We are talking about an increase, amendments to some other laws of fundamental significance such as, for example, the Law on the Court of BiH. And now you have the fact that about 90% of the content of that new, possible Law is something that everyone can agree on; can find a common ground and the most controversial issue is Article 7, Paragraph 2 (b), which relates to extended jurisdiction. On that, I have to say, it is not a conflict between politics and the profession, it is first of all a conflict within the politics, and even the profession itself does not share identical opinions regarding solutions.



PRESENTER: Do we have the reform then or don't we?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: Well, about the reform, if we are talking about it in terms of the reform of the law, it does not depend on the members of the judicial community. It primarily depends on those in the executive authority, then, is of course, the Legislative power. We are here to act within the set strategies and adopt and create the best possible modalities together. We have provided analytical thinking, when it comes to Article 7 paragraph 2 (b) of the Law on Court of BiH, and we said that the practice of the Court regarding the application of Article 7, paragraph 2 (b) was inconsistent and did not provide the

right answer to the questions or the right parameters for the development of those competencies and we took the view as a profession, together, that these parameters must necessarily be objectified so that every citizen of this country could recognize in advance which court will handle his/her case if a crime is committed; to avoid these matters being subjected to arbitrariness of individual judges and to determine clear and specific criteria. How will that be and what model will it be? We are here to offer different types of models which may all be acceptable.

PRESENTER: Well, ok but it relates to you and you should be consulted. Do we have the reform Mr. Salihovic?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, the reform, officially we do not have it, but reform is an ongoing process, look at the United States where the reform is going on for 200 years. So we really are in some reform. All this about the application of the law and everything that is happening in our country is connected with the reform and we are ready for reform. However, some other things are happening here. Attention is being diverted from the real problem in the country and in the society on the judiciary and on our possible problems. These are not real problems, and this is perhaps the best segment of society - the BiH judiciary. Regardless whether the people realize it or not with all the politics around. Hence, we do not shun from reform but of course the profession should have its say. It cannot be done without the profession.

PRESENTER: Are you saying that there are no problems in the judiciary?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Of course there are, of course there are.

PRESENTER: Well what about you and your work, specifically the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well let me tell you. My Prosecutors and I accept all the criticism both well-intentioned and malicious. It is not a problem. But is very difficult to deal with such problems in this country where we have this political system and it requires a lot

of courage of these Prosecutors. You have a recent example of some two months ago with the OSCE. You must understand that we cannot give anyone anything that is forbidden by law in this country. Anything that you can get, anyone else can get as well. Is that a problem? Please find a country in which it can be done, find a Prosecutor or a Judge that can grant that. Those are just some things in which we protect the state. This is not at all... Jonathan - that is Mr. Jonathan said the other day that something is being hidden. Well, we hide everything - that's the whole point because the investigations are secret. Do you understand? How do we do our job if everyone knows. Let us say we look into one case; you and I - we look at it and tomorrow both your and my head will be at stake, and I do not want to be responsible for your head.

PRESENTER: Mr. Perić, how much can internal problems in the judiciary be obstacles to certain processes, reforms. What about relations between institutions, between individuals?

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ: You know, when issues build up then you lose the strategic ability to manage the system. You deal with everyday matters, trivial matters. Hence that accumulation of problems in the system is very bad and it is bad from the perspective of a possible reform. People do not have time to deal with the reforms and reform issues, as they resolve some everyday matters. It is generally a bad situation for reform projects and because of that I simply cannot believe that the things about which we completely agree.... The High Court is something we all agreed on in the three-year structured dialogue and we're now stuck around a single provision and I question whether anyone really wants the High Court. I'd be willing to bet that tomorrow if somebody said ok we will keep Article 7, the draft Law would never come to Parliament because there are some politics which are not in favor of the High Court.

PRESENTER: Another matter which is, so to speak, hanging over your head is the announced referendum on the Court and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Did you (turning towards the President of the HJPC) make any statements on that matter? Did you talk to someone about it?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: We did not.

PRESENTER: Why?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: We did not make any statements regarding the referendum. The referendum is a decision of the National Assembly of Republika Srpska, and we are not the Constitutional Court to evaluate the constitutionality and legality of the decision of the National Assembly of RS, to comment on our exclusion from the structured dialogue or to any challenging of the lawfulness of the very existence of institutions at the state level, because it does not contribute to the rule of law. Because as I said before that Court... Judge Perić here for instance he tries cases, he makes judgments, his verdicts send people to jail, these people serve prison sentences, and if you are now challenging the very existence of the Court you are also challenging all of this and bringing people into a situation where they do not know whether they are there as some kind of hostages or are there as a part of a system according to which a court verdict sent them to jail. Challenging the legality of the existence of institutions is...because, you see the Law on the Court of BiH was adopted by the Parliament and the Court itself functions on the basis of that Law. People are tried on the basis that it was legitimately founded. In that sense, we did not comment on legality of the referendum nor did we make any conclusions.

PRESENTER: Did you review the reasons, the arguments listed, dissatisfaction with the work of the Court and Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the RS?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: Well, we are dealing with everyday problems related to dissatisfaction in things that are ..

PRESENTER: we see the OSCE making an analysis, do you not think that you could have possibly done that?

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA: Well, I do not know if we could have done it at this time... if we could have done it we probably would have. So, I'm not sure about the authority to do such analysis. Does the authority exist, who is competent to do this analysis. On what basis it should be done. Then how independent would it be. We received an analy-

sis of the Court of BiH, an analysis of the indictments of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and we did not put that analysis on the agenda of the Council for the simple reason that we believed that one institution could not conduct an analysis of the work of another institution operating in the same system.

PRESENTER: Mr. Salihović, how serious did you think the announcement of a referendum was as you are the Head of the state Prosecutor's Office; dissatisfaction is related to your work, again?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Just to follow up on this analysis and I'll tell you about that. In order to conduct an analysis of one thousand five hundred cases you need ten years. Then the question is who is competent to conduct analysis and to say this is how it is. The only thing that can indicate the quality is the judicial decision.. In all court decisions....and we are being questioned about the splitting of the indictments, about the returning of the indictment. CPC does not recognize such issues. All the indictments were confirmed. The problem is with the Court. Over 50% of first instance decisions were revoked for misapplication of the law or because of I do not know what. All war criminals were recently released. That is the greatest problem. That is where the problem of the judiciary is. Do you understand. I did not want to talk about these things in order to avoid discord, but since my institution and I are being questioned, I can now say this responsibly.

PRESENTER: And, are you saying that the problem is in the Court?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: No, no, I did not say that, I said that there is a problem in court.

PRESENTER: Is there a problem in the Prosecutor's Office?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Of course there is.

PRESENTER: What is happening with the indictments? We have the "Čausević" case, "Pandora" and still we do not have indictments?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Wait a minute. It is a live case. Are we to indict someone without completing the case. We cannot do that. I wish to tell you about the quality of our indictments. We had the best quality and quantity in the last two years. It is the information from the HJPC. As for the analysis. Imagine that analysis, not the analysis as it cannot be an analysis rather recommendations made on the basis of nine cases. I think we cannot do things like that. I have told you that to make a proper analysis you have to spend ten years reviewing all these cases, and when you do that who are you or who am I for that matter to say that it is good or that is not good. It can only be done through the Court through its decisions. We have demonstrated this. I think this story was inflated and made for no reason. This is damaging to the OSCE, to the judiciary and the Prosecutor's Office. I think someone did it on purpose. But if it continues I will continue to talk about it. We'll have a big problem with these things. I think we should focus on work. Look, in just two months we had some terribly difficult cases, in which the public was, as you said, dissatisfied. Well of course - is there any Prosecutor in the world that is loved. I know I am not liked, and I do not need to be loved. We had a case with Zubac, a case with Azra Miletić, a case with Pendeš and we had the case with Naser Orić. Try to find anyone who has the courage to enter into these matters within two months. Hence what I want to tell you is that we have no dilemma whether we are going to prosecute the case that we actually can prosecute. The entire country may say that they want us to accuse you for instance but if there is no evidence there's no way we will. We are professionals. We respect the court's decision, we respect our colleagues, we respect the HJPC, but it is just that sometimes I think that they do not let us do our job. Believe me we lost two months to this nonsense. This is nonsense.

PRESENTER: Mr. Perić, you are practicing law for a really long time, you are a judge and were the President of the HJPC, when and where do you think it went wrong when it comes to the Court and the Prosecutor's Office? Citizens are dissatisfied, we often hear that there is no trust, Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina also has a variety

of objections. And we have this situation on the referendum.

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ:

A difficult question - when have things gone wrong. Maybe it was wrong from the start. When the system is in reform then it is a very serious problem.

PRESENTER: But here you were saying there is no reform - so is there or isn't there?

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ:

We started the reform in 2003, even before actually but that's when we officially started the reforms. It was a huge job as we were building an institution independent of the controller at the same time. Hence creating an institution and at the same time reforming the system. You have to have the best people, you have to have good ideas, and you have to discuss, to talk about everything. I went to Parliament, to parliamentary caucuses when the reform of minor offense courts was taking place. I had terrible problems, I was insulted, attacked, and they were saying all kinds of things. But I realized that I need to talk to people, I need to go to them with arguments to convince them and in the end we succeeded. These people are not unreasonable but you must have good arguments and you need to talk which what I tried telling my colleagues in the Council and the judiciary lately, that we need to talk with people from the executive authority and the people from the Parliament. We simply cannot ignore them and go to embassies to seek support and opinions, without talking to our politicians, no matter what they are like; we simply must talk. Dialogue is the only possible way to resolve problems, including those of a legal nature and therefore I think that the biggest problem is that we have not discussed. Another matter is that we got a very wide range of independence and we became its hostages literally. We slept in, we thought nobody and nothing can touch us and that we shouldn't do anything. We have become an irresponsible system. And it cannot be so. The system must be controlled. If the Council is responsible to establish a professional independent and efficient system, it must be responsible and ask for the accountability of people who represent that system. That mechanism does not exist, we have not managed to build it. I cannot blame the Council for that, but we have to control

the system in some way. When you are asked couldn't have someone prepared the analysis? Well someone needed to make an analysis upon the occurrence of a problem. If one Court says we noticed such and such a problem, as the criticism of the Prosecutor's Office that indictments are being split for instance, then someone has to do the analysis to say if that is a problem or not. I am saying this as an example, I do not want to now open that story.

PRESENTER: Yes, Mr. Salihovic.

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE GORAN SALIHOVIĆ:

We will open it about splitting, for example, two men fled to Croatia ..

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ:

Let's not talk of this is not interesting ..

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ:

Why shouldn't I, should we allow the third person to go away. The Court has the opportunity to join. This is a silly story. The real story is ..

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ:

Well I was speaking in general, we do not need to talk about it ...

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ:

Why were the decisions revoked. Why was there misapplication of the law, why were almost all war criminals released, "Kapija" and I do not know what else. And they all fled. That is a problem. Whether we indicted or not is insignificant against this. Nobody takes care of that. Then why are we doing our job, why are the police working? Why is the Court working if the men will flee at the end? What have we done? Then nothing is really needed .

PRESENTER: Yes, Mr. Tegeltija.

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA:

I mean, I must at this point be included in this discussion. First of all I have to say that the reform is taking place from 2003 and we are still in the process of reform. The thing that is happening now, this reform you are talking about, this is about the reform of the laws that were already passed. Now the reform is concentrating on the laws that were already

reformed, but we have been in the reform process since 2003. It is a live mechanism, living tissue and it is still ongoing. Rules are constantly upgraded as well as jobs, work in the HJPC as well as in the system. I cannot say that the picture is so black, that it's all bad news as it is often presented. It's not quite as black. However, there are problems, there are problems indeed. The problem is when you deal with the peripheral issues, and key issues remain unresolved.

PRESENTER: Where do we go with this reform? We have to wrap up the show

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA:

Key issues are, as you know today we had a law of crucial character on the table, the Law on the Court of BiH, and now there is a problem because it is question whether sincere political will exists among political actors to make that change in the best way, not in the way that is politically most useful. That's what we're talking about. So we all agreed on let us say about 10% and we disagree on 10%, of something that is really the subject for discussion that is subject to discussions and different possible versions. I see no reason why we should not separate resolutions to these problems even if it does mean two areas. When it comes to control of the system that colleague Perić was talking about I have to say that what the system advocates and the only possible control is self-control. We have no other control mechanism. Because if you put the system in a position where it is controlled by the executive and legislative authority you lose the division of authority. So, what we have to do is to strengthen this system so that it is more controlled primarily through the disciplinary proceedings; disciplinary accountability of judicial function holders is where we are really still in a stage which needs a serious upgrade.

PRESENTER: Well, let's hear more from Mr. Perić. How do you see the further development and its direction, we heard that 90% is agreed?

COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ:

There will be no development. This is a done deal and all discussions will be totally unproductive and fruitless. I am quite certain of it. What I saw today has convinced me that there is no serious intention, that there is no political will to solve this problem.

PRESENTER: Mr. Salihović?

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH GORAN SALIHOVIĆ:

Well I think that we need to have a draft to be presented in Parliament on those issues for which there is agreement, and I have said and so have Milan and our colleague Branko, that there is agreement on the Appellate Court and that should be adopted. We can fight and argue for a year or two if necessary but let us proceed with what we need. We cannot have two courts in one court. I mean we can as they exist, but I think it is high time as all political factors and profession want to move that issue from a standstill.

**COURT OF BIH JUDGE BRANKO PERIĆ:**

Why did Article 7 become the main problem? There is no provision in the Law that has less practical value than this Article 7. All cases, and there were 23 at the Court of BiH, that were taken over pursuant to Article 7 were such that they have compromised us and have caused us more harm than all the rest of our failures. Remember Budimir, Ivanić, Šarović all ended in acquittals. It simply became a political tool to use and perhaps even abuse for Prosecutors who were trying to prosecute certain matters.. This article only brought damages and it has now become something that stopped the reform process, something that debilitated the adoption of serious reform projects. Why?

PRESENTER: We need to end, only one sentence please

CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I must respond here, just to reply to this. We cannot say that it was an abuse or non-abuse . All that was done then, if remand in custody was ordered, was done by the Court. Hence the Court accepted what the Prosecution presented. I was not in this position when most of these cases were taking place. I agree that it all ended as it ended, but it is up to the Court. The Court was on it. We can lose this article - it is not a problem, but who is going to work on that. Please find anyone who is going to work on it. Do you think that entities can work on it.

PRESENTER: Yes, Mr. Tegeltija, just briefly - please.

PRESIDENT OF THE HJPC MILAN TEGELTIJA:

I think that our colleague Perić did not talk about who was to be blamed for this, he said that the Article was not implemented well before and that it was compromised and he did not say whether it was the Prosecutor's Office or the Court .What I want to say and have said today at a joint press conference is that I was not optimistic after the very beginning of the seminar and I still stand by my claim that I am even less optimistic now, because I think this shouldn't really be seen as a conflict between politics and profession. Indeed there is this party related political lack of compromise. It is because of this lack of political compromise on important issues that I think we will not get the amendments to the Law on the Court of BiH any time soon; and indeed I have to say one more important thing and that is we have said here that there is an agreement on the Court of Appeal/ High Court... I'm not sure that it is agreed on if Article 7 (2) is not resolved. I think that those are bound together and that it will create a problem. Hence when we consider everything I am sure that the reform of the law will not happen quickly.

PRESENTER: Well, let us wrap up here.. Of course there will be another opportunity to discuss this topic. Thank you very much gentlemen for being guests of "Topic of the day" aired at the television of Bosnia and Herzegovina tonight.

Thank you, dear viewers, for your attention and good-bye.

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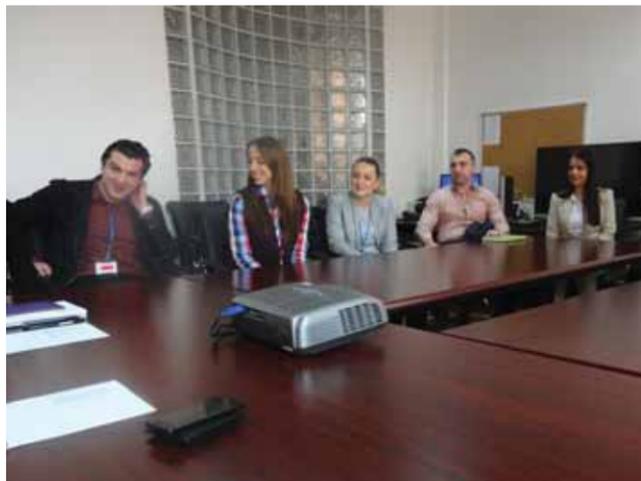
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