

Croatian Radio Herzeg-Bosna (CRHB), 16th July 2003

CRHB at 15:00 hrs - RS Prime Minister, Dragan Mikerevic, said that institutions and bodies in BiH should make decisions on their own and take responsibility for them and not the High Representative. "High Representative Paddy Asdown doesn't need his powers right now. We have to decide how fast the changes will be, they have to fit us and not to be under made under pressure," said Mikerevic. He understands that politicians can't reach solutions sometimes, and there is possibility of certain damage in such cases. That's when the High Representative should take action, but without making judgements. BHTV at 19:00 hrs by Boris Gagic - Mikerevic stated that by imposing laws and decisions HR Ashdown could slow down the process of the BiH integration into Europe. "It is not logical to impose solutions while it is a question whether these solutions could bring new conflicts. I assume that in future there would be no ethnic conflict in BiH, but economic interests have certainly grown in way in which we cannot accept the situation where we are supposed to deal with such complicated issue through a simple approach." RTRS at 19:30 hrs - Mikerevic statement was the first thing on the last night's RTRS, before the headlines. Mikerevic estimated that the High Representative at this time did not need all the powers he had and that the imposing of laws and decisions could have big consequences. "In BiH there must be a balance of interests, something that FBiH politicians have not understood yet. That is If Sarajevo was an administrative and political, Banja Luka should be economic and financial centre," concluded Mikerevic. Avaz pg. 3 'BiH bodies should make decisions on their own' - said that due to the possibility of the HR imposing decisions, there is a lack of desire to reach agreements amongst BiH authority reps. Dnevni List pg. 10 'Mikerevic: we have to pass decisions by ourselves, and not the OHR' - carried the statement. Glas Srpske pg. 5 'Dancing to someone else's tune' - Mikerevic said that the Republika Srpska authorities have not ever asked anybody, including the HR, to impose decisions and laws. Oslobodjenje pg. 2 'BiH should make decision on its own'.