

OHR continues economic reforms in BiH

Quickly, Efficiently and Painfully

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[P.6] Formation of economic departments within courts, developing a state export plan, beginning of the project Power III – are parts of a new package of changes, whose initiation is announced for the following month. Decisive phase of privatization, *quick and efficient* in BiH will take place in the end of the summer, **Donald Hays**, Deputy High Representative announced. Hays simply *unpacked the package* of forthcoming reforms (Bulldozer 2) to a group of journalists, saying that they would be very painful for some. In about 90 days, state export strategy should be defined, and a law based on which the public will participate more in decision making in public companies. As for export, they announced arrival of a special group of EU experts, with a task to help developing the program and required measures for increased export. One of the final results should be increase in number of employees. Power, aluminum and wood industry products, and certain high-tech products should create a basis for export increase. Introducing production standards is considered as an important prerequisite for increase of export and other companies and industrial fields. Key reforms will be implemented in the end of the year. The most important one is forming of 15 economic departments in the existing courts for the whole of BiH. OHR is concerned because of number of unresolved cases related to non-compliance with contracts, problems of interior economy and bankruptcies. The

Supreme Court and Prosecution Council will propose judges and prosecutors for these departments. “We shall identify those who would make a reform movement and driving force of future changes”, Hays explained, recognizing an important role of citizens and business representatives in the process. He evaluated that thanks to them, Bulldozer I reforms were implemented very efficiently. Donald Hays announced that audit report from public telecom companies would be published in the end of June.

