

**Meeting of Emergency Reform Units**

## **Hays: Make Work of Governments More Creative and More Flexible**

*Nobody said anything about concrete plans for continuation of ERU work, despite of persistent insisting of present journalists*

[P.03] MOSTAR – Principal Deputy High Representative, Donald Hays yesterday in Mostar held a working session with Bulldozer emergency reform units, formed by entity and state governments in order to speed up the Bulldozer process. “These bodies will identify problems in direct contacts with entrepreneurs and then inform the government about it, in order for it to react quickly and adopt regulations that will help businesses. This will make the work of governments more creative and more flexible, and most importantly – more effective. That is why such bodies are welcome. Reforms in this country simply cannot be delayed any more,” Hays stressed out. Emergency Reform Units operate within their competent ministries. These are not any kind of parallel structures, they emphasized at the meeting. “We are a body that directly connects private and public sectors, a body that lobbies within the government for adoption of private sector proposals,” Namik Bukvic, FBiH ERU member said. Several businesspeople also attended the meeting and explained what problems they often encounter in their work. “I think that problems of businessmen in this country are similar, regardless whether they come from FBiH, RS or Brcko District. Primarily, it is the lack of a single economic space, double taxation and sale of products on local and foreign markets,” Marinko Sulic, owner of “Bobita” company of alcoholic drinks from Citluk said. Nevertheless, some of the Bulldozer reforms have already facilitated his business. “For example, since August 1 last year, I have been able to pay all taxes in one place,” Sulic added.



