

Brcko Supervisor Revokes Appointments of Kisic and Dedeic

Under the authority invested in the Supervisor under the Final Award, Acting Supervisor of Brcko, Gerhard Sontheim, revoked the appointments of Mr. Sinisa Kisic to the position of the Mayor of Brcko and of Mr. Ismet Dedeic to the position of Head of Department for Urbanism, Real Estate and Economic Development. The Supervisor's action followed the confirmation of an indictment against them and 5 public employees.

"The decision to revoke their appointments was not an easy one to take, but it was the only choice that is consistent with District legislation, respect for the independence of the judiciary, equality of all people before the law, and the Supervisor's policy applied in similar cases in the past," said Gerhard Sontheim.

"I wish to thank Mr. Kisic and Mr. Dedeic for their service in office. They took over their responsibilities at a difficult time and administered them in a way that carried the District forward. The revocation of the appointments does not prejudice the results of the court proceedings. In fact, in the absence of a conviction, the assumption of innocence applies and I want to call on everybody to respect the dignity of the accused and their families," Sontheim added.

According to the Statute of the Brcko District, the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Ivan Krndelj is Acting Mayor until such time that a new Mayor is appointed.

The Brcko Supervisor has begun consultations with political parties, represented in the Assembly, with the aim of selecting a new Mayor.

The position of the Head of Department of Urbanism will be filled through a public competition procedure.