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Headlines

- Results of the 43rd US presidential elections are still uncertain
- Hillary Clinton has been elected for a new senator of the state New York
- Guest of TV INFO: the B&H Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic
- "This is the dirtiest pre-election campaign in B&H so far", the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in B&H concluded

USA

Final official results of the US presidential elections have not been announced yet. Ballots in Florida are being re-counted. It is expected that the final results should be announced by tomorrow evening. Reported by Zeljka Lekic.

"Difference in number of votes in Florida for Gore and Bush was so small, that ballots had to be re-counted. Al Gore lost trust of a part of voters due to the Lewinsky affair, although he was not personally responsible for it. If the results remain so close, it might happen that the US do not know who their new President is in the next ten days or so", Kemal Kurspahic, OBN's reporter from Washington said.

This evening's guest in TV INFO was the B&H Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic. "If Bush wins the elections in the USA, there will be no significant changes in their policy in B&H. Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords will continue", Mr. Prlic said. "As for Bush's announcements of withdrawal of US troops from the Balkans, it is perfectly normal. Their troops will have to withdraw one day. It will probably take place when Europe becomes able to maintain peace in B&H alone", he added.

Mostar

Representatives of the international community addressed voters in Mostar today. The Head of the OHR in Mostar, Fynn Lynghjem reminded voters of the high unemployment rate, corruption and the fact that many refugees have not returned to their homes yet. "3625 polling stations in B&H are only for general elections, and not for a possible Croat referendum", said the Director of OSCE in Mostar, Daniel Simpson. Reported by Mirsad Behram.

Mostar

The Commission for Implementation of the Croat Referendum organised a press conference in Mostar today. The Chairman of the Commission, Josip Muselimovic said that polling stations for the referendum will not even be near to polling stations for the B&H general elections. The Commission invited international officials to supervise the referendum, Denis Vila reported.

Sarajevo

According to the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in B&H, this is the dirtiest pre-election campaign in B&H so far. An outrageous abuse of children has been noticed, participation of religious leaders in the campaign etc. The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in B&H has been nominated for the "Dayton Peace" award. Meliha Hasanbegovic produced the report.

World

Three people died in clashes in Gaza.

The USA announced establishment of an international commission for investigating crimes in Palestinian territories.

The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat will meet the US President tomorrow.

14 high Chinese officials have been sentenced to death penalty for their roles in a chain of smuggling and corruption.

The Serbian Government announced improvement of living conditions in Serbian prisons.

Gordana Frimel reported on world events.

Banja Luka

RS pensioners continued their protests, blocking the main street in Banja Luka. They did not allow RS Government officials to address them. Pensioners announced continuation of protests on the election day, 11th November. Reported by Biljana Arsic.

Banja Luka

The RS Government discussed pensioners' problems today. "DM 12 million have been provided for the RS Pension Fund", said the RS Minister of Health, Zeljko Rodic. Distribution of pensions for October should start tomorrow. The RS Government granted KM 300 000 to Srpsko Sarajevo for solving the issue of refugees and the displaced. Milorad Milojevic produced the report.

Sport

Reports local and international football, and local basketball were presented.