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Headlines

- The OHR and opposition parties are not satisfied with the new Council of Ministers
- Employees of the company "Energocentar" protested today
- The Federal Government will have to find a new investor for construction of a new highway between Sarajevo and Zenica
- The 250th anniversary of Johan Sebastian Bach's death was marked in Sarajevo last night

Sarajevo

"The High Representative is not satisfied with the new B&H Council of Ministers", OHR Spokesman Oleg Milisic said. "We expect concrete results in refugee return and other fields" was the OHR's message. "We will monitor the Council's work", Mr. Milisic said. Opposition parties are also not satisfied with the new Council. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

According to a poll results, opinions of B&H citizens about the new Council of Ministers are divided.

Banja Luka

The RS Government's session took place today. They will purchase 42 500 tones of wheat. The price of wheat will be KM 0, 27 per kilo. The Government provided 2 600 000 litres of fuel for harvest.

Banja Luka

"Dodik's Government will continue working until the appointment of a new Government", said Petar Dokic, the Chairman of the RS Parliament. The Assembly abolished death sentence in the RS at today's session. Delegates discussed only four points of the agenda so far.

Banja Luka

The RS Union announced a general strike on 30th June. "The strike will take place if the Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik doesn't come to negotiate with the Union on Monday", said Cedo Volas, the Union President. According to Mr. Volas, 20 companies are on strike every day in the RS.

Vitez

Employees of companies "Energocentar" and "Vitezit Kromen" started a strike today. They protested in front of the Municipality building in Vitez, demanding their monthly salaries and replacement of company management's. Employees said that they would block the Municipality building, if some of their requests are not fulfilled by Monday.

Sarajevo

Anes Alic produced a piece on destruction of old weapons by the Federation Army. They plan to destroy 20 tanks and 20 cannons by the end of the year. German and French inspectors supervise the process.

World

Addressing the US Congress, the NATO Secretary General, George Robertson said that situation in Kosovo is gradually stabilising.

15 tourists died in a fire in Australia. Causes of the accident are still unknown.

At the Chinese-Iranian Summit, several agreements on co-operation between the two countries were signed in Beijing.

The US Secretary General, Madeline Albright visited South Korea.

An agreement which might end the crisis in Fiji was signed.

Gary Graham was executed last night in Texas, after 19 years in prison.

Mladen Maric produced the piece on current world events.

Sarajevo

The Federal Government will probably have to find a new investor for construction of a highway between Sarajevo and Zenica. The agreement with the French company "Buig" was signed in November last year. The construction hasn't started so far. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Sarajevo

Mirna Sadikovic produced a piece on the new Ombudsman in B&H, Frank Orton. He announced changes in the work of B&H Ombudsmen.

Ljubuski

The Head of the OSCE Mission in B&H, Robert Barry and the USAID Deputy Director, Robert Patrick Jacobs officially opened the new Political Resource Centre in Ljubuski today. This is the 12th such centre in B&H. Reported by Vedran Persic from Ljubuski.

Sarajevo

The German Government granted DM1 million for the new B&H Border Service. They signed a protocol with the Border Service and entity internal ministries. OBN reporter Sanjin Beciragic produced the report.

Sarajevo

The 250th anniversary of Johan Sebastian Bach's death was marked in Sarajevo last night, Mirna Sadikovic confirmed.

Sport

Reports on international football were presented.

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch and ambassadors of the Peace Implementation Council Board condemned the attempt of the Federation Government to intimidate free media. They demanded the Government to de-block accounts of all media where tax control is underway.