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Headlines

- The first election results confirmed changes only in towns with Bosniac majority
- The SDP will not enter a coalition with any national party
- Edward Chevarnadze won the elections in Georgia
- The Social Democratic party leads in the election race in Greece

Sarajevo

Counting of votes is still taking place. The [OSCE](#) spokesperson, Tanya Domi, couldn't confirm the date when the official results will be published. The report was produced by OBN journalist Sanjin Beciragic.

Tuzla

The leading SDP held a press conference in Tuzla today. The Chairman of the SDP Board said that a coalition with other parties is possible, but not with national parties or the Party for B&H. The report was produced by Dusan Micevic.

Sarajevo

The Leader of the Party for B&H, Haris Silajdzic, feels that the changes in the Federation of B&H might not have great influence, considering that the national parties SDS and HDZ won the elections in other parts of the country. At today's press conference, Silajdzic mentioned the possibility of coalition with other parties that have similar political aims. Reported by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Banja Luka

34 parties participated in the elections in Banja Luka. 20 parties won less than 200 votes. Communists are among them. Their members are surprised, because the Communist Party has more than 900 members in Banja Luka. Reported by Biljana Arsic.

Banja Luka

Since 8th April, the new Law on local self-management has been in force. This should enable citizens to participate more in making decisions. According to the Law, municipalities should finance themselves from their own sources. The report was produced by Darko Savic.

This evenings guest in TV INFO was James Lyon, the Head of the ICG. He marked the changes in towns with a Bosniac majority as very positive, which show us that these people are ready for democratisation. Local authorities didn't have much power so far, said Lyon. The situation will be more convenient for the general elections in October, he added.

Luxembourg

The [EU](#) foreign ministers met in Luxembourg today. The main theme was Russia, but also the Balkan countries. They emphasised the importance of compliance with the Dayton Peace Agreement in B&H. Mr. Javier Solana said that a minor progress has been made at the B&H municipal elections. Reported by Ines Sabalic, the "SENSE" correspondent.

World

10 Kosovo refugees in Australia don't want to go back to their country. The Australian government will not grant them a further stay in Australia.

The [ICTY](#) investigators will continue their work at the mass graveyards in Kosovo next week.

Chechenian rebels intensified fights against Russians in

Cechenian mountains.

The Greek Socialists won the Parliamentary elections yesterday.

Edward Chevarnadze won the presidential elections in Georgia, with more than 80% of the votes.

Supporters of two favorites at the presidential elections in Peru, Fujimori and Taledo, confronted each other today. Police used tear gas to stop the clashes.

Leaders of North and South Korea will meet in June. This will be the first meeting of the two countries' leaders in 50 years.

Sarajevo

The Croatian Chamber of Commerce delegation visited Sarajevo today. They met with the B&H Chamber of Commerce representative, and discussed the issue of trade co-operation and ratification of the trade agreement between the two countries. The greatest benefit should be a joint appearance on the world market. The report was produced by OBN reporter Sevko Bajic.

Sarajevo

The Society for endangered nations in B&H joined the international aid campaign for Gypsies. They appealed for help for Gypsies' integration into the community. Reported by Meliha Hasanbegovic.

Sport

Reports on international tennis and NBA league were presented.