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Headlines

- Children who tragically died at Debeli brijeg near Sarajevo were identified
- The SDA, the HDZ and the SDP won the largest number of votes at the municipal elections in Federation of B&H, and the SDS won in the RS
- SDA withdrew their supervisors from polling stations
- The Parliament rejected the working plan for the Federal Government

Sarajevo

Ema Alic(11), Haris Balicevac(12) and Goran Biscevic died yesterday at Debeli Brijeg near Sarajevo, when they entered an unmarked mine field. The process of recovering their bodies took two hours. OBN journalist, Mirna Sadikovic, produced a report on this.

Sarajevo

The Election Commission for Appeals received 164 appeals, said the OSCE spokesperson Tanya Domi. One of the parties that expect an answer is the SDA B&H. The elections were irregular, said the SDA spokesman Sulejman Tihic. Votes in absence are a special problem, he added. Therefore, SDA withdrew their supervisors from polling stations. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Sanjin Beciragic.

Kiseljak

The HDZ participated in elections in 12 municipalities in the Middle Bosnia Canton. They are satisfied with the results, considering the situation, said Branko Golub, the HDZ spokesman. Reported by Branka Vrebac.

Banja Luka

The Dodik's SNSD and Biljana Plavsic's SNS held press conferences today. The SNSD will not enter a coalition with the SDS, said Milorad Dodik, leader of the SNSD. He didn't exclude the possibility of co-operation with parties from the Federation of B&H.

The citizens' will should be respected, said Ostoja Barasin, the SNS spokesman. He added that many citizens gave up voting because of problems with registration lists. The report was produced by Sanela Zivkovic.

This evenings guest in TV INFO was Senka Nozica, the Temporary Election Commission (PIK) member. The PIK will investigate problems regarding the registration lists and find out who was responsible for this, said Ms. Nozica.

Sarajevo

The association "Zene zenama" from Sarajevo organised consultations on rights of women. The B&H women want to raise their role onto a higher level. Reported by Adis Saranovic.

The Association's aim is to help women to express their needs and participate freely in political life, commented Ms. Nozica.

World

Radmila Trajkovic, the Kosovo Serbs representative, participated for the first time in the Transitional Administrative Council session as an observer. Serbs are interested in participation in joint institutions, said Ms. Trajkovic.

The USA will not renew their diplomatic presence in Belgrade, said the State Department spokesman James Rubin.

The $\underline{\mathsf{EU}}$ foreign ministers, after their meeting in Luxembourg,

rejected the isolation of Moscow, despite their condemnation of the Cechenian war.

The Central Election Commission will try and organise Parliamentary elections in Cechenia on 20th August.

The USA want to persuade the Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barrack, to be more flexible in negotiations with Palestinians.

There were floods in Romania, Hungary and parts of Vojvodina. 8 persons died.

The piece on world events was produced by Gordana Frimel.

Sarajevo

The House of Representatives in the B&H Parliament had a meeting today. They rejected several law provisions, as well as the working plan for the Government for this year. The report was produced by Sevko Bajic.

Sarajevo

The American Ambassador in B&H, Thomas Miller, visited the Police Academy in the Federation of B&H today. 854 policemen from all parts of the Federation of B&H completed various courses at the Academy. The training was very good, and now they just have to implement it in the streets, said Mr. Miller. The report was produced by OBN journalist Danijela Bozic.

Banja Luka

The process of reduction of weapons in the RS started today. It should be completed by 11th July, said Duro Joksimovic, the RS Army Verification Centre President. Reported by Darko Savic.

Banja Luka

Representatives of the RS and the Croatian Chambers of Commerce met today in Banja Luka. The Trade Contract between B&H and Croatia should be signed this year. The purpose of today's meeting was to prepare for another meeting in Zagreb on 20th April, when exchange of goods between the two countries will be discussed. The report was produced by Nedeljka Breberina.

Mostar

Town officials signed the decision on unification of the town water supply system. In this way, conditions are provided for receiving a loan from the <u>World Bank</u> for implementation of the project. Reported by Alden Kajtaz.

Sport

A report on the English Football Premier League was followed by a report on the NBA league.