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Headlines

- A large opposition protest took place in Belgrade today
- The Federal Government and the Union representatives signed a General Collective Contract today
- More than 203 000 votes have been counted outside B&H
- The SDP members have been threatened in the Middle Bosnia Canton because of the election results

Belgrade

A large opposition protest took place today in Belgrade, with the motto: "Against terror – for democratic elections". Opposition party leaders addressed gathered citizens. They demanded Milosevic and his regime to resign. Reported by Danica Ilic from Belgrade.

Sarajevo

The Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic and the Union President, Sulejman Hrle signed the General Collective Contract today. Croat members of the Government were against signing of this contract. They said that Edhem Bicakcic did this self-willingly. The announced warning strike was cancelled. The report was produced by Anes Alic.

The High Representative in B&H, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) is not satisfied with the process of return of flats owned by the state. His office reminded the pre-war owners of tenancy rights that the deadline for submitting requests is until Wednesday, 19th April.

Banja Luka

The RS Government is satisfied with results of the work

inspection. Until today, 12 000 employees have been registered. The action will continue, said Durad Banjac, the RS Government Vice-president. The Government accepted privatisation proposals for two banks. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

Sarajevo

The [OSCE](#) Spokesperson, Tanya Domi said that the Election Commission deprived Mr Pero Markovic (the HDZ), Mr Halid Cengic (the SDA) and Mr Tarik Tarsimamovic (the KTZ) of their mandates due to violation of the rule on incompatibility and conflict of interests. The report was produced by OBN journalist Sanjin Beciragic.

Travnik

The SDP had a good election results in the Middle Bosnia Canton. Number of votes has increased by 87% from the last elections. Several SDP members were threatened and fired, within a process of intimidation, said Ivo Taraba, the SDP Election Headquarters Chairman for the Middle Bosnia Canton. He refused to give any further details. The report was produced by Ana Drmac.

Srebrenica

The international community is not satisfied with the work of municipality officials in Srebrenica. Although they received safety guarantees and their houses were reconstructed, they don't come to their jobs. This causes problems in functioning of the municipality. The American Ambassador in B&H, Thomas Miller will visit Srebrenica next week. He expects the Bosniac refugees to move in their houses until then. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Amarildo Gutic.

Sarajevo

The Law on the Council of Ministers will be fully applied

after the appointment of the chairman, ministers and their deputies. The Council Chairman will probably be a Serb. One of candidates, Svetozar Mihajlovic said that he has no information on other candidates. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

Banja Luka

Passing of the Law on Council of ministers proves that three B&H nations can have their joint institutions, said the Deputy Chairman in the B&H Parliament House of Representatives, Mirko Banjac. Ministry chairmen will rotate every 8 months. The report was produced by Suzana Vukcevic.

Banja Luka

A round table took place in Banja Luka today. More than 50 judges and prosecutors, and the Ministry of judiciary representatives participated in it, discussing the RS relationship with the [ICTY](#). Working materials for co-operation with the Tribunal were presented. Reported by Milorad Milojevic from Banja Luka.

Zagreb

The Association of the country defenders gathered in front of the Croatian National Assembly today. They protested against the government declaration for co-operation with the Hague Tribunal and demanded representatives in the Assembly to reject it. They called the declaration the treason of Croatian people. Reported by Gordana Simonovic from Zagreb.

World

The Russian Parliament ratified the Agreement on the nuclear arsenal reduction in the USA and Russia. The American Senate ratified this Agreement in 1996.

Russian planes continued their strikes against Chechenian rebels' strongholds in southern Chechnia.

The strongest opposition party in South Korea won the largest number of votes in yesterday's elections. According to analysts, this is a serious strike for the President's reform programme.

The piece on world events was produced by Zeljka Lekic.

Sarajevo

More than 1300 infected by tuberculosis have been registered in B&H during the last year. The WHO donation of medicines for the disease will be sufficient until June this year in B&H. Reported by OBN journalist Sevko Bajic.

Sarajevo

The Education and Rehabilitation Centre for the Young should be constructed until October this year. The project is worth DM 880 000. The [UN](#) Secretary General's Special Representative, Jacques Klein, donated a \$ 50 000 check for the construction of classrooms for computers and English learning. Reported by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Sport

Reports on local basketball and fieldball, as well as the NBA league were presented.