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## **Headlines**

- Who is to blame for yesterday's incidents in Mostar?
- An alarming unemployment in the Federation of B&H
- Pensioners desperate because of proposed changes in the Law on social insurance and retirement
- 4 KFOR soldiers were injured during an intervention of the international forces in Kosovo

#### Brcko

Two people drowned after last night's sinking of a raft in a lake in Zabari, near Brcko. More than 300 people were at the raft. Owners of the raft are held in custody, Slobodanka Radojkovic confirmed.

#### Mostar

Culprits for yesterday's incidents after the football match between Velez and Zrinski are still unknown. Local police claim that both sides are responsible for devastation of buses transporting Velez fans. Reported by Senada Malanovic.

#### Mostar

According to the Head of the Mostar Police "Jugozapad", Tomislav Curcic, Velez fans devastated their buses from inside. "They also stoned people from the buses", Curcic added. The OHR and OSCE are satisfied because the match took place in Mostar. Anita Zovko produced the report.

# Banja Luka

Protocol of entity privatisation agencies allows the displaced to submit requests for cancelling the registration in the RS. This will enable them to participate in privatisation in the Federation of B&H. Reported by Sanja Srdic.

## Sarajevo

According to proposed changes for the Law on social insurance and retirement, pensions would be reduced by 20%. The Association of Pensioners feel that this is an uncivilised act. Pensioners did not receive 5 monthly pensions. They say that they will not accept the changes. The report was produced by Sevko Bajic.

## Sarajevo

There is a large number of unemployed citizens in the Federation of B&H. Two employment agencies exist in the Federation. Last year, all financial resources were transferred from the B&H Employment Agency to the Federal Employment Agency. Amarildo Gutic investigated the case.

### World

About 100 people are on the bottom of the Bering Sea, after breakdown of a Russian submarine. Chances for their rescue are small.

The Democratic Convention started in the L.A.

The Chinese President called on Yasser Arafat to choose the right time for proclaiming of the independent state.

Presidents of several countries of the South Africa met in Zambia, trying to find a solution for the civil war in Congo. The report was produced by Zeljka Lekic.

# Sarajevo

Representatives of displaced persons from Sarajevo suburbs Dobrinja I and Dobrinja IV met today, demanding return to their flats, Svjetlana Celic reported.

# Sarajevo

The refugee family Kulenovic left the Serb flat where they lived during the war, although their house has not been reconstructed yet. They hope that international aid agencies will help them to complete the reconstruction. Reported by Adis Saranovic.

# Banja Luka

Parties in both entities presented their election candidates, starting the pre-election campaign. According to the results of local elections, RS presidential candidates Mirko Sarovic (SDS) and Milorad Dodik (SNSD) have the best chances to win at November elections. It is uncertain whether SDA and HDZ will keep the majority of votes in the forthcoming elections, Dragan Stanimirovic confirmed.

## **Sport**

Reports on local and international football, and international tennis were presented.