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Headlines

- Tihomir Gligoric is no longer a candidate for the Chairman of the Council of Ministers
- Richard Sclar visited Sarajevo today
- Who is the real buyer of the "Marsal" hotel on mountain of Bjelasnica?
- Balkan is faced with a new war danger, said Karl Bildt

Sarajevo

According to today's Presidency decision, Tihomir Gligoric is no longer a candidate for the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. "Some representatives of the International Community said that they wouldn't co-operate with Gligoric. That is why Mr Izetbegovic denied his approval of this candidate", said Kasim Trnka, the President's adviser. Presidency members should propose a new candidate tomorrow. The report was produced by Damir Kaletovic.

Sarajevo

Richard Sclar, the Special US Envoy for south-east Europe visited Sarajevo today. He is satisfied with the privatisation process in the RS. Both entities got negative marks, because they didn't adopt the decision on limited immunity introduction for banking agencies' management. The World Bank granted $30 million for electro-energetic system in B&H. Ambassador Sclar said that today's meeting was very positive, OBN journalist, Sanjin Beciragic confirmed.

"The Prime Minister Dodik and his government showed a forward thinking at the area of modern European economy", said Richard Sclar. "Dodik has shown that he is a modern European leader, which is what this country needs in every aspect", he added. OBN reporter, Vedran Persic interviewed Mr Sclar.

Sarajevo

The Sarajevo Canton Privatisation Agency announced on Friday that new owners of the "Marsal" hotel on Bjelasnica are Sefik Dzindo and Aziz Tukulj. However, the real buyer is the company "Energoinvest", which invested money for reconstruction of this hotel. "All employees of the hotel gave their certificates, in order to protect their jobs. This is the only way to take over the hotel", said Kerim Lucarevic, the Director of Energoinvest. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Zenica

A team of experts from Sarajevo arrived to Zenica today. The investigation results will be announced in 3-4 days. The bus driver, Nezir Ahmic, feels that he wasn't responsible for the accident. Reported by Koraljka Kurcenberger.

Sarajevo

After the tragic accident near Kakanj, the issue of security of roads in B&H has been raised. The Federal Minister of Trade and Communication, Besim Mehmedic said that the investigation will determine who was responsible for the accident. "The issue of road security should have been resolved a long time ago", Mehmedic added. The report was produced by Sevko Bajic.

World

The Serbian police arrested 20 members of the movement "Otpor". They were accused of complicity to the murder of Bosko Perosevic, member of the Socialist Party. The assassin was arrested immediately after the murder.

The UN Special Envoy for Balkan, Karl Bildt, addressed the International Conference in Tokyo. He said that the south east Europe is faced with a new war.

The American President, Bill Clinton announced a veto, if the Congress vote for the withdrawal of American soldiers within

KFOR from Kosovo on 1st July next year.

The Russian proposal of amnesty for Cechenian fighters expired last night, at midnight.

Cechenian leader announced that his fighters will continue their attacks against Russian forces in Cechenia.

The Ethiopian Army continued their attacks against Eritrea.

The new Turkish President, Ahmed Nedzes Ezer has been inaugurated today.

The Zimbabwe President announced parliamentary elections on 24th and 25th of June.

Gordana Frimel produced the piece on current events in the world.

Brcko

The Brcko District Transitional Assembly distributed 300 parcels for construction of flats. It was decided that 20 parcels should be distributed to citizens who don't belong to the Serb, Croat or Muslim nation. The aim of this decision is to improve the process of return. Reported by Slobodanka Radojkovic.

Mostar

The de-mining process causes many problems to citizens of village Ravne near Mostar. Constant mine explosions disturb them, and the water has been contaminated. That is why they blocked the road in order to prevent the SFOR de-mining unit continue their work. Reported by Enes Ratkusic.

Mostar

Blazica Kristo produced a piece on the de-mining process in B&H. The International Trust Fund for de-mining, organised by the Slovenian government, has been satisfied with the work so

far. Priority areas for de-mining are the areas for refugee return.

Sarajevo

Slobodan Maksimovic produced a piece on a multi media installation “Hero of the 21st Century” that will be open until 20th May in the Art Gallery in Sarajevo.

Sport

Reports on local football, NBA league and international football were presented.