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Headlines

- Employees in the publishing company “OKO” and professors in secondary schools announced a strike
- Prince of Saudi Arabia, Selman Bin Abdul Asis opened a mosque in Tuzla
- The Philippines Army attacked rebels in order to rescue 19 hostages
- The alleged boss of the separatist organisation “Eta” was arrested in South France

Sarajevo

Employees of the publishing company “Oko” continued a strike, despite recent resignation of the General Manager. “Our basic task is to de-block the account and collect a part of debts”, said the Acting Manager, Ahmet Sadinlija. This is the 5th strike of “Oko” employees this year. Reported by Anes Alic.

Sarajevo

Representatives of the Union of secondary schools organised a press conference today, regarding problems in this field. Teachers demand 18 monthly salaries for 1994 and 1995, as well as salaries for July and August this year. In case of non-fulfilment of their demands, they announced a strike. The report was produced by Svjetlana Celic.

Sarajevo

Despite warnings of possible loss of $130 million of aid and $24 million of loan, the deadline for adoption of changes in the Law on Pensions was no respected. International financial institutions warned that the B&H Government and the Parliament

implement reforms too slowly. Amarildo Gutic reported.

World

According to unofficial information, several people died in a rescue operation in the Philippines. The US Defence Minister, William Cohen said that Washington did not have any role in the offensive in the Philippines.

Police in North Spain announced that they found a large quantity of weapons. The state media in Iraq condemned new interfering of the UN in the situation in the region.

The White House warned Baghdad not to create tensions with Kuwait before the elections in the USA.

Swedish lorry drivers started protests against high fuel prices. Zeljka Lekic reported on current world events.

Skopje

The election results in Macedonia have not been announced yet, although the elections took place a week ago, Safet Bisevac confirmed from Skopje.

Tuzla

Prince of Saudi Arabia, Selman bin Abdul Asis opened a new mosque in Tuzla. Construction of the mosque was financed by the High Saudi Committee for Aid in B&H.

Mostar

421 families from West Mostar live in 8 collection centres. Most of them cannot return to their homes because they are occupied by refugees, Sinisa Jokic reported.

Posavina

Croats and Bosniacs started returning to their destroyed homes. These are mostly old people, who have not received any

aid from the RS authorities so far. The report was produced by Adis Saranovic.

Sarajevo

The RS Government recently requested adoption of a law on exchange of flats between the two entities. They also demanded abolishment of the Article 8, according to which an abandoned flat can be purchased after two years of occupancy. The Federal Minister for Environment, Ramiz Mehmedagic refused the request, until the return process becomes equal in the RS and the Federation. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

Sarajevo

Co-operation between the Sarajevo Surgery Clinics and Swiss experts started two years ago. Dr. Vladimir Velebit, the Head of the Swiss Expert team visited Sarajevo recently. It is unknown yet whether the co-operation will continue, because the Canton authorities and management of the Clinics disagree in this issue, Sevko Bajic reported.

Nova Bila

The Institution “Father Christopher” for accommodation of old people was opened a month ago in Nova Bila. Recently, the first inhabitants have been accommodated there. Olivera Dimac produced the report.

Mostar

The Secondary Art School “Fra Gabrijel Jurkic” has worked for five years in Mostar. Students and professors in the school do not have basic conditions for work.

Sport

Reports on the 27th Summer Olympic Games in Sydney and local football were presented.