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Headlines

- Several hundred Serb students protested in Brcko, with nationalist slogans
- [SFOR](#) discovered secret weapons storage near Banja Luka
- The Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica says he is ready to join the Stability Pact
- The Federal Parliament rejected changes in the Law on pension insurance
- An agreement on renewing the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations has been made

Brcko

Several hundreds of Serb students protested in streets of Brcko today, with nationalist slogans. They destroyed several cafes and stoned two Bosniac houses. Protests ended about 2 p.m. The Brcko District police carried out security measures in the town. Reported by Slobodanka Radojkovic.

Banja Luka

[SFOR](#) confiscated a large quantity of illegal weapons near Banja Luka, Nedeljka Breberina reported.

Sarajevo

The Federal Parliament did not adopt changes in the Law on pension insurance, although it was the condition for further financial aid of \$

150 million for B&H. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Banja Luka

The RS Assembly session took place today. Delegates could not

agree on the agenda and the session was interrupted, Dragan Stanimirovic reported.

Sarajevo

4 B&H NGOs demanded that the Federation and RS parliaments urgently adopt amendments to entity constitutions, in accordance with the decision of the B&H Constitutional Court on constituent status of three B&H peoples. Reported by Anes Alic.

Istambul

The Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica sent a letter to participants of the Stability Pact session in Istambul. In the letter, Kostunica said he was ready for membership of the [UN](#), establishment of diplomatic relations with neighbouring countries and solving the issue of succession. Jusko Bojadzic reported from Istambul.

Yugoslavia

The Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica met the Montenegrin President, Milo Dukanovic in Podgorica. The conclusion was that the leading Montenegrin Coalition "Da Zivimo Bolje" will not participate at the new Federal Government. Gordana Frimel produced the report.

World

The US President, Bill Clinton announced that the Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barac and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat agreed to stop violence in Gaza and the West Coast and to renew peace negotiations.

About 2000 US marines arrived in Yemen, in order to protect experts who investigate terrorist attack on the US boat, when 17 sailors died.

The Spanish police arrested two persons suspected of being

members of "Eta".

Floods in north Italy gradually withdraw. 3 people died and 11 are missing. Zeljka Lekic reported on current world events.

Banja Luka

96 gas stations were closed in the RS, because they did not obey the deadline on instalment of control devices, Milorad Milojevic reported.

Sarajevo

The first delivery of ballots for voters abroad has been delivered to the [OSCE](#) Mission in Sarajevo. The ballots are being processed and verified in the [OSCE](#), under constant international supervision, Vedran Persic reported.

Tuzla

Action "The Civil Campaign for elections in 2000" ended today. The aim of the campaign is that a large number of young people vote in the forthcoming elections. The report was produced by Elma Nakicevic.

Sarajevo

Three years ago, communal police, i.e., ecological police was formed in the Sarajevo Canton. Their main task is immediate protection and cleaning of public areas, and they have been performing it successfully, Meliha Hasanbegovic reported.

Sarajevo

The 40th International Festival "MESS 2000" started last night in the National Theatre in Zenica, Meliha Hasanbegovic reported.

Vares

The book "Selo-Mir-Vares" by Mladen Radoc was promoted in

Vares today.

Sport

Reports on international football, local basketball and international boxing were presented.