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Headlines

- The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch met the Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica in Belgrade
- Situation in the Near East is worsening
- Employees of the RS Railways stopped their strike
- The German Government delivered aid to Tesanj authorities for stopping the spread of jaundice epidemic

Belgrade

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch met the Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica in Belgrade. They discussed Yugoslav contribution to implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords. "We did not discuss the Hague issue, because it is very complex", Mr. Petritsch said. They also discussed establishment of diplomatic relations between the FRY and B&H, Danica Ilic reported.

The Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica sent a letter to the B&H Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic, informing him on his intention to visit Trebinje on 22nd October, in order to attend transfer of body of the poet Jovan Ducic. Mr. Kostunica emphasised that this would be a private visit.

World

6 Palestinians died in clashes between Israelis and Palestinians in the West Coast.

The Israeli authorities are against foundation of a commission which would investigate Israeli-Palestinian clashes.

17 people died in a fire which broke out this morning in Mexico City.

The Euro-Asian Summit started in Seoul.

A Norway special boat arrived at the scene of sinking of the Russian submarine “Kursk”, in order to try to recover bodies of victims. Gordana Frimel reported on world events.

Tuzla

Two days ago, brothers Djani and Dino Persic were seriously injured in an incident which took place in Tuzla. More than 1000 people organised peaceful protests in Tuzla, demanding arrest of culprits. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

Banja Luka

Employees of the RS Railways stopped their strike, after the RS Government had fulfilled their requests, Sanela Zivkovic reported.

Sarajevo

There were about 250 strikes in the Federation during the last year. Pensions are 5 months late. Despite of these indicators, the Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic said that B&H is on the second place in Europe in growth of its social product. Are these information realistic? Amarildo Gutic investigated.

Banja Luka

NGO “Lex International” started a campaign for reduction of black market employment in the RS.

Sarajevo

According to Dr. Michael Scherz, the Co-ordinator for Austrian investments in B&H Austria increased export to B&H by 80% during this year. Mr. Scherz hopes that B&H will increase production of food, so that Austria could import it, Vedran Persic reported.

Mostar

Local authorities carried out eviction of occupants of a flat whose owner is Karlo Miletic. However, the second occupant stayed in the flat. Local authorities claim that they did not know about the second occupant. According to Mr. Miletic, he informed authorities about the second occupant four years ago. Ivan Pavkovic produced the report.

Tesanj

The German Ambassador in B&H, Hans Johan Peters delivered a DM 50 000 of aid to the authorities in Tesanj. The money will be used for prevention of spread of jaundice epidemic in the area, Sanjin Kotoric reported.

Sarajevo

The Director of the Saudi Arabian Regional Office for aid to B&H, Nasir bin Abdurahman has been proclaimed as the citizen of honour in Sarajevo. Reported by Svjetlana Celic.

Sarajevo

The Technical Faculty in Sarajevo will organise the third International Advising on Telecommunications “BIHTEL 2000”. It will take place from 23-25 October in Sarajevo. Zeljka Lekic produced the report.

Sarajevo

A group of Slovenian artists presented themselves at the 40th International “MESS” Festival with the performance “Dream”, Meliha Hasanbegovic reported.

Banja Luka

The SNSD organised a prize competition for women in the RS. 6 women, who answer correctly to the question “What is the colour of eyes of the Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik?”, will be invited to go out on a dinner with Mr. Dodik. Suzana Vukcevic produced the report.

Sport

Reports on international boxing and the Para-Olympic Games in Sydney were presented.