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Headlines

- A Serb village in south-east part of Kosovo was attacked
- The police suppressed protests in Miami, after yesterday's FBI action
- Sarajevo authorities granted the construction of a paint and polish factory without the ecological licence
- Theme of TV INFO – increase of unemployment

World

2 Serbs were killed and several were injured in new incidents in Kosovo, the KFOR announced. The Serb village Gorazdevac was bombarded. No one was injured. Investigation is underway.

According to the Russian sources, Cechenian rebels decreased their attacks in the last few days.

An explosion took place in the capital of Zimbabwe last night, in front of the opposition magazine "Daily News" office.

The police protects several white farmers in Zimbabwe, in order to stabilise the situation.

Government forces killed at least 150 Tamil Tigers, who fought for independence.

After the FBI action yesterday in rescuing a boy from Cuba, several protests took place. Fidel Castro said that this event is a step towards reconciliation between the USA and Cuba.

The piece on world events was produced by Gordana Frimel.

Kosovo

The Spanish General, Juan Ortunno took over a command over the international troops in Kosovo. The Eurocorpus was founded in 1991. Their head office is in Strasbourg, and they closely co-operate with NATO. Ortunno is also the Eurocorpus Commander. Reported by Zeljka Lekic.

Banja Luka

The RS Assembly session should take place tomorrow. It is expected the Assembly Vice-president, Bosniac, to be appointed. Several draft laws should also be discussed, as well as the issue of confidence in Dodik's Government. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

Sarajevo

After they won the elections, the SDS will probably have several new requests at tomorrow's RS Assembly session, said Sulejman Tihic, the SDA Vice-president. If the voting about non-confidence in Dodik's Government take place, the SNS votes will be decisive, he added. OBN journalist Sanjin Beciragic made the interview with Sulejman Tihic.

After a certain quantity of forged alcohol was confiscated, the investigation is taking place. The case was initiated by the Croatian company "Zvecevo" from Pozega, whose products were forged, and the consumers couldn't notice the difference. The B&H budget is damaged for several million DM. The company "Dubrava vino" from Citluk was also under the investigation, as well as the company "Hepoc" from Mostar. The Federal Tax Administration submitted the proofs they gathered so far to the Government. Reported by Danijela Bozic.

7 persons were injured in an explosion in front of the discotheque "Maks"

in Pale last night. The culprit was arrested, and investigation is underway.

Sarajevo

The Federal Tax Administration discovered 480 unregistered workers in the Federation of B&H. According to the unofficial information, there are 30 000-40 000 unregistered workers in 6 cantons in the Federation of B&H. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Banja Luka

According to the statistics, last year's unemployment rate was almost the same in the RS and the Federation of B&H. Number of unemployed citizens increased during this year. Several private companies were registered, but their owners register only a few workers, and the rest of them remain unregistered. Citizens of Banja Luka are not very optimistic regarding this issue. Reported by Suzana Vukcevic.

Zenica

There are about 50 000 unemployed citizens in Zenica-Doboj Canton. Protesters blame the Government for this. The increase of number of unemployed is expected. The report was produced by Koraljka Kurcenberger.

Sarajevo

Sarajevo competed for the title of ecological city, which could bring significant financial investments. Nevertheless, the local authorities granted the construction of a paint and polish factory without the ecological licence. There are about 12 000 city dumps without licence in B&H, and most of them are at river banks. This presents an ecological threat for citizens. The report was produced by OBN reporter Anes Alic.

Sarajevo

The piece on the Easter celebration in Sarajevo was produced by Sevko Bajic.

Banja Luka

Nedeljka Breberina reported on the Easter Mass, performed by Banja Luka Bishop, Franjo Komarica.

Sport

Reports on local football and Formula 1 competition in Great Britain were presented.