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Headlines

- New citizens' protests in Tuzla
- Teachers in the RS organised a strike
- Serb delegates in the B&H Parliament started initiative for unconditional establishment of diplomatic relations between B&H and Yugoslavia
- The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch announced the second decision on restructuring of the B&H media

Tuzla

Several hundreds of citizens in Tuzla protested against violence in this town, demanding an urgent trial of suspects in the case of brothers Percic, who were seriously injured a few days ago. Elma Nakicevic produced the report.

Banja Luka

Teachers in the RS organised a general strike. Lectures in elementary and secondary schools, as well as faculties will not start until the RS Government fulfils Union requests. Reported by Sanela Zivkovic.

Banja Luka

Health workers also announced strike in the RS. "We will try to find a solution for this situation", said the RS Minister of Health, Zeljko Rodic. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

Sarajevo

Members of the B&H Presidency feel that the visit of the Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica was an important contribution to normalisation of relations between Yugoslavia

and B&H. Delegations for two forthcoming summits, in Skopje and Qatar have been appointed. Zeljka Lekic produced the report.

Banja Luka

The Deputy High Representative, Ralph Johnson met the Chairman of the B&H Presidency, Zivko Radisic in Banja Luka. The main theme of the discussion was the visit of the Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica to Sarajevo. They announced constructive co-operation between the OHR and the B&H Presidency. Reported by Dragan Stanimirovic.

Travnik

The Croat National Assembly session will take place on 28th October in Novi Travnik. All Croat parties except for the New Croat Initiative will attend the session. A Declaration on status of Croats in B&H should be adopted, as well as a decision on possible organisation of a referendum, Anita Damjanovic reported.

Sarajevo

According to the B&H Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic, there are numerous problems which prevent B&H from joining the European Integration. According to several international officials, change of authorities after the forthcoming general elections in B&H is essential for any further progress, Amarildo Gutic reported.

World

The Yugoslav President, Vojislav Kostunica met the EU Commissioner for International Relations, Chris Patten today. They agreed that it was in mutual interest to create strong economy in Yugoslavia.

The US Secretary General, Madeline Albright met the President of North Korea. Ms. Albright said that Washington intended to

establish closer relations with this country.

The Israeli Army decided to close the International Airport in Gaza.

Huge floods caused large damage in Spain. Traffic between Valencia and Madrid has been stopped. Gordana Frimel reported on world events.

Sarajevo

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch announced the second decision on restructuring of the B&H media. The decision defines a path to self-sustainability for three future broadcasters in B&H: PBS and two entity televisions. However, a time frame has not been defined for implementation of the decision. Reported by Anes Alic.

Banja Luka

The RS Privatisation Agency announced a list of companies for sale, within the privatisation process, Suzana Vukcevic reported.

Sarajevo

The Institute for Medicine Control was opened in Sarajevo. The EU invested DM 5 million in the project, Ana Dimac reported.

Sarajevo

The “Mess” film festival continues. Meliha Hasanbegovic reported on the latest events at the festival.

Sport

Reports on the Para-Olympic games in Sydney and international tennis were presented.