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Headlines

- Two evictions carried out in Bocinja
- The Federation and RS Prime Ministers met in Doboj
- The company "Trgosirovina" was sold for DM 1,2 million
- The FRY Parliament passed a new Election Law, providing Milosevic with a new mandate

Bocinja

Two evictions were carried out in Bocinja today. There were no incidents. Local authorities announce two evictions a day in the next 20 days. Only double flat users will be evicted. The report was produced by Mirna Sadikovic.

Doboj

The Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic and the RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik met in Doboj today. "As for the issue of Bocinja, the Federal plan of evictions is very precise", Mr Bicakcic said. "All people should be enabled to freely manage their properties", said Mr Dodik.

Five houses were burned in Srebrenica in the last eight days. The US Embassy in B&H issued an announcement, condemning the incidents.

Sarajevo

Estimated value of the company "Trgosirovina" was KM 3,3million, and it was sold to Ramiz Hurem for the price of KM 1,2 million. 50 employees of "Trgosirovina" organised a strike today, demanding cancellation of the sale. They also demanded investigation of irregularities in privatisation of the company. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Banja Luka

Distribution of control certificates for participation in the voucher privatisation will start tomorrow. 500 000 control certificates will be distributed in the first round. The distribution should be completed in three weeks. Tatjana Lajsic produced the report.

Banja Luka

The RS Statistics Institution presented the latest information on life standards in this entity. An average salary increased by 14, 7% since the last year. Prices of food also increased, Suzana Vukcevic reported.

FRY

The FRY Parliament passed a new Election Law today. Citizens will elect the President, and only a half of the electorate will be sufficient for the election. In this way, the FRY Parliament provided Slobodan Milosevic with a new mandate, Milos Teodorovic reported.

Montenegro will not accept laws that were passed at the FRY Parliament. According to political analysts, unless the two Federation units sign an agreement, open violence will break out. Reported by Olja Bulatovic.

World

G8 Summit ended today. The US President went back to Camp David, to perform the role of a mediator in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Three Russian soldiers were killed and 11 were wounded in Grozny, in an ambush of the Cechenian guerrilla.

Michael Stone, one of the notorious prisoners was released from prison in Belfast. Adis Saranovic produced the report on world events.

Sarajevo

General Atif Dudakovic, the SDA member, was appointed as the Federation Army Commander last week. According to the Article 41 of the Federal Defence Law, high officers are not allowed to be party members as well. "According to <u>SFOR</u> directives, party engagement of entity Army officers is a forbidden political activity", <u>SFOR</u> Spokesman, Yvon Desjardins said. Reported by Vedran Persic.

Sarajevo

An anonymous complaint was submitted against the Director of the Federal Tax Administration, Ramiz Dzaferovic and his two deputies. Among other things, they were accused of illegal purchase of flats for several employees. The Canton Prosecutor, Mustafa Bisic told OBN reporter that the anonymous complaint is still unfounded. The report was produced by Sanjin Beciragic.

Sarajevo

The 4th Session of the Islamic Euro-Asian Council will take place from 25-28th July in Sarajevo. 55 religious leaders from Turkey, the former Soviet Union and countries of the Balkans will participate at the session. Sevko Bajic produced the report.

Sport

Reports on local basketball and chess, international football and athletics were presented.

Doboj

The Federation and RS Prime Ministers discussed several issues in today's meeting in Doboj. Among other things, they discussed fight against corruption in both entities, as well as encouraging the local production and import reduction. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.