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Headlines

- The indicted war criminal, Zeljko Dzidic surrendered today
- Spasoje Tusevljak remains the Chairman of the B&H Council of Ministers
- Final election results in Yugoslavia will be announced on Thursday
- Protestors in Prague clashed with the police
- "European Literary Encounters" started in Sarajevo

Mostar

One of the five indicted war criminals from Mostar, Zeljko Dzidic surrendered to the Canton Court in Mostar today. "It would be good for other indicted criminals to surrender as well, in order to get the chance to defend themselves before the Canton Court", the UN Spokesman in Mostar, Stefo Lehman said.

Sarajevo

The Head of the UN Mission in B&H, Jacques Klein sent an announcement to the public today, after recent arrests connected with the Leutar case. Mr. Klein emphasised that many false information were published lately, and that certain political leaders used the investigation for their own political interests, and for slandering the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, the UN and Mr. Jacques Klein personally. The Head of the UN Mission wanted to deny some of the lies related to the case, and demanded an uninterrupted legal procedure. Reported by Sanjin Beciragic.

Sarajevo

The B&H Council of Ministers organised a session today. The Chairman of the Council, Spasoje Tusevljak, who returned from Sydney chaired the session. The Council refused amendments to the law proposal on single passports. The B&H Parliament will make a final decision. Mr. Tusevljak said that he was ready to take responsibility for his work before the B&H Presidency, Vedran Persic reported.

Sarajevo

The House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament refused a draft Law on pension and invalid insurance. The OHR warned that the IMF and the World Bank would withdraw $ 150 million of loan, in case of non-adoption of the draft law in today's session. Mirna Sadikovic produced the report.

Yugoslavia

The Election Commission announced that the election results would be known on Thursday. Despite of this, democratic opposition has already proclaimed the election victory. France announced removal of sanctions against Yugoslavia, after Milosevic's election defeat. The US Congress granted $500 million of aid for democratic forces in Serbia and Montenegro. Reported by Adis Saranovic.

World

The regular annual session of the IMF and the World Bank started in Prague. Thousands of people clashed with the police, protesting against economic globalisation.

German lorry drivers protested against high fuel prices.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat met last night. Israeli and Palestinian delegations arrived in Washington, for separate meetings with American mediators.

About 15 million people lost roofs over their heads, and

several hundreds of people died in floods in West Bengal.

The former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet will be medically tested against his will, in order to check whether he is ready for trial. Mladen Maric reported on current world events.

Tuzla

The President of the Tuzla Canton, Tarik Arapcic demanded urgent investigation on using force by the police in evictions on 13th September

in villages Bare and Banovici.

The Tuzla Canton Ministry of Internal Affairs denied claims that the murder of Mirzet Imamovic, which took place in Vukovije on Sunday had a political background.

Sarajevo

Donors from Saudi Arabia granted DM 2,4 million for the Project of heart operations at the Sarajevo Clinical Centre. All operations have been suspended due to arisen disagreements. Reported by Sevko Bajic.

Mostar

Employees of the company “Autoprevoz” in Mostar organised a strike today. They voted non-confidence in the Board and the Director. Employees have not received their salaries since the New Year.

Zenica

According to the semi-annual information, 856 companies in Zenica-Doboj Canton had losses in their business transactions. About 35 000 employees work for these companies.

Banja Luka

The First Union Congress is taking place in Banja Luka. Participants discussed several issues: privatisation problems, providing flats for workers etc. Representatives of the Association of the World Energy Union attended the Congress.

Sarajevo

The OSCE Mission in B&H announced lists of political candidates and coalitions for compensatory mandates at the House of Representatives of the B&H Parliament, the Federation Parliament and the RS Assembly. They also announced the start of 45-day pre-election campaign tomorrow. Reported by Zeljka Lekic.

Sarajevo

The “European Literary Encounters”, organised by the French Centre “Andre Malraux” and “Etonnants Voyageurs” started in Sarajevo. Participants from a large number of world countries will present their works here, Gordana Frimel reported.

Sport

Reports on local fieldball, the European Chess Championship in Neum and the 27th Summer Olympic Games in Sydney were presented.