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Headlines

- Employees of "Aida" company from Tuzla blocked city roads
- The Federation Government postponed confirmation of the General Collective Contract
- The Croatian Defence Minister is authorised to grant financial aid to the Croat part of the Federation Army

Tuzla

Employees of "Aida" company from Tuzla blocked city roads, because they haven't received their salaries, which they demanded during the last strike. The company manager has been replaced, but employees feel that nothing changed. Their protests will continue until their demands are granted. The report was produced by Alma Hadziefendic.

Sarajevo

The Canton Privatisation Agency cancelled the tender for sale of "Konzum" company. Employees are satisfied with the decision, but they organised protests today, in order to point out some irregularities. They claim that the management made a large debts for the company, in order to prevent employees from buying it. They demand the Privatisation Agency to check the financial situation of any future buyer. OBN journalist Amarildo Gutic produced the report.

Mostar

Emir Keco is the new owner of the "Ruza" hotel in Mostar. The Privatisation Agency representative said that Keco gave the best offer. He will employ about 150 people, which is very important for this town, said Majid Ljubovic, the

Privatisation Agency Director for Herzegovina-Neretva Canton. Dubravka Vojinovic produced the report.

Sarajevo

The Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic promised the High Representative that the text of the General Collective Agreement will be changed. The Workers' Union reacted to this, and fixed a meeting for tomorrow. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

Banja Luka

Students of the Art Academy in Banja Luka protested today. They demanded better working conditions. The report was produced by Igor Pozgaj.

Banja Luka

Chtistiaan Poortmann, the Executive Manager of the <u>World Bank</u> met Milorad Dodik in Banja Luka. Mr Poortmann said that another donors' conference for B&H might take place in this year. The privatisation process in the RS should improve, he added. The report was produced by Dragan Stanimirovic.

Zagreb

The Croatian Defence Minister, Jozo Rados is authorised to grant financial aid to Croat part of the Federation Army. The amount of KN300 million should be transferred to the Army. Reported by Gordana Simonovic from Zagreb.

Zenica

The Federation Army continues the weapons reduction, confirmed Sanela Vilasevic from Zenica.

World

The Security Council delegation visited Kosovo today. The Russian and the Chinese Ambassadors, delegation members, talked to Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade yesterday.

KFOR announced that a dead Russian soldier was found near Pristina.

The Cechenian Army representatives announced that their forces killed 28 Russian soldiers yesterday. President Putin said that his commandos will fight back.

Ministers of Great Britain and Zimbabwe met in London, trying to stop political crisis.

The Spanish Prime Minister took an oath before the Spanish King, Juan Carlos. This is his second mandate in the Government.

The report on current world events was produced by Gordana Frimel.

Sarajevo

The Parliament delegates verified several agreements today. They accepted the <u>EU</u> directives for implementation of reforms in B&H. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

Travnik

The Assembly of Middle-Bosnia Canton had a session today. There were 11 points on the agenda, and the Assembly accepted all Government's law proposals, Olivera Dimac confirmed.

Mostar

After the three B&H telecommunication companies PTT B&H., HPT D.D. Mostar and "Telecom" from the RS signed the Framework Agreement, the HPT D.D. Mostar and "Telecom" signed the first annex of the agreement today. Reported by Blazica Kristo.

Sarajevo

Sevko Bajic produced piece on Theological Symposium which took place in Sarajevo today.

Sport

Reports on international football and NBA league were presented.