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Headlines

- The Pre-election campaign in B&H starts today, <u>OSCE</u> announced
- Yugoslavia no official election results yet
- The Peace Implementation Council considers withdrawal of loans for B&H
- The B&H Presidency member, Ante Jelavic talks about possible replacement of Spasoje Tusevljak, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Sarajevo

The <u>OSCE</u> announced start of the pre-election campaign in B&H. About 2,5 million citizens will vote on 11th November. Municipal elections in Srebrenica will take place on the same day. The <u>OSCE</u> will supervise the elections, Vedran Persic reported.

Yugoslavia

The Federal Election Commission announced that a new election round should be organised in Yugoslavia, because Kostunica won 48% and Milosevic 40% of votes. Democratic opposition is convinced that their candidate, Vojislav Kostunica already won the elections. The situation in Montenegro is tense. The Montenegrin police are patrolling around the country, waiting for official results in Yugoslavia. Western officials called for Milosevic to accept the election defeat. The report was produced by Adis Saranovic.

Sarajevo

The Peace Implementation Council in Brussels is considering withdrawal of DM 150 million of loan for B&H, due to non-

adoption of amendments to the Law on pension and invalid insurance by the Federal Parliament. The RS Assembly has already fulfilled international conditions by adoption of amendments to the Law on Pension and Invalid insurance. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

Sarajevo

The B&H Presidency discussed responsibility of the Chairman of the B&H Council of Ministers, Spasoje Tusevljak, due to his too long stay in Sydney. Tusevljak's mandate should end on 12th October, and one of the Croat ministers in the Council should be his successor. The B&H Presidency member, Ante Jelavic said that the most serious candidate for the post is Mr. Martin Raguz, the B&H Minister for Human Rights and Refugees.

Sarajevo

The Head of the Swiss team of surgeons, Vladimir Velebit cancelled the DM 2,5 million worth project for free heart operations at the Sarajevo Clinical Centre, due to arrogant behaviour of the Management of the Clinics, led by Dr. Ismet Pezo. The Clinical Centre will try to solve disputes with dr. Velebit in the next days. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

World

60 people died, and more than 40 are missing after sinking of a Greek ferryboat in the Aegean Sea last night. The Captain and four crew members were arrested.

More than 1000 people died in floods in West Bengal.

Protests against globalisation policy continue in Prague, while the meeting of the <u>IMF</u> and the <u>World Bank</u> is taking place.

Representatives of 11 OPEC member countries met in Caracas. The main issue of discussions will be stabilisation of oil prices. Mladen Maric reported on current world events.

Banja Luka

129 300 refugees applied for re-registration in the RS. Real number of refugees and displaced people is unknown, because such registration did not take place since signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, Suzana Vukcevic reported.

Kiseljak

Not a single house in the village of Duhre, near Kiseljak has been reconstructed, 5 years after submitting citizens' requests. Citizens of the village sent a protest letter to municipal authorities and international organisations. Reported by Ana Drmac.

Sarajevo

9 privatisation investment funds have been registered so far in the Federation of B&H. Only two fulfilled the legal census of DM 200 million in securities. If other funds do not fulfil the request, shares shall be returned to citizens. Slobodan Maksimovic produced the report.

Doboj

The Fourth International Exhibition of small economy, "Doboj 2000" was opened in Doboj. 109 economists from both B&H entities, Yugoslavia, Croatia and Slovenia will participate in the exhibition.

Sarajevo

The encounter of literary translators was organised within the "European Literary Encounters" in Sarajevo. Theme of discussion was current situation and problems of the translators. Reported by Gordana Frimel.

Sport

Reports on local fieldball and football and the 27th Summer Olympic Games in Sydney were presented.