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Headlines

- A financial conference of the Stability Pact started in Brussels
- B&H offered 4 projects, for whose realisation is required 194,5 million EURO.
- The Hague Investigators interrogate 8 Serbs in Banja Luka about the crimes in Srebrenica
- The Special informer of the UN suggested the removal of all economic sanctions against Yugoslavia
- The Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, committed himself to accept a simple proclamation of the Palestinian state in September
- More than 800 people were evacuated in Japan, because of the announced volcano eruption
- A Delegation from the British city of Derby visited Sarajevo

Zenica

The Independent Union of Workers organised a protest in Zenica today. More than 1000 workers were there. They demanded their salaries in their last peaceful demonstrations, as they said. They demanded their right to live from their salaries. The report was produced by OBN reporter Koraljka Kurcenberger.

Sarajevo

The Pensioners' Association in Sarajevo called a few Federal Ministers to resign for moral reasons, because they haven't fulfilled their promises and obligations to the pensioners. They demanded the adoption of changes to the Privatisation Law, by which 20% of the privatisation funds should be given to pensioners. The report was produced by OBN reporter Mirna

Sadikovic

Brussels

A financial conference of the Stability Pact started in Brussels. Representatives of 37 states and 35 international institutions participate at the conference. The EC Commissioner, Chris Patten and the main co-ordinator of the Pact, Bodo Hombach opened the conference. Mr. Hombach expressed the hope that they would gather about $1,5million for the implementation of the Pact. The Bosnian Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic is the head of Bosnian delegation. He addressed the gathering today. The piece was produced by Zeljka Lekic.

Banja Luka

The Hague investigators started the interrogation of 3 Serbs indicted for war crimes in Srebrenica, and 5 witnesses. All 8 of them were soldiers in the Serb Army, and they testify voluntarily. Even the suspects can refuse to speak any time. They have to repeat their statements in the Hague, said the lawyer Krstan Simic. Also, the suspects cannot be arrested during the interrogation. The report was produced by Biljana Arsic.

Banja Luka

The RS Supreme Defence Council assembled in Banja Luka today. The Vice-president of the RS, Mirko Sarovic, said that this was a regular meeting. Among other things, they talked about the reduction of military potentials. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

Sarajevo

5 days ago, the Vice-President of the Federation of B&H, Ivo Andric Luzanski, demanded the Constitutional Court to postpone all hearings until the appointment of new judges. The mandate

of the current judges expired on 1st March. Luzanski did not appear at the court, because he thinks it is not legitimate. The report was produced by Sanjin Beciragic.

World

The UN Civil Administrator for Kosovo, Bernard Kouchner wrote the Regulatory Book for political parties, as a part of the preparations for the elections. Special informer of the UN suggested the removal of all economic sanctions against Yugoslavia, underlining that no compromises can be made with the Kosovo extremists.

The Security Council will send their mission to Kosovo at the end of the next month, in order to supervise the UN work there.

The Russian forces caught 2 Cechenian commanders. The Russian Internal Minister went to Cechenia in order to follow actions of the Russian forces there.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak committed himself to accept a simple proclamation of the Palestinian state in September, if they do not reach an agreement before May.

4 people died, and at least 36 were injured in a strong hurricane in Texas.

About 8000 people were evacuated in Japan, in the island Hokkaido, because experts announced a possible volcano eruption. The piece on world events was produced by OBN journalist Gordana Frimel.

Banja Luka

The American Ambassador in B&H, Thomas Miller, met with the RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik in Banja Luka. Ambassador Miller said he was worried about the privatisation process in B&H. The report was produced by Tatjana Lajsic.

Brcko

The New Government of the Brcko District have many tasks. 60 state enterprises and 650 private ones exist in this area. Regardless of these figures, only 5,6% people are employed, and the infrastructure is bad. Reported by Slobodanka Radojkovic.

Sarajevo

A group of workers, who were in concentration camps during the war, sued the construction company “Slog” for not paying them their salaries. They cannot gain their rights, because they had no contracts with the firm. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Sarajevo

Representatives of the British city of Derby visited Sarajevo today. They want to start economic and tourist co-operation with Sarajevo. Many exhibitions, concerts and films of British artists have been planned within the “Britain-Bosnia” Festival.

Sport

The reports on the B&H and international football, and the NBA league were produced.