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Headlines

- The Cross Entity policemen in Brcko District signed Solemn Statements
- Sharp reactions in the RS after the announced movement of mudzahedins from Bocinja
- 30 people were injured in an accident in the Underground in Paris
- 27th International Plum Fair has been opened in Gradacac

Brcko

320 policemen in the Brcko District took a solemn oath. “Forming of multi-ethnic police in Brcko District is very important”, said the Head of the UN Mission, Jacques Klein. Reported by Vedran Persic.

Banja Luka/Bocinja

RS authorities sharply reacted to the announced movement of mudzahedins from Bocinja to Srebrenica and Bratunac. “Local police should realise evictions in Bocinja, or an alternative accommodation should be provided for mudzahedins”, said IPTF UN Spokesman in Banja Luka and Bihac. 43 families, who could return to their homes, were evicted from Bocinja. A refugee camp was constructed in Bocinja for refugees from the RS whose houses were devastated. They will move into the tents, if an alternative accommodation is not provided for them, Mirna Sadikovic reported.

Sarajevo

“$49 million of loan to B&H from the World Bank will not be realised, until the required conditions are fulfilled in B&H”, the Director of the World Bank in B&H, Christian Portman said.

Mr. Portman will visit the RS tomorrow. Zeljka Lekic produced the report.

Sarajevo

A new factory of mineral water, “Ilidzanski dijamant” started a test production. German experts in this field are training employees of the factory. It will be opened in September, Slobodan Maksimovic confirmed.

Kiseljak

A public discussion on privatisation of the company “Sarajevski kiseljak” was organised last night by the company management. They are trying to privatise a part of the public capital by public subscription of shares.

In this way, citizens of Kiseljak could become majority owners of the company. Management of “Sarajevski Kiseljak” demand cancellation of tender, according to which 42% of the company capital were sold to “Jamnica”. Reported by Ana Drmac.

World

Rebels in Columbia carried out several attacks around the country, before the announced visit of the US President, Bill Clinton.

East Timor celebrated the first anniversary since the referendum for independence from Indonesia. According to the UN estimates, about 120 000 refugees are still in West Timor.

2 people were injured in terrorist attacks in Northern Ireland.

An American citizen, Geoffrey Shilling is still kept hostage by rebels in the Philippines. Gordana Frimel produced the report.

Belgrade

The Serbian media published the information on disappearance of the former politician, Ivan Stambolic for the first time. Citizens of Novi Sad cannot watch the Montenegrin TV, OBN, Croatian TV and Hungarian TV "Duna" any longer. These programmes were transmitted by cable networks. The Yugoslav Ministry of Information ordered cancellation of such transmissions.

Yugoslav officials' visa applications were rejected by the US Government. They should have participated in the Conference of Inter-Parliamentary Union in New York. Reported by Danica Ilic.

Sarajevo

The Chinese Embassy was opened in Sarajevo today. This was the first day of diplomatic agreements between China and B&H, Sevko Bajic confirmed.

The OHR is shocked by irresponsibility of certain members of the B&H House of Representatives in yesterday's session. "There was no quorum for a very important discussion on a new B&H passport. The OHR will closely observe the work of this body in future", OHR announced.

Mostar

"The OHR is worried because of the events in the University of Mostar, especially after resignation of the University Head", said the OHR spokesperson in Mostar, Avis Benes. "There is a large number of young people who are leaving Bosnia forever", she added. Reported by Mirsad Behram.

Mostar

The first issue of "The City Official Gazette" was published recently in Mostar. It will provide an insight in regulations relevant for normalisation and improvement of life in the town, Ana Kaljuzny reported.

Sarajevo

The “Westminster Foundation” from Great Britain and the “Idis” organisation opened a school for human rights in Lukavica, in Srpsko Sarajevo. The school will be opened on 5th September. The report was produced by Svjetlana Celic.

Gradacac

The 27th International Plum Fair was opened in Gradacac. 105 exhibitors from 11 world countries attend the Fair. Reported by Semir Salihovic.

Sport

Reports on international fieldball, WTN tennis tournament in Mostar and local football were presented.