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Headlines

- The B&H House of Commons passed the Law on succession at the B&H Presidency
- RS officials discussed the Dayton Peace Accords
- The Federal Parliament adopted changes in the Law on Work
- The B&H Border Service took over the border crossing of Doljani

Sarajevo

The B&H House of Commons confirmed the decision of the House of Representatives, by passing the Law on succession at the B&H Presidency.

"I voted for passing of the Law, so that Alija Izetbegovic finally leaves the B&H political scene", said Ristan Ristic, the SNSD member. Delegates adopted the Law despite warnings of the High Representative, <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u>. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

Banja Luka

A round table was organised in Banja Luka. The theme was "Nonfunctioning in implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords". Many RS high officials participated in the discussion. All participants agreed that it depends on RS Authorities how the RS would comply with the Accords. Tatjana Lajsic produced the report.

Sarajevo

The Federal Parliament adopted changes in the Law on Work. The changes include reduction of severance pay for workers. Reported by Adis Saranovic.

World

The FRY Minister of Information said that four Dutch citizens, who allegedly planned assassination of the FRY President, Slobodan Milosevic were arrested.

Candidate of the Israeli opposition, Moshe Katzev was elected as the new President.

The President of Venezuela was re-elected yesterday.

Irregularities were found in two planes of the French company "Concord".

Zeljka Lekic produced the report on world events.

Sarajevo

The <u>NATO</u> Supreme Commander for Europe, Joseph Ralston visited the Command of Stabilisation forces in B&H. <u>SFOR</u> Commander, General Ronald Adams informed the Supreme Commander about the security situation in B&H.

Doljani

The B&H Border Service took over the border crossing of Doljani.

49 policemen from Herzegovina-Neretva Canton will control the border crossing from now on. The Head of the <u>UN</u> Mission in B&H, Jacques Klein and the Federation President, Ejup Ganic marked the beginning of functioning of the Border Service. Reported by Ines Kajic.

Sarajevo

Officials of the Sarajevo Canton and representatives of the Serb part of Sarajevo met OHR representatives today. They discussed about fight against crimes. Citizens of China, who illegally live in the area are a serious problem. Svjetlana Celic produced the report.

Sarajevo

Illegal felling of trees is more and more frequent in the Federation. Non-existence of the Law on Forests encourages such activities. 6 months ago, the Federation Government prohibited export of trees. However, illegal export continues. Reported by Anes Alic.

Sarajevo

The B&H Central Bank started delivering KM1 and KM2 coins to ZPPs in both entities. Coins will be put into circulation in 10 days, Vedran Persic confirmed.

Banja Luka

The RS Privatisation Agency will distribute 500 000 control certificates for participation in the voucher privatisation in the first round. Reported by Sanja Srdic.

Brcko

The Mayor of Brcko District, Sinisa Kisic put all contracts on co-operation between local legal entities (state-owned) and foreign legal entities and individuals out of force. The decision does not include contracts verified by the District Government. Slobodanka Radojkovic produced the report.

Sarajevo

Citizens of the Federation who own cars annualy pay about KM 35 million for maintenance and reconstruction of roads. Nevertheless, the roads are terrible, and accidents frequently take place. The report was produced by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Sarajevo

This evening's concert of Dino Merlin will end the art manifestation "Bascarsijske noci 2000". It is expected that about 50 000 people will attend the concert, Meliha Hasanbegovic reported.

Sport

Reports on international tennis and football were presented.