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Headlines

- The Transitional Assembly of the Brcko District has been formed
- The USA Defence Secretary ordered sending of their elite Army units to Kosovo
- China and the [EU](#) reached no agreement on entering of Beijing to the WTO.
- After more than 20 years, eruption of the volcano "Usu" in Japan took place.
- The RS Government defined the Anti-Inflation and Social Program
- The Canton Sarajevo police confiscated 5 kg of drugs on the border between the two entities

Brcko

The Transitional Assembly of the Brcko District has been formed today. This way, the two main elements of the District authorities, executive and legislative power, have been established, said Robert Farrand, the OHR supervisor for Brcko. Citizens hope that this Government will improve their living standards. The report was produced by OBN reporter Vedran Persic.

This evenings guest of TV INFO was Mr. Ejup Ganic, the President of the Federation of B&H. He said that the formation of the Transitional Assembly was a large step, and that Bosnia will soon be ready to join Europe.

Banja Luka

The Funding Conference for the countries of South-East Europe was completed yesterday in Brussels. Implementation of the

planned projects should start on 31st March this year, said Novak Kontic, the RS Finance Minister. He also said that all European countries should participate in it. Reported by Suzana Vukcevic from Banja Luka.

The Conference was very successful, because the donors exceeded the pledged \$1,8 billion, said Ejup Ganic.

Banja Luka

The association "Ostanak" organised a protest in Banja Luka today, demanding the urgent closing of collection centers and making a plan for accommodation of refugees and displaced persons. They also demanded the Minister for Refugees and Displaced people to resign. The members of "Ostanak" announced further protests, if the RS Government does not solve these problems in due time. Reported by Biljana Arsic.

All refugees should return to their houses, because it is the only permanent solution for them, commented Ejup Ganic. Without the refugee return, B&H cannot become part of Europe, he added.

Banja Luka

The RS Ministry of Defence denied the claims of the press that the condition for B&H to join Partnership for Peace is the joint Army. Slobodan Jelacic, Assistant to the RS Defence Minister, said that, as they had been told, there were no conditions at all. Reported by Sanela Zivkovic from Banja Luka.

Sarajevo

Judges of the Canton court do not recognise the expiry of their mandate, because they think it started later than the Canton authorities claim. The Court made several decisions today, claiming that only the Constitutional Court can interpret the Constitution. The authorities disagree with

this, saying that one of the problems is also the age of the judges, because most of them are about 70 years old. Reported by Sanjin Beciragic.

World

The USA Defence Minister, William Cohen, ordered sending of the elite forces to the border between Serbia and Kosovo.

The [UN](#) Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, started her 5-day-visit to Russia, because Russian soldiers were accused for violation of human rights in Chechnia.

The Russian President, Vladimir Putin, asked the Parliament to ratify the Russian-American agreement on disarming, Start II.

China and the [EU](#) ended their 4-day-negotiations on joining of China to the WTO. They reached no agreement.

Japanese Army evacuated more than 10 000 people from the island of Hokkaido. The expected volcano eruption took place today. The piece on world events was produced by OBN journalist Gordana Frimel.

Banja Luka

The RS Government made the anti-inflation and social program. Within this program, they planned help for about 300 000 RS citizens, said Ostoja Kremenovic, the vice-president in the RS Government. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

Sarajevo

The electric energy will be cheaper from tomorrow, during the summer season. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

Sarajevo

The Canton Sarajevo Police confiscated 5 kg of marijuana from Adnan Sakic, who brought it from the RS.

Sarajevo

Famous Bosnian writer, Izet Sarajlic, celebrated the 70th birthday today. The B&H Academy of Art and Science organised a celebration on this occasion. Reported by Meliha Hasanbegovic.

A round table took place in Sarajevo today on a theme "The Law on Sport in B&H". Sportsmen and representatives of political parties participated in it. Reported by Igor Kristic.

Sport

Reports on tennis and NBA league were presented.