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Headlines

- RS authorities discussed defence of the RS integrity and the issue of joint passports today
- The <u>ICTY</u> called the Croatian General, Milivoje Petkovic as a witness in the trial against Dario Kordic and Mario Cerkez
- B&H delegation went to New York, in order to attend tomorrow's summit
- The Federal budget was damaged by KM 3 million due to import of cars with illegal customs documents

Bijeljina

The RS Government organised a session behind closed doors in Bijeljina. They are discussing defence of the RS integrity, the issue of joint passports and some other important issues. Reported by Tanja Gasic.

Sarajevo

According to the ONASA News Agency, the B&H Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic will send a letter to the Chairman of HDZ, Ante Jelavic and inform him that he will resign from the HDZ. OBN has not received confirmation for this information.

World

The opposition presidential candidate in Yugoslavia, Vojislav Kostunica said that he would not extradite Slobodan Milosevic to the ICTY if he became the President.

Japan and Russian failed to find a compromise about the Curril Islands.

"Amnesty International" criticised the Palestinian authorities because of systematic violation of human rights.

France is faced with the lack of fuel.

7 passengers died in a plane crash in Australia. Adis Saranovic reported on world events.

New York

The Millennium Summit will start tomorrow in New York. More than 150 world leaders will gather at the Summit. Some of the themes will be poverty, world peace and security. The B&H delegation, led by the Presidency Chairman, Alija Izetbegovic will also attend the Summit. Reported by Kemal Kurspahic.

Mostar

Political games around the University of Mostar continue. Reactions after the replacement of the University Head, Marko Tadic imply that a direct confrontation of two political streams within HDZ is in the background. "It is very irresponsible from politicians to endanger education at the University in this way. This is a question of a higher education, not of a politics", said the OSCE Director in Mostar, Daniel Simpson. Denis Vila produced the report.

Sarajevo

Prof. Dr. Nedzad Mulabegovic was re-appointed as the Head of the University of Sarajevo, Anes Alic reported.

Sarajevo

Students' standard in B&H is very low. The issue of credits and accommodation for students should be solved by the end of the week, Meliha Hasanbegovic confirmed.

Sarajevo

The Federal Parliament House of Representatives organised a

session today. Ibrahim Okanovic and Branko Kolobaric were appointed as the Main Federal Auditor and his Deputy. The theme of the session was the development plan for agricultural sector. Amarildo Gutic produced the report.

Sarajevo

Pensioners condemned adoption of proposed changes for reduction of pensions by 28%. Discussion on the changes will take place tomorrow, when the Federal Parliament session continues. The report was produced by Mirna Sadikovic.

Banja Luka

The RS Government organised a session today. Slobodan Zupljanin was appointed as the new Minister for issues of soldiers and war victims. He said that payment of invalidity compensations for June would start in a few days, Tatjana Lajsic confirmed.

Sarajevo

Organised groups of criminals used forged seals for issuing customs certificates for import of cars. In this way, the Federation was damaged by KM 3 million. Only Sarajevo Canton and Zenicko-Dobojski Canton submitted lists of newly registered cars to the Federal Tax Administration. It is expected that the largest number of cars were imported in this way in Hercegovacko-Neretvljanski Canton. Reported by Svjetlana Celic.

Bakovici

The Turkish Government will provide financial aid for the Institute for mental invalids in Bakovici, Ana Drmac reported.

Sarajevo

The "Vladimir Nazor" centre for mentally retarded children received a donation in the amount of DM 3000. The donation was

implemented thanks to the international women's club and the German SFOR. Sevko Bajic produced the report.

Sport

Reports on international tennis and football were presented.