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Headlines

- The Italian President visited B&H
- The pre-election silence starts tomorrow, at 10 a.m.
- B&H must fulfil 18 conditions in order to become an <u>EU</u> member
- The Assembly of the Council of Europe discussed the possible suspension of Russia because of atrocities in Cechenia
- The Former Pakistani Prime Minister has been sentenced to life imprisonment

Sarajevo

The pre-election silence starts tomorrow in B&H. Two parties, SDP and SDA, had their last pre-election gatherings in Sarajevo, only a few meters apart from each other. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

Banja Luka

A war of posters is taking place in Banja Luka as well, as the elections are nearing. Reported by Suzana Vukcevic.

Sarajevo

More than 4500 B&H citizens will work with 6600 international supervisors during the elections. They will also participate in counting. <u>OSCE</u> employees believe that there will be no incidents. The report was produced by Adis Saranovic.

Sarajevo

There will be a premiere of the Croatian film "Marshal" in Sarajevo this evening. The theme of the film is Titos resurrection. From 15th April, it will also be shown in the RS. Reported by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Banja Luka

The RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik met the Deputy High Representative for Refugees, Andy Bearpark. They discussed the issue of exchange of tenancy rights. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

Sarajevo

The Federation government adopted a decision on prolongation of the deadline for purchase of flats in the Federation of B&H, because of citizens' complaints. Only 10% of flats have been purchased so far. The Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic, blames the municipalities for not informing citizens about the deadline. The report was produced by OBN reporter Anes Alic.

Sarajevo

The Italian President, Carlo Ciampi, visited B&H today, and met the Bosnian Presidency members. B&H is very interested in further economic co-operation with Italy, said Alija Izetbegovic, the B&H President. Mr Ciampi also met the religious leaders in B&H. He said that peace in B&H is essential for the whole region. The report was produced by OBN journalist Danijela Bozic.

Sarajevo

Mr. Carlo Ciampi visited the Italian Army unit, which is a part of the international forces in B&H and thanked them for their efforts. Reported by Vedran Persic.

Sarajevo

The B&H Presidency discussed <u>EU</u> directives for a feasibility study of B&H membership of the <u>EU</u>. By the end of the year, most of the prerequisites should be fulfilled. Only a precise plan would enable the creation of the study. The report was produced by Sanjin Beciragic.

World

The Council of Europe decided to suspend Russian membership in this organisation, unless they stop the atrocities in Cechenia.

The Special Representative of the Russian President for Human rights in Cechenia supported the suggestion of Mary Robinson regarding the formation of a special commission on violation of human rights in Cechenia.

Cechenian fighters attacked a Russian convoy last night, and killed about 100 Russians, said the spokesman of Cechenian fighters for independence.

The Pakistani Court sentenced the ousted Prime Minister to life imprisonment for terrorism and a plane hijack. The piece on world events was produced by Zeljka Lekic.

Sarajevo

The Union of B&H miners was formed in Sarajevo today. In this way, miners fulfilled the condition required for signing a collective agreement with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Mining and Energetic. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

Mostar

The director of "Elektroprivreda" in Herceg-Bosna announced a new project of electrification. An additional DM 20 million will be necessary for reconstruction of electric plants in Herzegovina. Reported by Blazica Kristo.

Sarajevo

For 50 years, 6th April has been celebrated as the Day of Liberation of Sarajevo. The City Council awarded the title of Honorary Citizen of the City of Sarajevo to several foreign and domestic public personalities. Reported by Gordana Frimel.

Sarajevo

According to the Muslim calendar, this is the first day of the year 1421. On this occasion, the Muslim religious leader, Mustafa Ceric, met representatives from other parts of the country. The report was produced by Sevko Bajic.

Fojnica

Pupils from the elementary school "Vitez" visited the Institute for the Mentally Retarded. They delivered them the aid they gathered during the last month. The report was produced by Blazica Kristo.

Sport

Reports on international football were presented.