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Headlines

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- The German Government granted DM45,2 million for improvement of B&H economy
- The USA will allocate $67,2million for the return of minorities in B&H
- The Court in Chilli decided to abolish the immunity for Augusto Pinochet

Sarajevo

The B&H Parliament confirmed the appointment of Spasoje Tusevljak as the new Chairman of the Council of Ministers. National parties: the SDA, the SDS and the HDZ voted for Mr. Tusevljak. “Mr. Tusevljak should be given a chance, because he is an independent candidate. He was not in B&H during the war, and he couldn’t have committed any war crimes”, said Edhem Bicakcic, the Prime Minister of the Federation of B&H. Opposition parties voted against Tusevljak. The report was produced by Damir Kaletovic.

“The High Representative is disappointed by this appointment, because the criteria were not transparent”, said Alexandra Stieglmayer, the OHR Spokesperson.

“There are many people with good reputation who know the situation here.

I think that your Government could have appointed a much stronger candidate”, said the US Ambassador in B&H, Thomas Miller.

The Chairman of the B&H Presidency, Alija Izetbegovic

announced his resignation in October. The main reason for the decision is his health.

Sarajevo

The State border Service took control over the Sarajevo airport today. “Establishment of the service is an important step in fight against corruption”, said Alija Izetbegovic, the Chairman of the B&H Presidency. “Without the Border Service, Bosnia would be a transitory point for illegal entrance to Europe”, Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, the Head of the UN Mission in B&H said. “SFOR intends to leave the airport before September”, said Mike Chandler, the UN Project Co-ordinator. Reported by Vedran Persic.

Sarajevo

The German Government granted DM45,2 million for improvement of B&H economy. Significant part of the money will be used in co-operation with entity authorities, Slobodan Maksimovic confirmed.

Sarajevo

The US Government granted $67,2million for the return of minorities in B&H. Ambassador Miller said that Prijedor, Foca and Pale, refuges of war criminals cannot expect the American aid in infrastructure. The report was produced by Sanjin Beciragic.

Sarajevo

At today’s session, the B&H House of Representatives appointed Fuad Puricevic as the new Federal Minister for war invalids. Marko Arapovic was appointed as his deputy. The Parliament appointed 4 more deputy ministers. OBN reporter, Adis Saranovic produced the report.

Banja Luka

The RS Government supported the programme of social protection. Therefore, the RS Union of metalworkers decided that they would not organise the announced strike. Representatives of ministries and unions decided that they would meet more often, in order to solve all problems of the RS Union. Reported by Suzana Vukcevic.

Gorazde

Employees of the factory "Pobjeda" from Gorazde protested today, demanding their salaries, which they hadn't received since January. The Canton Authorities refused to talk to the employees. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Chilli

The Court in Chilli decided to abolish the immunity for Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator of this country. OBN journalist, Mladen Maric analysed current political situation in Chilli.

World

10 people were injured in a bomb attack in the city of Gracanica in Kosovo. International forces blocked all roads to Gracanica.

2 people died and 30 were injured in an earthquake in Turkey.

Rescue services are still looking for victims of yesterday's earthquake in the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

The Russian President, Vladimir Putin suggested construction of a joint rocket system of NATO, EU and Russia. During his visit to Italy, Putin met the Italian Prime Minister and the Pope John Paul II.

The US Secretary General, Madeline Albright said that the Palestinian leader, Jaser Arafat agreed to meet the US President in Washington next week. The Israeli Prime Minister,

Ehud Barak also agreed to send his representatives to Washington. Gordana Frimel produced the piece on current events in the world.

Banja Luka

The OHR and OSCE appealed on Rajko Vasic, the RS Minister of Information to withdraw his invitation to the public prosecutor to overtake legal measures against the Agency BETA, SRNA and the RTRS for spreading the false information. Mr. Vasic didn't want to give any statement for the media. The report was produced by Dragan Stanimirovic.

Sarajevo

The Tax Administration carried out tax control in offices of the daily newspaper "Dnevni Avaz". The editor in chief of "Dnevni Avaz", Mensur Osmovic said that the action was a brutal attack, which stopped printing of the newspaper. Reported by Anes Alic.

The Head of the OSCE Mission, Robert Barry condemned the action of the Tax Administration in "Dnevni Avaz".

Sarajevo

The IMC organised the Forum in the fields of broadcasting, multimedia and wireless technology. More than 200 representatives of organisations and companies from the whole of B&H attended today's opening of the forum. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

Sarajevo

Sevko Bajic produced a piece on the fire that took place on 28th May in the Sarajevo Clinical Centre. Investigation is underway.

International exhibitions BIRE 2000, Agrifood and SarajevoMedica were opened today in the Sarajevo Hall "Zetra".

TV OBN will be the media sponsor of these exhibitions, that will be opened until the 9th of June.

Sport

Reports on international tennis and football were presented.