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Headlines

- Momcilo Krajisnik pled as not guilty before the Hague Tribunal
- The general elections will take place in B&H tomorrow
- Employees of the department store "Sarajka" haven't received their salaries for two years
- The **<u>EU</u>** delegation visited Moscow
- The World Day of Health was celebrated today

The Hague

Momcilo Krajisnik pled as not guilty before the Hague Tribunal. The main prosecutor in this case is Carla Del Ponte. The next hearing will take place on 26th May. Krajisnik has not chosen his defence layer yet. Reported by Vjera Bogati from the Hague.

This evenings guest in TV INFO was Robert Barry, the Head of the OSCE mission in Sarajevo. A link was organised with the OBN affiliate, ATV Banja Luka, and they participated in the conversation. Pejo Gasparevic from Mostar asked Barry a few questions as well. Barry did not want to premeditate anything. He said that incidents are possible in places such as Bijeljina, Ugljevik and Zvornik, because the Radical Party is active there. But the local authorities co-operate with the OSCE, he added. As for the possible boycott, Barry said that it wouldn't influence the elections and added that he believes that the turnout will be good. The OSCE needs a new mandate for organisation of general elections that are supposed to take place in October, said Barry.

World

The Kosovo Serbs might reconsider their decision on joining the Administrative Council of Kosovo, after the violence against Serbs there.

The Russian President, Vladimir Putin will announce his plan of solution for the Cechenian conflict. Russian planes continued their strikes against strongholds of Cechenian fighters.

The new Japanese Prime Minister promised a true Renaissance of Japanese economy, as well as the improvement of situation in internal and foreign policy. The piece on world events was produced by Zeljka Lekic.

Sarajevo

A seminar of the Department of B&H Internal Ministry for Control and Revision of the Police Work took place in Sarajevo today. These departments formed an association a year ago. Their aim is to improve the policemen' attitudes towards the citizens. Reported by Danijela Bozic.

Sarajevo

The OHR experts made a draft Law on the wood land, after the previous Law had been rejected at the Parliament. The Law, among others, regulates the issue of uncontrolled felling of trees. The Federal Minister, Ahmed Smajic, asked the High Representative, <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u> to immediately proclaim the Law as valid. The Law treats the three aspects: social, economic and ecological. The report was produced by OBN reporter Anes Alic.

Sarajevo

Employees of the department store "Sarajka" have not received their salaries for two years, but only a compensation in goods. There are several offers for privatisation. The famous company "Beneton" is also interested. However, the Privatisation Agency has not published a tender for privatisation of this facility yet. Reported by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Banja Luka

Users of mobile phones in the RS can use them in Serbia as well now. The company "Mobilna telefonija" from Banja Luka announced signing of contracts with Croatian partner, and partners from Montenegro and the Federation of B&H. Reported by Sanela Zivkovic from Banja Luka.

Sarajevo

The World Day of Health was marked in Sarajevo today. Thousands of people in the world were infected with the AIDS virus by receiving blood in an inadequate way. The motto of this Day was :"Safe Blood". The report was produced by OBN reporter Sevko Bajic.

Gordana Frimel produced a piece on the Chinese opera that visited Sarajevo today.

Sport

Reports on local fieldball and international football were presented.