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Sarajevo – At the meeting of the Administrative Board for the DPA implementation, The Presidency members and CoM co-chairmen, it was concluded that if no progress is made by the 9 of December, when the Peace Conference in Bonn was scheduled, BiH will found itself in an economic crisis. This meeting was convoked because of obstructions from the Serb side. HR Westendorp expressed his concern about the economic crisis if the Quick Start Package is not implemented soon. Otherwise the MMF and the World Bank work will be disabled. The other issue was the laws that enable refugee return. Westendorp said that sometimes the problems are coming from the Federation, and sometimes they are made by Krajisnik, but we told them all to solve these problems, otherwise the obstructers will be removed.
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Strasbourg – At the European Council Summit, it was said that BiH can join the European Council only if politically united, with one flag, one currency an common passport, which means, when the DPA is completely fulfilled.

For the First time, the representatives from both entities took part at the session of Parliament Political Commission in order to consider the conditions of BiH approach to the European Council. According to the Political Commission Barsoni, the joining of BiH to European Council will not be possible before the full political union of BiH.
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Sarajevo – At his visit to the BiH President Izetbegovic, Slovenian Ambassador to BiH Mirosic informed Izetbegovic about

tomorrow’s visit of Slovenian delegation led by the Prime-Minister Drnovsek.
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Sarajevo – Before the CoM session began, a meeting was held with the representatives of the US Peace Institute. CoM was informed about the initiative to establish the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. At the CoM session, the issue of foreign investments was delayed again for fifteen days, upon request of Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade, as said, because the opinions are not synchronised. CoM members also finished preparations for tomorrow’s visit of Slovenian delegation. CoM Co-chairman Silajdzic reminded that the privatisation process is still on hold, although the draft law was submitted to the OHR in January this year.
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Sarajevo – The Croatian proposition about special relations with BiH Federation caused lot of concern in OHR. OHR spokesman Bullivant said that OHR attitude is that all such agreements must be done at the State level. Bullivant stressed that the special relations establishment between BiH entities and surrounding countries is a reason to worry, which was already expressed when the special relations were established between RS and FRY.
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Sarajevo – OSCE Ambassador Frowick talked to Presidency member Zubak about the refugee return and election results implementation. During Frowick’s meeting with the Federation Co-president Ganic, special attention was paid at the municipality authorities establishment in Capljina, Velika Kladusa and Cazin. Also, the special place in their dialogue took the matter of Brcko.
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Brcko – Brcko Municipality Parliament session was scheduled for tomorrow in order to commence the work of the joint

administration, police and legal system. Answering the question about the Serb side position, Frowick said that All were defending their positions strongly, but generally, there is readiness to go forward in the spirit of the Dayton process, so I am rather optimistic.
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Washington – Yesterdays statement of US State Secretary Albright, that approvals for US troops remain in BiH are increasing, caused great attention, but also correction from the White House and Pentagon. Spokesman McCurry said that the agreement is still to be expected, and that there is a long. US Defence Minister Cohen said that US President Clinton still has to convince US Congress that remaining the US troops in BiH is for the US national interests. However, the general opinion is that some kind of troops are necessary in BiH.
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Sarajevo – The representatives of Federation HoR Committee for Security and Defence talked to the representatives of UK Defence Board. The common opinion was that the troops should remain in BiH until complete fulfilment of DPA.
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BiH Press – reports that Serbian police arrested Slobodan Misic, an ex member of para-military forces involved in war in Croatia and BiH. Before the arrest, Misic gave an interview to Vranje newspaper, confessing the responsibility for the death of about 80 people. Although Misic's name is not on the Hague list, he expressed his readiness to go to the Hague.
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Pale – The session of dissolved RS Parliament was held today at Jahorina, two weeks before the Parliament elections. Parliament President Kalinic said that the session was held in order to protect the representatives integrity. As it was told in the official announcement, the Parliament representatives are more and more attacked by the supporters of RS President

Plavsic.

Plavsic yesterday accused SDS for continuing illegal trade which involves Karadzic’s wife.

Zagreb newspaper “Vijesnik” published SDS President Buha’s interview given to “Reporter”, where he said that Karadzic’s influence is still strong and he is not going to be removed just like that. This represents the most specific statement so far, given by a Serb official, regarding Karadzic.
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