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BiH House of Representatives fails to adopt Law on State Border Service

At its 16th session in Sarajevo on Wednesday, the BiH House of Representatives failed to adopt the Law on the BiH State Border Service.

10 Serb delegates voted against the law, questioning the constitutional foundations for its adoption. Serb delegates also protested against the BiH Presidency's repeated and unexplained rejection of their amendments to the law. In these amendments, delegates from the RS asked for greater influence of the entities on the Border Services, offices in Banja Luka and Mostar in addition to the Sarajevo office and national composition of the Border Service in accordance with the 1997 instead of the 1991 census. At Wednesday's session the House of Representatives, 17 agreements made between the Council of Ministers and international institutions were accepted, 12 of which relate to the BiH foreign debt.

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US Embassy to BiH disappointed with failure to adopt law on BiH Border Service

The US Embassy to BiH expressed its disappointment with the failure to adopt the Law on the BiH State Border Service on Wednesday, especially since RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik supported the law. At a meeting with US Ambassador Thomas Miller in Banja Luka on Wednesday, Dodik stated that the RS should support the law as a sign of its dedication to the Dayton Agreement. Ambassador Miller stated that he hopes the law will be adopted without intervention of the High Representative. "The US does not have unlimited patience for BiH and the best way to keep us here is to show progress" Ambassador Miller stated.

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I want to see all indicted war criminals in The Hague prison – Jorda

“I want to see all indicted war criminals in The Hague Tribunal and my position does not allow me to insist on some of them, such as Karadzic or Mladic” ICTY Supreme Justice Claud Jorda stated in an interview for TV BiH on Wednesday. Jorda declined to make a precise comment on the international nature of the conflict in BiH, because, according to his statement, that issue was too delicate for the UN Security Council to decide, so it left it up to ICTY judges to decide. The prosecutor in the case of Dario Kordic and Mario Cerkez presented 1,400 documents on Wednesday, confirming the involvement of Croatia in the war in BiH. More evidence of this kind is expected to be presented in the trial of General Tihomir Blaskic.

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Media was used to fabricate indictment of Ibrahim Djedovic – DNZ

“Media in the BiH Federation has been used to fabricate an indictment against Ibrahim Djedovic and now the same media has been rejected because it is no longer needed” reads a DNZ press release issued on Wednesday. The DNZ resents the fact that no media outlet reported that Djedovic’s indictment was changed 11 times and that some witnesses in the case were intimidated by AID.

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