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Brcko – Tear gas was thrown at the entrance door of the Catholic Church of the Holy Christ Heart in Brcko during a mass between 1200 and 1300 hours, informs the Catholic Press Agency. There were no casualties. The RS police is investigating and IPTF overlooking the process of investigation.
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Follows a series of reactions on the bomb attack on the Catholic School Centre in Sarajevo:

Having been informed of the bombing, just after a similar terrorist act was carried out on the Jesus Fathers Church in Sarajevo, the Pope sent a letter to Vinko Puljic, Vrhbosnia Cardinal expressing his condolence to him and all members of the Centre. The Holy Father who remembers his recent visit of peace to Sarajevo, wishes very much that the wall of non-understanding and hostility will be soon knocked down and new mutual understanding of values, dialogue of respect and constructive thinking will begin in the capital and our dear country of BiH.
2’00”

A new act in the chain of terrorist incidents occurring in front of the Catholic houses of God and educational objects, represents only one more example of the anti-terrorist protection inefficiency, it is further proof of the increasing powers of the extremists right in BiH, it is proof that the final aim of the terrorists is to destroy any possibility of the joint cohabitation, reads a statement of Gradimir Gojer, BiH SDP party Deputy President. If even after this attack the

authorities, specifically the police, do not efficiently bring the culprits of this disgusting act before justice, the responsibility must be taken by the top Federal leaders.
2’30”

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, BiH branch, at its Managing Board session today has strongly condemned the explosion in front of the Catholic School. At a time where terrorism has become an every day life occurrence, we appeal to the elected authorities to demand responsibility for all failures of the respective organs who allowed the rise of terrorism and its toleration in the country. We also appeal to the respective international institutions not to run away from their responsibilities, but take over their obligations according to the DPA and include themselves more actively in solving these problems.
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Sarajevo Cantonal Government held its fourth extraordinary session today with only one agenda item The situation after the terrorist act on the Catholic School in Sarajevo. In a detailed analysis and four hours long discussion, an array of measures will be undertaken. The public will be informed of all measures after tomorrow’s continuation of the session.
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Napredak, Croatian Cultural Association strongly condemns the terrorist act in front of the Catholic School.
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SCC (Serb Citizen Association) issued a Statement relating to the attack saying that there was no way that establishing the responsibility for such and other terrorist acts could be postponed. It added that they must not be postponed for the deeds were directed against the future of BiH.
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Brcko – Robert Farrand, Brcko Supervisor issued an order for

establishing the multi-ethnic administration in Brcko. Implementation of the multi-ethnic authority will be carried out in phases. Despite many reproaches relating to the recent elections, the expelled Brcko residents are encouraged by the orders which Robert Farrand made public at the meeting of all Parliament parties representatives, commented the presenter.
2’00”

Robert Frowick, OSCE Chief of Mission in BiH authorised an OSCE Electoral Unit to start registration of the political parties, coalitions and independent candidates for the elections for the RS National Assembly. (Follows an technical explanation on obtaining of voting forms).
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Bucharest – Kai Eide, Special UN Envoy to BiH, asked the NATO Assembly members in Bucharest to retain their powers in BiH after the NATO mandate expires in June 1998. There cannot be peace in BiH in the absence of SFOR or similar powers, he said and added that a military withdrawal would lead to the breakage of the very skeleton of the DPA.
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Pale – Banja Luka police powers arrested Zdravko Samardzija, one of the RS State Security Chiefs, for the wiretapping of the President Plavsic, informs Deutsche Welle. Jovan Mitrovic and Jovo Rosic, former RS Constitutional judge, have been excluded from the SDS party and another two members have resigned, AFP quotes the Serb Radio at Pale as having said.
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BiH TV – Follows an excuse for using inflammatory language in dealing with the RS media in the second news program on 6 September. The excuse was read following the OSCE MEC findings at the 19 September meeting.
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