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News Headlines

- <u>NATO</u> Secretary-General Robertson in Sarajevo, meets with BiH Presidency
- Robertson confirms that <u>NATO</u> would continue in the framework of mandate to apprehend indicted war criminals in BiH
- RS General Krstic trial commences in The Hague TV BiH correspondent in The Hague
- BiH Federation House of Representatives adopt 2000 budget and other drafts, pre-conditions for <u>IMF</u> stand-by arrangement
- Association of Sarajevo Canton Students holds meeting to protest on difficult situation in dormitory accommodation
- Kljuc Sipad Company stops working due to outstanding debts and lack of raw materials, workers go on strike
- Una-Sana Canton delegation visits eight workers of Radio
 Buzim who are on hunger strike
- NATO's Clark says that western military forces will not stand idle if Milosevic attempts to tighten grip over Montenegro
- Rubin on Kosovo visit
- World news
- Cook meets Mesic in Zagreb and expresses satisfaction with Croatia's acceptance of international obligations
- Brcko Police receive new ID accreditation
- Seven homes for military invalids-paraplegics to be built in Ilidza Municipality
- Mostar Mufti requests adoption of just laws for the restitution of all religious property
- Market Banka increases fund for crediting small- and

mid-size companies in BiH

- Police confiscate 9,617kg of marijuana in Radakovo,
 Zenica
- Selek Company, first jeans company in BiH, employs more workers
- Bairam holiday starts on Thursday, March 16
- Zenica-Doboj, Tuzla and Posavina cantonal delegations meet to discuss work of police in these areas and issue of police redundancy
- Elektroprivreda informs that power grid in Teocak area repaired thus enabling refugees to return, adding that electricity prices will increase on 1 April
- Head of Travnik Municipality Besim Halilovic returns books to Franciscan monastery of Guca Gora that he kept during the war
- Regional Investment Forum to examine concrete programs and economic infrastructure to take place in Sarajevo on March 20
- OSCE and IMC organize press conference to present establishment of Press Council

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After the OSCE Print Media Code, IMC and BiH media representatives are working to establish the Press Council, which would be charged with implementing the Code's provisions. Dieter Lorraine, an IMC representative, said that this body would have two main functions: first, to defend print media freedoms and, second, to bring rulings on complaints concerning poor journalism or bias reporting. The pre-condition for the establishment of the Press Council is the self-regulation of the press to prevent the influence of the ruling structures on free and fair reporting.