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- Racan, Picula and Jakovcic meet with Fischer in Berlin
- Mesic confirms he knows of plan to assassinate him
- After separate sessions of two HDZ groups, it is almost certain that the party will split into at least four splinter groups, it is possibly they all become independent parties
- Tuta currently in prison hospital
- World news
- Izetbegovic cabinet considers failure of BiH House of Representatives to include debate on BiH Council of Ministers Law on agenda, which is reason for prolonged crisis in BiH Council of Ministers
- Body of last victim of Mala Broda landslide recovered
- BiH Presidency model for BiH Council of Misters not in harmony with Dayton – Halilovic
- BiH Federation economic policy measures based on IC donations and, therefore, cannot be realistic base for BiH Federation economy – SDP BiH Vice-president Suada Hadzovic

- Kadic asks Petritsch to amend OSCE EASC ruling and extend deadline for voter registration until election day
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- New era of relations between BiH and Croatia has started – BiH Ambassador to Croatia Hasan Muratovic
- ICTY investigators confiscate weapons from RS Army warehouse in Bratunac
- Ombudsman's Office in BiH marks 4th anniversary of establishment
- HN Canton Interior Ministry presses charges against 19 individuals for corporate crimes
- 200 BiH citizens living in Jordan protest over announced closure of BiH Embassy there
- Refugee associations in Tuzla appeal for additional material support to aid return process
- Primary school in Prekaje, near Drvar, reconstructed but has not been opened yet

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Four hand grenades thrown at property of DNZ President Buzim

Four hand grenades were thrown at the property of Husein Dizdarevic, the President of the DNZ Buzim. Dizdarevic, a DNZ Commissioner for Buzim, claims "there were threats ever since my appointed as a DNZ President.

I gave statements to police several times, visited the IPTF before the election rally to warn them of this. The party registered for elections without any problem, but right after the rally the problem of threats started." Police report that one of the hand grenades did not explode, and added an investigation has been started.

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Sarajevo Stability Pact Working Table ends

After a session of the Stability Pact in Sarajevo, Special Coordinator Bodo Hombach said that stability is the base for security and progress, and this region needs it immediately. An anti-corruption initiative was confirmed as the most important conclusion of the meeting in Sarajevo. This meeting was important for future activities of the Stability Pact, especially when it comes to financing proposed projects. BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic said that BiH had submitted 15 initiatives and is expecting a few of them be adopted for joint implementation with other Stability Pact member countries. BiH is expecting some 800 million-KM for infrastructure reconstruction.

05:58

BiH Federation House of Representatives fails to decide on economic policy

BiH Federation Government has submitted a proposal of economic policy measures to the BiH Federation House of Representatives. The House of Representatives failed to decide anything on it. However, a proposal by Irfan Ajanovic, to encourage cooperation between BiH Federation and RS governments and parliaments, in order to harmonize their economy policies, was adopted. Delegates also adopted amendments to the Law on Privatization, determining that 20% of profits be directed to pension funds to aid in their consolidation. After a recess, House delegates adopted a measure to reduce the tax on income. This House session was adjourned until 22 February.

03:20

BiH Federation Government holds session in Mostar

BiH Federation Government held a session in Mostar and deliberated on a report by the International Labor Organization that testified to discrimination in the employment policies of the Soko and Aluminij companies. Croat

Government ministers assessed that discussion on this report was political manipulation, while their Federal partners (the Bosniaks) justified the report with several arguments. Dragan Covic, the BiH Federation Deputy Prime Minister and a Soko Company Vice-president, said that in the 1992-98 period no workers had been laid off. He asked why former Croat employees are not a topic of discussion also, and only 950 Bosniaks and Serbs are. The Government said that a commission would look into the implementation of the Labor Law by these two companies. Further action is pending their report.

02:33

BiH Presidency model for BiH Council of Misters not in harmony with Dayton – Halilovic

Party for BiH General Secretary Safet Halilovic states that he believes the "BiH Presidency model for the Law on the BiH Council of Ministers is not in conformity with the Dayton Agreement. The BiH Constitutional Court can overturn such a decision tomorrow, because the Dayton Constitution does not state anywhere that the BiH Council of Ministers must be arranged on the parity-consensus principle and that the chairmanship should rotate every eight months."

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