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Headlines

- HDZ BiH Presidency holds extraordinary session
- Luzanski presents official conclusions from HDZ BiH session
- Leutar condition stabilizing
- Interior Ministry spokesperson thanks IPTF, SFOR and US Government for assisting investigation
- Peace Implementation Council cautions against politicization of attack on Leutar – Stiglmayer
- Jahic condemns exploitation of attack on Leutar
- Center Coalition, LBO and Republican Party seek energetic investigation into attack on Leutar
- BOSS requests Westendorp form crisis group to address terrorism
- DNZ condemns terrorist attack on Leutar
- HDZ BiH Central Bosnia Municipal Board expresses concern over fate of all Croats
- Livno Cantonal Government holds extraordinary session
- BiH contains rawest forms of terrorism, we hope Bosniak promises of coexistence will go from words to action – Office of HN Canton Governor
- HVIDRA demands all Croat officials place moratorium on duties and cross into Croat-controlled territory
- Economic Chamber worried that assassination attempt on Leutar will influence transition measures and international opinion of BiH
- Croat police still not returning to work in Bosniak majority areas
- Kosovo Albanian delegation signs peace agreement, negotiations may continue with Serb representatives only
- Fighting in Vucitrn area and on Albanian border

continues

- Clark visits Macedonia, assures President Koro Gligorov his country will be protected
- Peace Implementation Council analyzes situation in RS and supports work of High Representative
- SDA will not support Prime Minster who would include SDS and SRS in government, Dodik lesser of two evils and still has support
- Dodik doubts legality of Sarovic nomination of Ivanic as Prime Minister
- Not clear whether Ivanic was appointed by person with constitutional authority – SNSD

Peace Implementation Council cautions against politicization of attack on Leutar – Stiglmayer

The Executive Board of the Peace Implementation Council expressed its sympathy after the attack on Deputy Interior Minister Jozo Leutar and hopes that all those involved in the attack will recuperate. They called on local authorities for an immediate and aggressive search for the perpetrator. The Board also requested that all parties refrain from making rash decisions and wait for investigation results. The Board cautioned against using the incident for political purposes, which has already begun, and against suggestions that coexistence is no longer possible. It is highly irresponsible to allow this attack to obstruct the work of joint institutions.
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Livno Cantonal Government holds extraordinary session

The Livno Cantonal Government released a public announcement after its session on Thursday, stating that it see the assassination attempt on Minister Leutar as an attack on all Croats in BiH, refugees, DPs, return, Dayton and coexistence. Governor Mirko Mihajlevic says this may be a shot at the wary soul of BiH. The Government condemned the attack regardless of

its sources and demanded that the Bosniak Government find and punish the perpetrators. (
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Not clear whether Ivanic was appointed by person with constitutional authority – SNSD

The SNSD held a session regarding the candidacy of Mladen Ivanic for Prime Minister and concluded that it is illegal because there are no clear indications whether he was nominated by a person having the constitutional authority to do so. SNSD President Milorad Dodik demanded that the matter of RS President be addressed first, then other matters can follow.
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