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News Headlines

- Radisic meets Barry to discuss functioning of BiH and RS institutions and other current issues – TV BiH Banja Luka correspondent reports
- SPRS Banja Luka City Board disagrees with SPRS Main Board decision to withdraw from Sloga Coalition
- IC press conference in Sarajevo
- BiH Federation House of Representatives discuss Amnesty Law
- BiH Independent Trade Union explains meaning and significance of recently negotiated collective working contracts with BiH Federation Government to news briefing
- BiH Federation Government visiting Turkey to investigate possible economic cooperation and strengthening mutual relations – TV BiH on the phone with Bicakcic in Turkey
- BiH project on returning 100,000 refugees included in Stability Pact projects – Ganic reports from Budapest Stability Pact Roundtable on Democracy and Human Rights
- Ranko Krivokapic, head of Montenegrin delegation to Stability Pact, tells TV BiH of Montenegrin participation and presentation at Stability Pact Roundtable in Budapest
- Albright warns that it is important for Kosovo to remain multinational – World news
- International data says that around 4,800 houses in Central Bosnia Canton reconstructed and uninhabited
- Ombudsman requests Bihac Cantonal Court to ensure that Cazin Municipal Court President Jadranka Lojic and justices there continue carrying out their official duties

- BiH Association of Journalists protests human rights violations and suffocation of free speech in Alispahic v Avdic case
- SDP continuing with pre-election rallies, one held in Bosnian cultural center in Sarajevo
- BOSS calls on municipal authorities to start resolving unacceptably poor situation in public utilities sector
- Sarajevo Canton Governor Mujezinovic asks Government to draft preventive action program for existing and potential landslides in Sarajevo area
- Mostar City Council provides 5,000 KM for maintenance of premises of Association of West Mostar Pensioners
- IMC to charge 200 KM for long-term broadcasting licenses for radio and TV broadcasters
- Dramatic increase of suicides recorded in Una-Sana Canton
- Number of suicides increases in Sarajevo Canton area
- Sports
- ICTY to hand down ruling in Blaskic case on 3 March
- President of Vojvodina Social Democrats Nenad Canak says Mesic promised to open secret files on Croatia-Serbia cooperation on BiH division – HINA
- Returnee to Brcko District attacked
- Eviction in Gredica village unsuccessful, OHR team to investigate
- UNHCR proposes five Central Bosnian Canton return projects to Stability Pact for Southeast Europe
- Bocinje village, Maglaj and Foca municipalities are black holes of BiH Federation and RS returns – OHR Doboj
- Mostar Association of Refugees and DPs demands that competent ministries put pressure on municipal administrations to help encourage returns

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SPRS Banja Luka City Board disagrees with SPRS Main Board decision to withdraw from Sloga Coalition

SPRS Banja Luka City Board President Nebojsa Radmanovic said that the SPRS in Banja Luka has assessed the party's withdrawal from the Sloga Coalition as unacceptable and damaging. He explained that the withdrawal from the Sloga represents the de-stabilization of the RS. He added that SPRS Banja Luka City Board would request the holding of a SPRS emergency congress to reconsider this decision. Commenting on the position of the SPRS Banja Luka, SPRS President Zivko Radisic stated that some SPRS members are obviously being used as instruments, adding that this is an internal issue that will be resolved in accordance with the party statute.

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IC press conference in Sarajevo

International organizations held a press conference in Sarajevo. The OSCE-led PEC extended rule 7.16 on property law violations by political candidates. OSCE spokesperson Alexander Nitzsche informed that the reason for extending the rule was the poor record of property law implementation in many municipalities. The PEC informed that SDA candidate Abdulah Delibasic of Kakanj and Adnan Talic, a Party for BiH candidate, had violated this rule because they had not vacated property that was not theirs, thus disqualifying themselves from participating in upcoming local elections. The OHR congratulated the IMC operation closing TV Erotel, as well as thanking SFOR for providing security for the implementation of this IMC decision last week. The OHR and HRT technicians reconfigured the broadcasting system, which is a big step forward in the establishment of BiH Federation TV, OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer said.

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BiH Association of Journalists protests human rights violations and suffocation of free speech in Alispahic v Avdic case

The BiH Association of Journalists in the strongest possible terms protested the course violation of human rights and suffocation of free speech in the case of Bakir Alispahic v Senad Avdic. A document, revealed during a current Sarajevo Canton court proceeding against three senior officials of the Central Bank, proved the accuracy of Avdic’s allegations against Alispahic. According to this Association, this shows that certain Sarajevo Canton justices are corrupt and under the total influence of the ruling oligarchies.

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