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- Devastating earthquake hits Mexico
- Former member of <u>UN</u> Mission to BiH employee pleads guilty to embezzling \$800,000 of <u>UN</u> funds
- Sarajevo Cantonal police announce another arrest of person suspected of white-collar crime
- Petritsch to have last word on Sarovic taking duty of RS
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- High Representative to arbitrate law on rights of war veterans and their families — Association of War Veterans and Invalids
- 60 demonstrators injured in clashes with police in Belgrade
- Serbian opposition holds roundtable on joint participation in elections
- BiH Federation Army performs exercise in Glamoc
- Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson holds press conference in Mostar
- US grants \$2.3 million for refugees willing to return to devastated homes
- Serb refugee from Ilijas Gospava Surbat visits her house inhabited by Bosniak refugee family
- Returnees find it hard to endure winter in their homes
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- Coca-Cola Company to build factory in Sarajevo suburb Hadzici
- Sarajevo University presents its computer network project
- Sarajevo University student dorm fully reconstructed

- Gunter Grass awarded Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature
- Arts exhibition 'Days of Barcelona in Sarajevo' opens
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Petritsch to have last word on Sarovic taking duty of RS President

Regardless of RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic's decision on whether or not to take over the duty of RS President, the last word in this case will belong to High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch. Ambassador Petritsch will make his decision depending on the situation, because he wants all significant subjects in the RS to take part in this decision. The High Representative is meeting with Sarovic in Lukavica on Thursday evening. Before the meeting, Sarovic stated that most members of the SDS Presidency appealed to him to accept the duty of the RS President. In response to journalists' questions, Sarovic did not reject the possibility of nominating Milorad Dodik for RS Prime Minister.

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Returnees find it hard to endure winter in their homes

Around 3,700 families have returned to 11 municipalities in the RS so far, but they have little time to make their homes suitable for living in the winter period. BiH Federation Minister for Labor, Social Care and Refugees Sulejman Garib visited returnees in the Bosniak villages of Doboj Municipality and delivered, as he said, a convoy of symbolic aid of building materials. Garib stressed that the biggest problem now is not how to return people to their homes, but how to keep them there due to unsatisfactory economic situation and poor prospects for self-sustained returns.

OHR should impose law on rights of war veterans and their families — SDA

After the BiH Federation Parliament failed to adopt the law on rights of war veterans and their families, the SDA is of the opinion that the only solution is for the OHR to reach and impose a decision on this issue promptly. Disagreement with the law by Croat representatives at House of Peoples session once again shows that Croatian policy remains a huge influence in BiH, stated SDA spokesman Adnan Jahic at a press conference in Sarajevo on Thursday. The SDA also wants BiH Croats to make up their minds as to whether they are going to vote in BiH or Croatia for the next elections.

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