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News Headlines

- Twelve police officers from the three BiH people to participate in UN peace mission in East Timor; Jacques Klein, RS and BiH Federation interior ministers mark their departure to East Timor with celebration at Sarajevo airport
- Disability compensation for RS invalids decreased in February
- Banja Luka citizens to pay participation for medical examinations in Banja Luka Clinical Center
- The situation in SDA
- Monument to four fallen HVO soldiers in Pobrezje, near Zenica, damaged
- Gypsy killed in Pec, Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanian extremists torch 250 Serb houses in Bijelo Polje, near Pec, Kosovo
- Five Serb houses in Prizren torched
- Yugoslav Committee for Cooperation with UNMIK envoys visit Serb prisoners in Kosovska Mitrovica Prison
- Montenegro has 20,000 police officers – Yugoslav Army HQ Chief of Staff General Nebojsa Pavkovic
- Kosovo Democratic Union President Ibrahim Rugova warns IC of possibility of a new war if Kosovo is not allowed independence or is pushed back into Yugoslavia
- 55th anniversary of liberation of WWII Jasenovac concentration camp
- World news
- Problems in the RS Electric Power Company's business operations
- Seminar on problems with Asthma
- Sports

- Basketball and handball teams from both BiH entities play play-off matches
- Weather
- KFOR Commander Reinhardt meets with envoys of Kosovo Serbs in Strpci to discuss regional security situation and return of Kosovo Serbs
- Kosovo Serb National Council member, Orthodox Bishop Sava Janjic, says that Serb Orthodox bishops will discontinue cooperation with IC in Kosovo if Kosovo Serbs are not returned to Kosovo in three months
- World news
- Weather

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The situation in SDA

The Governors of the Tuzla and Sarajevo Cantons, Mustafa Mujezinovic and Tarik Arapcic, offered their resignation to the SDA because of the party's poor results in Sarajevo and Tuzla during the recent BiH local elections. The first candidates on the SDA lists in the Sarajevo municipalities of Stari Grad, Center and Novo Sarajevo, Ismet Gavrankapetanovic, Adnan Mujagic and Mustafa Kebo also offered their resignations due to the SDP BiH victories in these municipalities. SDA Vice-president Sulejman Tihic said that he expected resignations in all municipalities where the SDA had poor election results. Sarajevo newspapers close to the SDA called on BiH Federation President Ejup Ganic, saying they expected his resignation. Ganic, in an interview to TV Sarajevo, said that newspapers had initiated those speculations. According to OSCE preliminary election results, the SDA won the largest number of votes in 24 municipalities in the BiH Federation, but had poor results in large urban centers in the BiH Federation. The SDP BiH won the majority in Sarajevo, Zenica and Tuzla and 18 other BiH Federation municipalities.

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