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News Headlines

- Sloga requests Djokic resign
- Stiglmayer appeals to SPRS officials to continue supporting RS Government
- SPRS decides to save itself – SDS reaction to Sloga decision
- Sloga functioned as political alliance without principles and SPRS decision was anticipated – RS Party of Democratic Progress
- SRS denies SNS claims that it is member of Sloga
- Serb Patriotic Party expected SPRS withdrawal from Sloga sooner
- SPRS further complicates situation in RS – BiH Parliamentary representative Spiric
- SPRS cares only for party interests, not for RS people – RS SPO
- Sarovic and Patriarch Pavle discuss political situation in RS
- Dodik meets with SFOR Commander Adams, no public statements
- RS Defense Minister Milovanovic and Adams discuss demilitarization of Brcko, work of Standing Military Committee and reduction of RS Army
- RS delegation, Brcko authorities and Farrand discuss resolution of refugee and DP accommodation issues in Brcko
- Barry holds press conference on PEC decision that BiH officials cannot hold positions on company administrative boards
- Radisic meets with Finnish Ambassador to BiH
- Djokic meets with Finnish Ambassador to BiH

- New clashes between Albanians and KFOR reported from Kosovska Mitrovica
- KFOR Command reaches agreement with Albanian demonstrators in Kosovska Mitrovica to end protests – KFOR spokesperson Anido
- KFOR arrests ten Albanians and one Serb for possession of weapons in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Albanian demonstrations are propaganda actions – Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council member Ivanovic
- KFOR and Albanian actions in Kosovska Mitrovica synchronized in order to evict Serbs – Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council President Antonijevic
- KFOR trying to neutralize Serbian defense forces in Kosovo – Clark
- Events in Kosovska Mitrovica do not mean end of multi-national Kosovo goal – Robertson
- Tensions subsiding in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Union of Serb Returnees in Drvar demands that schooling issues be under Drvar Canton authorities, not Livno Canton
- Over 1,000 Croats request cantonal authorities and IC provide permanent accommodation in Drvar
- 500 Bosniaks and over 200 Serbs have returned to Glamoc – Glamoc Mayor Damjanovic
- 172 applications for tenant rights submitted in Livno, 76 resolved – ONASA
- Pathologists find bodies of seven RS Army soldiers near Srebrenica – BETA
- Stability Pact roundtable on democratization and human rights held in Budapest
- Indictment against Milosevic will be extended – ICTY Deputy Prosecutor Blewitt
- Yugoslav Foreign Ministry protests to Croatia against attacks on Yugoslav Consulate Office in Vukovar – Tanjug
- Former Dubrovnik Mayor Poljanic appointed as Croatian General Consul in Montenegro
- Mesic appoints Tomislav Karamarko Head of Croatian

National Security Board
- World news
- 910,263 people apply for privatization in RS
- Agriculture in RS
- Weather
- RS delegation to travel to Croatia – Dodik
- Several French KFOR soldiers injured in Kosovska Mitrovica – KFOR
- Police curfew in Kosovska Mitrovica starts at 18:00 – KFOR
- Southern Kosovska Mitrovica Mayor Redzepi distances himself from Albanian demonstration
- No unusual movement of Yugoslav Armed Forces noticed near Presevo – US Administration
- NATO worried over situation in Presevo – Robertson
- Holbrooke accuses Yugoslav authorities of inciting turmoil in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Montenegro will not undertake any measures against Yugoslav decision to suspend monetary transactions with Montenegro – Montenegrin Prime Minister Vujanovic
- Yugoslav Air Traffic (JAT) to reestablish line with Zurich on 22 February

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The Sloga Coalition requested the resignation of RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic and accused SPRS President Zivko Radisic for the current situation in the coalition. RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik stated that Radisic persistently tried to destabilize Sloga, adding that Djokic came to power as a Sloga candidate, thus the Sloga Presidency expects Djokic's resignation to contribute to resolution of the situation. Asked whether Djokic was informed of the Sloga decision, Dodik said that Sloga is not obliged to inform the parties or their members about Presidency decisions. Dodik also said that should Djokic refuse to resign, the Sloga Coalition would

demand his dismissal. Dodik held a meeting with four SPRS ministers that resigned from the RS Government. Education Minister Nenad Suzic stated for reporters that the ministers had to respect the SPRS Main Board decision, although they do not agree with it personally. Suzic said that the resignations could not be irrevocable and added that the four ministers will remain in the SPRS. Dodik believes that the reasons for the SPRS withdrawal from Sloga are the subjective relations towards the Yugoslav regime and their personal interests. Dodik stated that the SPRS decision to participate in the work of authorities outside the Sloga Coalition is confusing. Radisic's office announced a press conference for 22 February. SNS President Biljana Plavsic gave no comment on the current situation. Djokic informed that he would make a public statement on 22 February.

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