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- According to RS Constitution, Sarovic must assume presidential duty – Domi
- Mitrovic on resolving RS crisis
- Izetbegovic visit to Arab countries, without agreement of other BiH Presidency members, one more strike against BiH Foreign Policy – Jelavic
- Action 'Stop Black Market' starts in Banja Luka and Sarajevo
- Petritsch meets with Peace Implementation Council Executive Board
- Serb representatives in Srebrenica local institutions hold press conference on difficult situation in Srebrenica and return of refugees
- Serb refugees accommodated in Tarevci discuss reconstruction of houses with Bosniak refugees from Tarevci
- UN and IPTF spokesperson Roberts holds press conference on two explosions in Gradiska, incident in Prijedor and Popovic trial at Canton Ten Court
- Gradiska police to investigate two explosions – Gradiska Police Chief
- Earthquake in Taiwan, 2,000 dead, 5,200 injured, 2,800 buried under rubble
- Rescue teams search for earthquake survivors
- Another earthquake hits Taiwan
- Serb Resistance Movement President Trajkovic and Bishop Artemije resign from Temporary Kosovo Council
- Kouchner expects Trajkovic and Artemije to continue work despite resignations
- UN Mission to Kosovo holds press conference on market in

Kosovska Mitrovica

- Serbs hold protest rally in Kosovska Mitrovica North
- KFOR press conference on explosions and shooting in Pristina
- KFOR confiscates weapons in Pirane, Tamjane and Gornji Livoc
- Kosovo Corps to continue KLA mission – Kosovo Corps Chief of Staff Cheku
- Clark concerned by Serb paramilitary infiltration in Kosovo
- ICTY has information that many mass graves exist in Kosovo
- HN Canton Governor Maslesa criticizes police and customs in Mostar
- Pardew and Frowick ask Croat officials in Mostar to enable return of Muslims before 1 January 2000
- Luzanski does not support Petritsch decision to cancel appointment of Justice and Deputy Interior Ministers
- BiH Federation Customs on black market operation
- SDP Vice-president Gojer on BiH and terrorism
- Amduoni arrest shows BiH as base for terrorists – BiH Democratic Peoples Union
- BiH Democratic Peoples Union requests revision of nationalization legislation
- Former BiH Army Commander Halilovic says Mujahedin were arranged from Islamic community in Zagreb to fight in BiH
- Blocking roads in Mostar on 21 September was support to ICTY team investigation – IPTF
- 75 families returned to Sarajevo in last seven days
- 2,446 families in total have returned to Sarajevo
- Closing arguments heard in Sakic trial in Zagreb
- World news
- Earthquake in Banja Luka
- Water supply reductions in Banja Luka
- RS Customs asks citizens to report information on black market

- RS Custom holds press conference on action ‘Stop Black Market’
- RS War Veterans Society holds session on privatization
- NATO Defense Ministers focus on situation in Kosovo and BiH
- Difficult position of Serbs in Zenice, Kosovo
- So-called Kosovo Prime Minister Thaci calls for banishment of Serb enemy
- Montenegrin proposal for restructuring Yugoslav federation not ultimatum – Djukanovic
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According to RS Constitution, Sarovic must assume presidential duty – Domi

OSCE spokesperson Tanja Domi stated that RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic has violated the RS Constitution, according to which Sarovic must assume the presidential duty. At this moment, the OSCE is not ready for early presidential elections. Domi said that the Sloga Coalition had been informed that respecting the RS Constitution could resolve the presidential crisis. On Thursday, OSCE Mission to BiH Head Robert Barry will meet with Sloga leaders.

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Mitrovic on resolving RS crisis

Deputy RS National Assembly Speaker Jovan Mitrovic considers that the crisis in the RS could be resolved by a decision of High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch to appoint an RS President. In an interview given to Banja Luka magazine Nezavisne Novine, Mitrovic presented the view that, at this time, all conditions for nominating a candidate for RS Prime Minister and a new RS Government could be fulfilled. Mitrovic

asked the RS Government to accept the ICTY proposal on secret indictment lists.

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