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- Clinton meets with IC representatives, US soldiers, Kosovo Serb and Albanian representatives
- Clinton addresses Kosovo Albanians in Urosevac
- Clinton visit to Kosovo is offensive to Balkans – SPS
- BiH House of Representatives holds session on law on emigration and asylum
- BiH Council of Ministers, RS and BiH Federation Governments and Japanese Government agency sign plan on transport to year 2020
- Sarovic visits Derventa
- Sarovic discusses refugee problems and economy with Derventa officials
- US Government to donate $1.7 million for spontaneous return of refugees in BiH
- In Prijedor, UNESCO holds session on refugee problems in Una-Sana Canton
- Seminar on deletion of abusive texts from history schoolbooks
- OSCE Election Appeals Sub-Commission brings six decisions on registration of political parties and independent candidates – OSCE spokesperson Tanya Domi
- OSCE holds press conference
- 619,636 refugees and displaced persons have returned to pre-war homes
- IMC decision on Erotel
- BiH Federation Refugees Society President on irregularities in west Mostar
- Attack on Serbian police check point shows KLA not

disarmed – Kosovo Temporary Executive Board President Andjelkovic
- KFOR moves Kosovo Albanians barricades in Orahovac
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- Kosovo Mitrovica Serbs representative Ivankovic condemns KFOR decision to cancel support to Serbs in one village near Kosovska Mitrovica
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- SNSD holds press conference on New York Declaration, PEC proposal and municipal elections
- RS, Serbian and Yugoslav Trade Unions hold session on cooperation
- Serbian and Yugoslav Trade Unions discuss cooperation with Brcko Mayor Kisic
- RS Cultural Council holds session
- Clinton sends BiH State Day congratulations
- Only Dayton Agreement Annex 1a implemented in BiH – ICG
- International organizations hold press conference on EASC decision, Barry report and entity armies
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Sloga holds session on its work and current situation in RS

The Sloga Coalition held a session in Banja Luka on Tuesday where SPRS President and Sloga Presidency Chairman Zivko Radisic stated that they would not give up on the platform that has been protecting the interests of RS citizens. Radisic

added that Sloga would transfer all positive experiences into operative and constructive activities in the RS and BiH institutions. SNS President Biljana Plavsic stated that Sloga was united, adding that they would intensify the party infrastructure and ensure conditions for its work on the municipal level. SNSD President Milorad Dodik considers that different views are normal in a democratic society, but that does not mean that Sloga is not united or that any party will leave the Coalition. Dodik is ready to deny all claims presented by malevolent media on the RS's destruction and that they oppose revision of the Dayton Peace Agreement. According to Dodik, the New York Declaration does not define joint BiH passports, but a database on the BiH level. Speaking of the BiH border service, Dodik stated that the Dayton Agreement defined BiH as a state with international borders.

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OSCE holds press conference

OSCE spokesperson Tanya Domi held a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday where she announced that the Election Appeals Sub-commission had rejected complaints from the SRS RS and RS Serb Party on registration and taking part in municipal elections. Domi added that complaints from the Bosnian Peasant's Party, Local Political Initiative, Democratic Party of Progress and independent candidate Lazar Dedijer were also rejected. The EASC has decided that Velimir Matic will be the main representative of the United Croat Party of Right until the court makes a decision. In the regional report on Southeast Europe, Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH Robert Barry wrote that many politicians have been part of the former political system. They cooperate with representatives of organized crime and former secret services. Barry believes that the International Community can use problems on corruption and conflict of interests for uniting those democratic forces that want to make economic reforms.

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IMC decision on Erotel

On 31 October, the Independent Media Commission offered a temporary license to Erotel, authorizing the station to use 11 transmitters. According to the IMC decision, Erotel should have stopped broadcasting on the other frequencies, which the station rejected. The IMC has been trying to contact Erotel, but without success. On 15 November, the IMC ordered Erotel to stop all broadcasting operations, however, Erotel has ignored the IMC decision and continued to broadcast illegally. According to Annex 10 of the Dayton Agreement, the IMC has requested SFOR's assistance in implementing the decision. SFOR will provide technical, logistic and security assistance, which is in accordance to standard IMC procedure.

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SNSD holds press conference on New York declaration, PEL proposal and municipal elections

SNSD Main and Executive Boards member and SNSD representative in the RS National Assembly Krstan Simic and SNSD Main Board member Stanislav Cadjo held a press conference in Banja Luka on Tuesday. Simic stated that the New York Declaration did not violate the Dayton Agreement, but supports it. According to Simic, politicians in both BiH entities should ensure stable peace, progress in trade economy and Rule of Law. Regarding BiH state holidays, Simic stated that the SNSD supports 21 November as BiH State Day. Cadjo stated that the proposal for permanent election law was acceptable for the party, but it must be brought into accordance with the BiH Constitution. SNSD will take part in municipal elections in all BiH municipalities.

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