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News Headlines

- Sarovic meets with Barry in Lukavica
- RS Vice-president issues press release
- BiH Council of Ministers Co-Chairman Svetozar Mihajlovic rejects restructuring of RS Government with members of CD Coalition
- World Bank gives credits of KM 7 millions to RS wood and timber industry Vrbas and Inga factories
- Dodik meets with RS Envoys in BiH Parliamentary Assembly to discuss conditions and work of RS representatives in BiH Assembly
- BiH Minister for Civil Affairs Asanin meets with RS Red Cross and BiH Federation Red Cross to discuss forming BiH Red Cross, condition for BiH entry into European Council
- Fifth session of Inter-entity Search for Missing and Arrested Persons
- Six RS Army and SFOR soldiers and SFOR translator injured by mines near Sarajevo Polje
- Implementation of property laws one condition for BiH entry into European Council – UN spokesperson Alun Roberts
- Serb Patriarch Pavle to visit Kosovo
- French KFOR prevents 1,000 Kosovo Albanians from blockading Kosovska Mitrovica post office
- 200 Kosovo Albanians try to block Kosovska Mitrovica bakery, dispersed by French KFOR
- KFOR soldiers continue to clear mines in Kosovo – KFOR spokesperson Major Jirgens
- KFOR arrests three Kosovo Albanians who present themselves as Kosovo police officers near Pristina

- ICTY team investigates Trepca Mine for possibility of mass grave – ICTY Kelly Moore
- European Union supports KLA disarmament and forming of Kosovo Protection Force
- Kosovo region is not yet stable – Czech Foreign Minister
- Tachi Adviser Kicmar states that Kosovo will be independent in ten years
- Former member of SNSD Main Board Branko Dokic informs Dodik that he left SNSD
- Dokic left SNSD because party did not support Mladen Ivanic for RS Prime Minister candidate – Dodik
- Presidential crisis does not exist in RS – SRS General Secretary Ognjen Tadic
- Coalition for King and Homeland to begin election campaign in October – Coalition President Prstojevic
- Milosevic is burden to RS – Draskovic
- Representatives of Banja Luka Assembly reject suggestion of Temporary Election Commission to decrease number of representatives from 70 to 31 representatives
- BiH Federation takes on function as chair of Sub-regional Weapons Control from Croatia
- BiH House of Representatives to discuss passport issued to terrorist Mehrez Amdouni, associate of Oman Bin Laden
- Only three persons to have admission to database on BiH passports
- SDA states Amdouni received BiH passport as BiH soldier and at that time Amdouni did not have criminal dossier
- BiH Federation Police missing material evidence on murder of Jozo Leutar – BiH Federation Interior Minister Zilic
- UN Special Envoy to BiH Klein invites BiH citizens to help in investigation of Leutar case
- Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson warns Stolac Mayor Krunoslav Kordic against blocking education in Bosniak language for 300 Bosniak returnee pupils in Stolac
- Bosniaks protest against new Zepce municipality border,

local officials place sign with inscription 'Welcome to Zepce'
- BiH HDZ Presidency discuss relations with ICTY and are unsatisfied with its work
- Four members of ICTY conclude investigation in BiH Federation – UN spokesperson Douglas Hoffman
- Two day meeting held on BiH education organized by Civitas RS and BiH Federation coordinators
- US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller convinced Dodik visit to Washington will be successful
- Reconstruction and modification of fuel station in RS by Kosmos and General Electric company
- IC to look closely at Kosovo in future – US Ambassador to UN Holbrooke
- KFOR arrests Kosovo Albanian who injured Serb doctor in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Serb National Council member Marko Jaksic states National Council to request UN Mission to Kosovo create Kosovo Serb Protection Force
- France against independence of Kosovo
- UN Mission to Kosovo Head Kouchner states Commission for Arrested persons established in Kosovo
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Sarovic meets with Barry in Lukavica

The Vice-president of the RS Mirko Sarovic met with Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH Robert Barry in Lukavica where they discussed the RS presidential crisis. Barry stated that they agreed Sarovic and the Sloga Coalition should resolve the issues on the functioning of the RS Presidential institution through dialogue. The IC wants all solutions in this case to be achieved through dialogue, said Barry and added that

concrete solutions for this issue would not be expected soon. “Maybe, the presidential crisis will not be solved before new presidential elections” stated Barry in response to a question from journalists. “That situation depends upon discussion between Sarovic and the Sloga Coalition and it is not only discussion about the presidential function rather discussion about possible restructuring of the RS Government” concluded Barry. Sarovic and Barry also discussed the new IC priorities in peace implementation in BiH.

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RS Vice-president issues press release

The Office of the RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic issued press release saying that he and the Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH Ambassador Robert Barry agreed that there was no need for extraordinary presidential elections. An arrangement on solving the crisis in the function of the RS Presidential institution should be given to relevant political factors in the RS, including agreements by the two coalitions.

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Milosevic regime burden to RS

During his visit with RS Prime Minister Dodik, SPO President Vuk Draskovic said that the regime of Slobodan Milosevic is a burden to the RS. Dodik said that the RS will not cooperate in any manner with the ruling Milosevic-Seselj regime, which includes establishing financial transactions with Serbia under the current leadership. Draskovic stated that the SPO party has the same goals as the Alliance for Change but that their methods are different, the SPO favors holding elections first and subsequently removing Milosevic from office, while the Alliance advocates Milosevic’s removal prior to elections.

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