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News Headlines

- RS police and customs officers confiscate smuggled goods near Bijeljina
- Kosovo Albanians attack Serb village of Cernica, near Gnjilane – Serb National Council of Gnjilane
- Serb civilian injured in Kosovska Kamenica – Serb Gnjilane National Council
- Two Serb civilians injured in village of Kisnica, near Gracanica
- Unknown assailants kill KLA guard near KLA HQ in Pristina – KFOR
- Kosovo Albanians from village of Tantina attack Serb village of Svinjare
- British KFOR and UN police block several Serb houses in village of Bresja
- Serbs from village of Bresja block Pristina-Pec road
- British KFOR finds elderly Serb woman beaten
- UN Mission to Kosovo controls all property issues – KFOR spokesperson
- Serbs from Gracanica remove barricade from road near Gracanica
- Patriarch Pavle meets with Kouchner
- Russia worried over possibility of Kosovo separation openly discussed by certain KLA leaders, Russia supports UN resolution on Kosovo – Ivanov
- US believes Kosovo separation is inevitable – former Commander of UN troops in BiH Canadian General Mackenzie
- Germany ready to return Kosovo refugees by force
- Over 3,000 UN police officers needed to achieve stability in Kosovo – UN Mission to Kosovo Administration Head

- BiH momentarily not favorable place for investments because of corruption and high taxes – US Institute for Peace Initiative in the Balkans Director Daniel Server
- Annan to visit BiH in October
- Eight Serb police officers to start work within Drvar police as part of establishing multiethnic police in Livno Canton
- Croats in BiH, especially in BiH Federation, are not protected enough – Croat Demo-Christians
- World news
- Party of Democratic Progress established in Banja Luka
- RS economic news
- World Bank finances reconstruction of several buildings and houses in Modrica
- Sports and weather
- Three civilians injured in Gracanica – KFOR
- Orthodox bishop Savo Janic and Momcilo Trajkovic meet with Solana to discuss current political situation in Kosovo
- Monument commemorating military and civilian victims unveiled in Covic Polje near Serb Orasje

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Party of Democratic Progress established in Banja Luka

The inaugural assembly of the Party of Democratic Progress was held in Banja Luka. The basic goals of the party are stabilization of the political situation and the protection of the RS from attempts for its elimination, respect of the Dayton Agreement and the return of dignity to the Serb people and all citizens of the RS. Professor Mladen Ivanic was elected party President and the Vice-presidents will be Branko Dokic from Banja Luka and Zoran Djuric from Rogatica. Ivanic informed the public of the party platform. “The continuing development of a society based on a multi-parliamentary system and market economy will enable the RS and BiH to become an equal part of the modern world” stated Ivanic. The Party of

Democratic Progress will support an economic system without obstructions to the involvement of the RS and BiH in European integration. The party will hold its first congress in January 2000 to adopt its program.

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