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- Dodik announces dismissal of RS Health Insurance Fund Director Dragutin Ilic at beginning of February
- Dodik decision to dismiss me wrong – Gligoric
- Gligoric denies Dodik claims he overstepped authority during visit to Bulgaria and Russia
- Radisic disagrees with Dodik decision on Gligoric dismissal
- RS Government accepts Gligoric dismissal – Dodik
- Dodik will not travel to US due to current political situation in RS
- RS Association of Veterans of Sarajevo-Romanija do not accept Dodik decision on Gligoric dismissal
- Doboj Association of Veterans rejects Gligoric dismissal
- RS Association of WWII Veterans (SUBNOR) condemns dismissal of Gligoric
- Cooperation between BiH entities should be improved – Bicakcic
- Three arrested for illegal possession of weapons in Kosovo – KFOR
- Cohen gives reserved support to plan of Euro Corps taking over command of Kosovo peace mission
- Sofia visit basis for Kosovo-Bulgaria cooperation – Thaci
- Croatia will always defend Flash and Storm military operations, but not those who committed individual crimes – Racan
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- BiH Higher Education Council not yet established
- No central heating in Prijedor
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- Ilic rejects Dodik claims that he worked poorly as Director of RS Health Insurance Fund
- RS Government informs Dodik that SPRS requests withdrawal of Gligoric dismissal
- UN Kosovo Mission and Macedonian Elektroprivreda sign agreement on supplying energy to Kosovo from Macedonia

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Dodik decision to dismiss me wrong – Gligoric

RS Deputy Prime Minister and Labor and War Victims Minister Tihomir Gligoric told RT RS that RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik did not allow him to participate in a meeting of the government held on 29 January. In his opinion, Dodik, who is attempting to prove to the public that he is a brave man, lacked the courage to look him in the eyes. This is because Dodik is aware of the fact that his reasons for dismissing Gligoric are untrue and baseless. Gligoric said that Dodik's decision is wrong. He also said that he would always first support the families of fallen soldiers, war invalids and orphans, then the RS Government. According to Gligoric, Dodik has no constitutional grounds for such a dismissal. He believes the RS National Assembly should clearly state its position on this issue.

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