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News Headlines

- Dodik meets with Ivanov to discuss future of BiH and Dayton Agreement
- Dodik meets with Moscow Mayor Lushkov to discuss economic cooperation
- RS Deputy of Prime Minister Savo Loncar meets with Deputy Russian Trade Minister
- Sarovic meets with UK Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand to discuss economic situation in RS, UK to aid reconstruction of Srebrenica – Hand
- Sakic sentenced 20 years
- Serbian police locate truck driver that hit car of SPO President Vuk Draskovic
- Car accident is not coincidence – Draskovic
- Police must prosecute those who hit car of Draskovic – Alliance for Changes
- Social Democracy and New Democracy condemn assassination attempt on Draskovic
- Serbian justice official should prosecute those responsible for accident – Serbian Democratic Party
- Alliance for Changes holds 13th protest rally in Belgrade
- 15,000 Belgrade citizens protest against Milosevic regime
- Citizens protest against Milosevic in Novi Sad, Nis, Valjevo, Krusevac and several other Serbian cities
- 200,000 have left Kosovo for Serbia and Montenegro – UNHCR Mission to Belgrade spokesperson Shinohara
- Tragedy of people in Kosovo began with Kosovo Albanian exodus and continues with Kosovo Serb exodus – Orthodox Bishop in Pec Church

- Envoys of Serb enclaves in Kosovo agree on formation of united executive body of Kosovo Serbs – Serb National Council of Kosovska Mitrovica Envoy
- Serbia will no longer make decisions on Kosovo future – former leaders of KLA and Hashim Thaci
- Kosovo Protection Force will not transform into Kosovo Army or Guard – KFOR spokesperson rejects Thaci statement
- Serbian authorities releases 53 Kosovo Albanians from Sremska Mitrovica prison – Serbian Lawyer Milan Vujin
- BiH Minister of Civil Affairs and Communication Asanin confirms that BiH issued passport to Mehrez Aoudouni in 1997 without all appropriate documents
- RS Syndicate signs agreement on cooperation with Montenegrin Syndicate
- Poplasen statement to Belgrade newspaper Vecernje Novosti
- Delaying resolution of presidential crisis can put SDS in position of SRS – SNS spokesperson Milica Markovic-Elez
- Plavsic and Dodik have good policy and without them RS would be in same position as Serbia – Demo-Christian Party President Vladan Batic
- Izetbegovic office proposes idea of BiH military contingent in UN peace operations throughout world – Sarajevo media
- BiH Ombudsman Grett Heller recommends RS and BiH Federation Prime Ministers raise charges against those who violate human rights of returnees
- Realization of two-way returns between Bugojno and Livno poor because of Croats living in Bosniak houses in Livno, only 28 Croat families return to Bugojno
- BiH Federation economic news
- Directorate of Sarajevo Cantonal Privatization Agency to bring charges against several Sarajevo company directors for obstruction of privatization in Sarajevo Canton
- Auto Market Berkovici is oasis of stolen cars – German

car magazine Auto Bild
- 20 Serb families return from Nevesinje to Brankovac, Mostar
- Slovenian Defense and Civil Protection Ministry to help clear mines in RS
- World news
- RS Culture
- Sports and weather
- Klein to meet with Dodik in Banja Luka on 6 October
- EU ministers cancel oil embargoes against Kosovo and Montenegro
- 25,000 Kragujevac citizens protest against Milosevic regime
- Serb civilian beaten in Kosovo Polje
- Serbs block roads in Bresja
- Serbs block all roads near Strpci
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council does not recognize Kosovska Mitrovica Temporary Court because two Serbs judges stepped down
- Yugoslav Ambassador to UN Jovanovic requests UN Security Council cancel decision of formation of Kosovo Protection Corps
- Russian officials worried over some western politicians' statements about independence of Kosovo
- Two UK journalists arrested in Vranje, Serbia
- Deadline for voter registration for BiH is 19 November, abroad 30 November – OSCE spokesperson Alexander Nitsche
- BiH House of Representatives to hold session in Sarajevo on 5 October and discuss work of BiH Council of Ministers
- World news

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Poplasen statement to Belgrade newspaper Vecernje Novosti

Dismissed RS President Nikola Poplasen gave an interview to Belgrade newspaper Vecernje Novosti, in which he states that

he would be ready to step down if an RS Government would be adopted according to election results. He would agree that Mirko Sarovic perform the duty in a constitutive manner. Poplasen rejected the possibility of dismissing the RS National Assembly, because that institution should support the BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic's rejection of accusations made by BiH Presidency Member Alija Izetbegovic to the ICTY against Yugoslavia.

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