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Headlines

- Plavsic – Klein in Banja Luka in preparation for continuation of Constitutive Session of Parliament
- Central celebration of St. Steven's day, patron saint of RS, tomorrow in Brcko
- Leaders of parliamentary parties on political situation in RS
- Economists and citizens on concept offered by Mandatary, Mladen Ivanic
- Contact Group in Washington to discuss BiH
- Weather in our country warm and sunny tomorrow

Central Celebration of St. Steven's day, patron saint of RS, will be held in Brcko tomorrow, and after that, at 1400hrs, representatives of political parties will hold a preparatory meeting prior to continuation of the Constitutive session of the RS National Assembly. The continuation should be held on January 12th, in Bijeljina.
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President of the RS, Biljana Plavsic, met Principal Deputy High Representative, Jacques Paul Klein, in Banja Luka today. The one-hour meeting centered on preparations for the continuation of the inaugural session of the RS National Assembly which will be held in Bijeljina on January 12th. Plavsic said that the success of the session would depend on the preparations, and that mistakes concerning the transmission of the session should not happen this time. She expressed the hope that this session would result in the election of a new Government. Klein said that he came to discuss the founding of a Government which would represent the interests of the Serb people, which would begin to address

issues of unemployment and economic reconstruction. Klein also said that direct transmission of the last session of the National Assembly from Bijeljina was sabotaged, and that it would not happen again.
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RS Member of the BiH Presidency, Momcilo Krajisnik, and Deputy High Representative, Boris Khabirov, spoke in Pale today about the current political situation in the RS. According to SRNA, they made no statements after the meeting.
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Leaders of RS parliamentary parties, Serb Radical Party, Serb People's Union, Socialist Party of the RS and the Party of Independent Social Democrats, were invited by the SRT to provide their assessment of the political situation prior to the Day of RS, but only the President of the SDS, Aleksa Buha, did not respond to the invitation "because he was busy."

Nikola Poplasen, President of the Serb Radical Party, said that he hoped in future there would be no reason for celebrating the Day of RS statehood, as "brothers from Serbia, Montenegro and RS should be finally united, and celebrate the day of same day together in future. We see the time ahead of us as an interim period in that direction. Anything less would be another historical failure and misfortune of the Serb people."
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Prime Minister of RS, Gojko Klickovic, held a press conference in Serb Sarajevo today. He forecast that suggestions of President Plavsic and Mandatary Mladen Ivanic would not be accepted at the forthcoming inaugural session. Klickovic considers that "Government of National Unity or National Salvation" were just catchwords of the international community and its local servants to mislead the Serb people.
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