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Headlines

- a part of the police units withdrawn from Kosovo, the Interior Ministry of Serbia stated
- NATO in Brussels discussing a possible air attack against the FRY
- the RS Government discussed today the strategy of developing the RS electricity and water supply industry
- "Siemens" to provide mobile telephone of Srpska,
 "Telecom" decided

Kosovo - related news. The Interior Ministry of Serbia stated today that one part of the police units had been withdrawn from Kosovo. NATO is having a session in Brussels at which the preparations for military action in Kosovo are being discussed. The US Special Envoy for the Balkans Richard Holbrooke left for Brussels from Belgrade tonight. Holbrooke will take part in the NATO session on the Kosovo crisis. The FRY President Slobodan Milosevic and Holbrooke talked twice today and the continuation of the talks has been announced for tomorrow. The reactions throughout the world to a possible NATO air attack against the FRY. According to American sources, cited by the Beta news agency, the last day for achieving an agreement in Belgrade in order to avoid NATO intervention in Kosovo is on Tuesday, October 13. The embassies of Germany, Denmark and Great Britain, all foreign information centres and reading rooms were closed in Belgrade today. A review of the press reports regarding the Kosovo crisis from all over the world. 6:55

The RS Government will hold a standing session because of the current situation in Kosovo, it was announced by the Deputy

Prime Minister Tihomir Gligoric after today's seven-hour session behind closed doors. According to Gligoric, the RS Government is not able to increase the minimum wage at the moment. The Government made a decision today on establishing its own press centre. The Government also discussed proposals on the strategy of developing the RS electricity and water supply industry. 2:05

The newly elected RS President Nikola Poplasen held separate meetings with the Swedish and British Ambassadors to B&H in Banja Luka today. There were no press statements. 0:15

The RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik talked with the British Ambassador to B&H Graham Hand in Banja Luka today. The issues of the implementation of the general election results in Srpska and the general political situation in the region were discussed at the meeting. 0:20

The newly elected Serb member of the B&H Presidency Zivko Radisic held separate meetings with the British and Swedish ambassadors to B&H in Banja Luka today, as well. The topics discussed at the meetings were the functioning of the common B&H institutions and the relations between those institutions and the RS authorities as well as the development of the political situation in the RS and the current political situation in Kosovo. 1:05

Twenty judges and prosecutors of the military — judicial bodies of the RS Army took a solemn oath in Banja Luka today before the RS President Biljana Plavsic in the presence of the Orthodox priests of the Banja Luka parish. 1:25

The inaugural session of the three-member B&H Presidency will

be held tomorrow at 11:00 hrs in the building of the common institutions on Marin Dvor in Sarajevo, was confirmed today in the RS protocol. The new chairman of the B&H Presidency will be Zivko Radisic, the member of the Presidency from the RS. 0:20

The Greek Ambassador to B&H visited the out-going RS member of the B&H Presidency Momcilo Krajisnik. The purpose of the visit was to say, officially and personally, good-bye to Krajisnik with whom the Greek Ambassador had a very good cooperation in the past fifteen months. The issues discussed at the meeting were the Kosovo crisis, the post-election period and the establishing of the authorities in the RS. 0:45