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News Headlines

- 1,169 dead, 3,000 injured in earthquake in Turkey
- Radisic meets with European Council Envoy Bloetzer
- Deputy RS Prime Minister Ostoja Kremenovic and RS Justice Minister Milan Trbojevic meet with Farrand, no announcement issued
- EU sanctions on Yugoslavia could be lifted in Kosovo and Montenegro – SRNA
- Yugoslav Assembly adopts economic package
- No indication of civil war in Montenegro – Yugoslav Defense Minister Bulatovic
- Bulatovic expects part of Yugoslav Army and police to return to Kosovo
- Opposition parties organize transport for rally in Belgrade on 19 August
- G-17 reports rally to Belgrade police station
- Kosovo refugee initiative board calls on Serb refugees from Kosovo to join rally
- Opposition to demand immediate elections at all levels – Draskovic
- 1 September deadline for SPO and New Democracy to agree with SPS on changes in Serbia – Djindjic
- Elections in Serbia must be based on EU standards – New Democracy President Mihajlovic
- Including Yugoslav Army in resolving crisis would worsen situation – BETA
- Valjevo Citizens' Movement leader in Valjevo police station following arrest in Belgrade
- 11 killed, 20 kidnapped, two women raped in Prizren in last week – BETA
- 14-year-old girl and 16-year-old boy killed in shelling

of Klokot, five more injured near Vitina – BETA
- Bombings in British sector, three injured
- Most brutal murder in Pristina – Lela Dinkic and her six-month-old daughter burned in their house in Prizren
- Four Albanians kill Zorka Zizic in Pristina – BETA
- KLA threatens Rozaje Serbs to leave immediately – Bishop Atanasije
- No Serbs in Gornje or Donje Rozaje, all houses burned
- Orthodox cemetery in Urosevac desecrated
- Russia condemns West for overlooking ethnic cleansing in Kosovo – Russian Foreign Ministry
- Results of 2 =BD-month NATO aggression on Yugoslavia very meager – Bildt
- Former US Senator Bob Dole sends open letter to Kosovo Albanian leaders warning that Kosovo on threshold of new tragedy
- UNHCR helping Serbs leave Kosovo, but might evacuate more – UNHCR envoy McNamara
- Swedish Government to send forces from BiH to Kosovo – AFP
- Meigs agrees to Kelecevic appointment as RS Intelligence Service Director – SFOR MND Northwest spokesperson King
- Arbitration decision on Drvar should be reached by end of August – OSCE spokesperson McCorley
- International organizations hold press conference in Sarajevo
- SNSD press conference
- More Croats and Bosniaks return to RS than Serbs to BiH Federation – RS Refugee and DP Minister Miladin Dragicevic
- Banja Luka Caritas holds press conference
- Violations of human rights unacceptable – BiH Presidency
- Serbs from Maglaj living in Doboj send protest letter to SFOR, saying Maglaj authorities do not allow their return
- Tihic on income taxes
- Prce denies Zagreb press reports that Croat part of BiH

Federation Army donated DM 100,000 to Croats imprisoned in The Hague
- IC will not give money to refugees sitting in Livno waiting for their houses to be repaired by someone else – Travnik OHR
- World News
- Sarajevo Projektant to construct clinic in Banja Luka – ONASA
- Tuzla Prevoz and Zvornik Dekor sold in Bijeljina auction
- Belgrade and Serb Sarajevo University rectors sign agreement on university cooperation
- Sports
- Weather
- Breakdown in Ugljevik power station causes power cuts in RS
- 8-year-old boy killed in Petrovce, near Gnjilane
- Underage Serb girl raped in Kosovo
- Ivo Negotic and his son missing
- Stojanovic couple kidnapped near Lipljan
- Two killed in Bujanovac
- Agreement on Albanian return to Serb Kosovska Mitrovica not reached
- Silajdzic demands report from IC on corruption in BiH

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Radisic meets with European Council Envoy Bloetzer

BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic met with European Council Envoy Peter Bloetzer in Banja Luka to discuss the current situation in BiH and the RS. Bloetzer stated that BiH could very soon become a member of the Council if it continues fulfilling the conditions set for its membership. He pointed out that significant progress was made in this direction, adding that, although there is still much to do, he views BiH's future with optimism. As Radisic's advisor Zeljko Mirjanic stated, Radisic confirmed the BiH position that it should become a member of the European Council, but that the

main obstructions are the difficult economic situation and social problems in BiH. Mirjanic added that conditions set by Council commissions should be fulfilled by further implementation of the Dayton Agreement and respect of the BiH Constitution.

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SNSD press conference

SNSD Main Board member Stanislav Cadjo stated that the party did not consider participation of the CD Coalition in the RS Government. The Sloga Coalition has yet to take an official position on this issue. The SNSD supports all democratic authorities in Serbia. According to SNSD Vice-president Dobroslav Cuk, the party appealed to Serbian citizens not to tolerate conflicts that the regime could use against its own people. Regarding the border agreement between BiH and Croatia, Cuk said that the SNSD would soon state its position.

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Banja Luka Caritas holds press conference

Director of the Banja Luka Caritas Miljenko Anicic stated at a press conference that a group of Banja Luka Croats now living in Plaski, Croatia have come to Banja Luka to gain rights for return of property, pensions, participation in privatization and annul contracts on the exchange of property. Anicic added that 1,275 requests for property return have been filed with RS authorities, but only 15 have been resolved. 1,887 requests have been submitted to International Community representatives, but only 23 have been resolved over two years, which is, according to Anicic, a disastrous result. President of the Croat Association from Plaski Pero Zizak stated that what Croats lost four years ago, when they were evicted from their property, must be acknowledged. Zizak added that 1,406 Serbs returned to Plaski, but cannot enter their houses because refugee Croats, who want to return to their

homes, have already settled in them. He also said that they would bring Serbs from Plaski to Banja Luka and try and resolve the issue.

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Tihic on income taxes

SDA Vice-president and representative in the RS National Assembly Sulejlman Tihic stated that initiative of five SDA regional boards in the RS for a law on income taxes for people employed in the BiH Federation to finance return to the RS would systematically resolve the problem of their return. According to Tihic, the SDA would try to realize this initiative through representatives in the BiH Federation Parliament.

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