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Headlines

- RS President Biljana Plavsic in Bijeljina
- Agreement reached on return of Albanians to classrooms
- Boris Yeltsin replaces entire Russian government
- Bill Clinton on his tour throughout Africa

During a one-day visit to Bijeljina RS President Biljana Plavsic talked with the Head of the General Headquarters of the RS Army, Momir Talic. He informed her about the activities and changes within the General HQ. Together with the members of the General HQ, the RS Minister of Defence, Manojlo Milovanovic, also took part in the talks. After the meeting, the President Plavsic visited the aircraft repair institute, "Orao" (Eagle), and in her address to journalists she expressed her satisfaction with the Institute's high quality equipment. Afterwards, she also met with the mayor of the Bijeljina municipality, Dragomir Savic, and his closest assistants, and with the Orthodox Bishop of Zvornik and Tuzla Vasilije.
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Representatives of the Serbian authorities and Kosovo Albanians reached an agreement in Pristina today on normalisation of the teaching process in parallel Albanian primary and secondary schools and at the Albanian university. This agreement was signed on December 1, 1996 by President Slobodan Milosevic and Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova. By the implementation of this agreement it is expected that Albanian students will return to the classroom. Since Albanian representatives did not attend the meeting with the Serbian authorities for the seventh time, the latest invitation from the Serbian authorities to hold talks with Rugova and his

supporters has been sent and the meeting will be held on Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the usual place. The elections held yesterday in Kosovo failed.
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The member of the B&H Presidency from the RS, Momcilo Krajisnik, sent a letter today to the High Representative to B&H, Carlos Westendorp, and SFOR Commander, General Eric Shinseki, in which he expressed his concern about the increasing number of arrested and missing RS citizens on Federation territory, underlining that all those arrested believed in the freedom of movement in both entities. Everything became more complicated after the arrest of Milomir Tepes on March 21, who is now kept in the Central prison in Sarajevo. "Dear gentlemen, we ask you to take the measures necessary to find the missing and to release the arrested", he stated in his letter.
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At a press conference held in Sarajevo today, an SFOR Spokesman informed journalists that the SFOR military exercise called "Dynamic response 1998" started today and its task was to check NATO capability as well as to get to know the territory.
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Representatives of the Yugoslav Committee for collecting data on crimes against humanity left for a visit to the Hague, where they will spend a few days holding talks with ICTY representatives about the concentration camps in which crimes were committed against Serbs during the conflict.
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"Annex 7 of the DPA concerning the return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes is one of the most difficult to implement. Its implementation also depends on financial support in repairing the damaged housing units. The refugees and DP's must decide for themselves if they would like to

return or not to their pre-war homes. The return must be performed in a gradual and orderly manner. Drvar and Grahovo are good examples of the implementation of Annex 7 of the DPA". These are just a few remarks on the return issue made by the Chairman of the NW RRTF, Nils Kastberg, in his address to journalists in Banja Luka today.
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RS government representatives reached an agreement with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the allocation of a 34 million DM credit to the RS.
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