

Transcript of the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference

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High Representative in Foca

As part of his regular trips throughout the country the High Representative is visiting Miljevinia, Foca and Tjentiste today. During his stay in Miljevinia, High Representative will meet with Serb Displaced Persons that are housed in Motel. High Representative will also visit Cengic graveyard and exhumation site at Coal-mine. In Foca, High Representative will meet with Foca Mayor and Assembly President and with Foca Public Security Station Chief. He will also visit Mehmed Pasa Kukavica and Aladza mosque sites. Short statement to the press will be organized after High Representative's meeting with Foca mayor.

PDHR and SDHR inBanja Luka

Principal Deputy High Representative Larry Butler, Senior Deputy High Representative Martin Ney and other representatives of the international community, Ms Claire Fromentin-Kuljaninovic, Head of EC Banja Luka Office and Mr. Giorgio Blais, Director of the OSCE Regional Center in Banja Luka met with the RS Prime Minister Bukejlovic to discuss key reform issues which are essential for the future of BiH, as the country begins the SAA process with the EU. The representatives of international community expressed their

concern regarding a number of key reforms, including the State Law on Higher Education, the Law on Conflict of Interest, the creation of a single statistics structure, and State Debt Settlement Law. The representatives of International community have presented Prime Minister Bukeylovic an index of policy issues where a lack of cooperation, was identified, on the side of the RS Government.

BiH is on the verge of entering Stabilization and Association negotiations with European Union. It is a time of crucial importance for the entire country. The RS and the RS Government urgently need to address these issues. The EC made it very clear that the negotiations will depend on continued reform in BiH, namely progress in police reform, ICTY cooperation and the PBS reform.

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No statement.

EUFOR

No statement