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Establishment of Rail Service; Arrival of Hungarian Minister; Meeting of Ministers from Four Countries

The establishment of rail service on the high-speed line from Belgrade to Budapest is expected within the next two months. The arrival of the Hungarian transport minister had previously been announced, the competent minister confirmed to RTS. Following the visit of Italian Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini, the issue of travelling by train from Belgrade to Trieste was raised again. Minister Aleksandra Sofronijević also said that a meeting is expected between the ministers of the four countries through which the nearly 660-kilometre railway passes, so that they can consider options for that project as well.

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United States of America; Serbia Becomes a Partner; Shift in Balkan Policy

The first strategic dialogue between the United States of America and Serbia represents an exceptional shift in US policy towards the Western Balkans over the past several decades, according to the Swiss newspaper Weltwoche. It states that, for the first time in more than two decades, Serbia is no longer merely the habitual culprit of US Balkan policy, but a serious negotiating partner. This is precisely where the true significance of the strategic dialogue launched in Washington lies, the newspaper said in an article entitled "Washington Changes the Rules of the Game in the Balkans: Serbia Becomes a Partner, Kosovo Is Asked to Protect Its Minorities".

Večernje Novosti

115 CONTRACTS AWARDED TO FARMS

The Provincial Secretariat for Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry in Vojvodina awarded 115 contracts worth a total of RSD 200 million to young farmers for the development and improvement of crop and livestock production in rural areas. The aim is to support initial investments, increase production and provide a more secure livelihood for young people in the countryside, thereby encouraging development and preserving living conditions in these areas. The programme has been running since 2017 and has so far supported hundreds of young producers, with the intention of continuing measures that strengthen the competitiveness of farms and contribute to the sustainable development of rural areas in Vojvodina.

Večernje Novosti

Barges Carry Oil at Half Capacity

Due to the low water level of the Danube, disruptions on the global market and rising crude oil prices, imports of petroleum products into Serbia have become significantly more difficult, with barges able to carry only 30 to 40 percent of their capacity. The Ministry of Mining and Energy and the Association of Oil Companies stress that the regular operation of the Pančevo Refinery is crucial for supply stability, while diesel stocks in state reserves amount to 269,000 tonnes. Imports of petroleum products have so far reached only around 25 percent of the amount planned for July, which is why transport by road and rail is being increased, driving up costs and prices.

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Low Water Levels Threaten River Navigation

Low water levels have reduced the dimensions of navigable waterways, particularly on the Danube near Novi Sad, Bezdan, Apatin and Bogojevo, but navigation in Serbia has not been suspended for



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now, Milin Nikolić, head of the Harbour Master's Office Department, said yesterday. The Directorate for Inland Waterways is continuously monitoring the situation and marking the navigation channel, while ship captains are required to adjust the size of river convoys and vessel draughts to local conditions. Nikolić stressed that experienced captains can navigate safely even at low water levels, but only if they comply with depth restrictions and the maximum permitted draught.

Politika

7,400 Applications from More Than 60 Countries Received for Expo 2027 Volunteering

A total of 7,400 applications from more than 60 countries have been received for volunteering at the specialised Expo 2027 exhibition in Belgrade, including 1,025 candidates from abroad, mainly from Russia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Slovenia, Italy, North Macedonia, Austria, Switzerland, Japan and Montenegro. Expo 2027 Belgrade LLC emphasises that the volunteer programme is international in character and that volunteers will play an important role, as they will be the first hosts to welcome visitors, presenting Serbia and the exhibition's values, such as cooperation, connection and mutual understanding.