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Four Days at Work, Full Salary

Since the beginning of October, one Belgrade company has organized work over four days, with a 32-hour workweek and unchanged salaries. Employees have Fridays off, amounting to 52 extended weekends a year, and the employer says the model was introduced gradually over five years. Employers' Union representative Nebojša Atanacković notes that the challenge is to maintain productivity and meet obligations arising from labor legislation.

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Interest Rate Unchanged

The National Bank of Serbia decided to keep the key policy rate unchanged at 5.75%. The central bank points to increased external risks arising from the conflict in the Middle East and the renewed rise in crude oil prices. The pressures are also spilling over into natural gas and electricity prices, further complicating monetary conditions.

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GAS SHIELD FOR A WARM WINTER

At a forum held at the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce, it was announced that district heating plants across Serbia are technically ready for the heating season, with the exception of the plant in Vrbas, which has long-standing financial problems. Natural gas reserves stand at a record 707 million cubic meters, while coal stocks total around 1.8 million tons. Sector representatives say 98% of heating plants depend on natural gas, while Jagodina and Kragujevac are still awaiting the conclusion of contracts with Srbijagas. Despite the reserves, they warn of price and geopolitical risks during the winter.

Danas

Government's Statistical Manipulations in Portraying Living Standards

Acting Finance Minister Siniša Mali said Serbia's gross domestic product has nearly tripled compared with 2012, with a projection of around €97 billion for 2026. Danas analyzes this claim and points out that comparing nominal GDP expressed in euros does not by itself show how much living standards have actually increased. The article emphasizes the impact of inflation, the exchange rate, and broader regional and global economic trends, as well as the need to compare real indicators.

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Drought Damage in Serbia Rising as Insurance Coverage Falls

This year's drought has significantly reduced yields of corn, soybeans, sugar beet and sunflower in Serbia. According to economists quoted by Danas, losses in corn production alone could reach €360 million to €500 million, while total damage from climate extremes could exceed €1 billion for the third year in a row. The authors warn of the increasing frequency of costly climate disasters and the simultaneous decline in agricultural insurance coverage. They stress the need for investment in water resources, more resilient agriculture and risk management.

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From an "Expo" Ticket to an Apartment and a Car

Serbia's caretaker government designated itself as the organizer of the "Expo Ticket for Victory" prize game linked to tickets for the Expo 2027 exhibition. The prize fund is expected to include six



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apartments in the Surčin complex and two BMW cars, while participants will enter by scanning a code from a purchased ticket in an app. Drawings have been announced for 2027 with television coverage, while the rules and dates are still to be published. The exhibition is scheduled to run from May 15 to August 15, 2027.