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FOOD PRICES DOWN NEARLY NINE PERCENT

According to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, prices of agricultural and fishing products in August were 8.7% lower than a year earlier. The largest declines were recorded for fruit, livestock and poultry, grain and livestock products. Compared with July, a milder decrease of 0.2% was recorded, while prices in the first eight months of 2026 were on average 5.8% lower than in the same period last year.

Higher Tolls - Higher Debts

The Serbian government formed a working group for the financial consolidation of the public enterprise Putevi Srbije, following warnings about accumulated debts and fiscal risks. The company ended 2025 with a net loss of 22.5 billion dinars, almost twice as high as the previous year. The working group is to prepare an operational plan for sustainable operations, better oversight and financial reporting, while higher toll revenues alone have not resolved the structural problems.

ENERGY SHIFT IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR

Serbian companies face growing pressure to reduce their carbon footprint because of European rules, customer requirements and financing conditions. The article notes that the energy transition and application of ESG standards are becoming important for exporters' competitiveness and preserving their place in international supply chains. Companies that remain dependent on fossil fuels risk more expensive loans, higher export costs and loss of customers, increasing interest in renewable energy sources and green certificates.

For EUR 300 You Get 20 Square Meters

A Danas survey shows that for a monthly rent of about EUR 300 in Belgrade, the properties generally available are small studio apartments, often in older and insufficiently maintained buildings. The start of the academic year further reduces the supply of cheaper apartments as students intensively search for accommodation. In addition to rent, tenants must also budget for a deposit and utility costs, which place a particular burden on young people's budgets.

Works Worth More Than RSD 864 Million

Belgrade has issued a public procurement tender for the reconstruction of roundabouts at Ušće, Tošin Bunar and Omladinskih Brigada Street. The estimated value of the works is 864 million dinars, and the tender is divided into three lots, one for each location. The deadline for submitting bids is November 11, while the planned works include the creation of multi-lane roundabouts and adjustments to the approach roads.

MONEY-SAVING TRICKS: HOW TO LOWER ELECTRICITY BILLS

Ahead of the heating season, the article offers tips for reducing energy consumption without construction work. It recommends maintaining a moderate room temperature, ventilating briefly and intensively, and removing obstacles in front of radiators. The article notes that every additional degree of heating increases energy consumption, while affordable measures also include reflective foil behind radiators.