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The end of the PDK-LDK coalition? (*dailies*)

The papers quote Deputy Prime Minister and deputy leader of PDK Hajredin Kuçi saying at around 1 a.m. today that after an emergent meeting of the party's presidency, it was decided that the PDK will 'review' and 'reformat' the current coalition with LDK. Kuçi said the move comes after LDK broke the coalition agreement by deciding to run alone in the second round of local elections.

Deputy Prime Minister and General Secretary of LDK Ramë Manaj told *Zëri* that he was informed by Kuçi about the break of the coalition. According to Manaj, Kuçi told him over the phone that PDK has reached a new coalition. Manaj said the LDK presidency will convene today to discuss the new situation.

Koha Ditore quotes international sources saying that this whole thing is "PDK's game" because the party fears that LDK coalitions in the local level reached yesterday with AAK in Prizren and Gjilan will hurt PDK's chances.

The paper also reports that the news that PDK has reached new coalitions, namely with AKR and LDD, was first aired in *RTK* and the broadcaster had even quoted its sources as saying that even the senior government posts were decided upon. According to this scheme, AKR leader Behgjet Pacolli would take the post of Kosovo President while LDD leader Nexhat Daci that of the head of Assembly.

Pacolli told *Epoka e Re* that he had received a phone call at around 1 a.m. from PM Hashim Thaçi informing him of the possibility to invite him to a power-sharing deal. Even though he noted that AKR is ready to talk to all, Pacolli stressed that if the current PDK-LDK coalition breaks, Kosovo would do best with a technical government until early general elections take place.

First agreement (*Express*)

The paper reports that AAK and LDK reached agreement to join forces in the run-offs for Prizren mayor. AAK will support LDK's candidate for the post, Hanefi Muharremi, who will run against PDK's Ramadan Muja.

Ernest Luma from AAK said the decision to support LDK has to do with the closeness of the two parties. "LDK is a strategic partner and conceptually we are closer to this party," said Luma.

Final results may be postponed for Monday (*Koha Ditore*)

Due to irregularities during the election process, the paper writes that the Central Elections Commission may not be able to announce final results of local elections by the end of this week as planned. A senior CEC official told the paper that the results may not be announced until early next week due to "certain technical problems".

However a report published by Burim Ahmetaj, official at the Centre for Counting and Results, confirmed fears that the announcing of results is pending because of outstanding irregularities.

Local elections in two northern Serb municipalities in spring (*dailies*)

All dailies quote Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi as saying that in spring next year there will be local elections in two municipalities in northern Kosovo, inhabited mainly by Serbs, which were not included in November 15th municipal elections.

During yesterday session of the Kosovo Assembly, Thaçi said elections in northern Mitrovica and Partesh would be organized in coordination with the international community present in Kosovo with the aim of having legitimate local authorities in this part of the country.

Criticized by the opposition for his involvement in PDK's election campaign, Thaçi said he was confident that he did not violate the law and that he was only respecting constitutional provisions that define his responsibilities as Prime Minister.

ICO criticizes the government for political interference in PTK (Zëri)

Zëri reports that International Civilian Office (ICO) is preparing harsh criticism to address to the government of Kosovo for the manner it is treating the public enterprise of Post and Telecom of Kosovo ahead of the privatization process.

Zëri sources inside ICO said that the way how the government of Kosovo took 200 million euros from PTK is direct political interference in this enterprise. “The way the Kosovo government requests money from the PTK in its decision signed by the Kosovo Prime Minister, Hashim Thaçi, shows about political implications in this public enterprise,” the ICO source said.

Kosovo Government spokesman, Memli Krasniqi, said that the government has full rights to take that money. “These means are of Kosovo citizens, they were sent to the Kosovo Central Bank, and as dividend will remain there to see later what they will be used for”, said Krasniqi.

Early Warning Report: Citizens unsatisfied with EULEX (Express)

Dailies report that the UNDP office in Pristina has published the Early Warning Report regarding the mood of Kosovars toward the work of international and local institutions in Kosovo. The report notes that from international institutions Kosovo citizens are least satisfied with the work of EULEX. While, from local institutions, they are least satisfied by the work of courts and the Kosovo Assembly.

The majority of respondents said poverty and unemployment were their biggest concerns and that they pose a threat to the stability of Kosovo. In a different article related to the Early Warning Report, *Express* notes that the Kosovo Power Corporation (KEK), the Kosovo Trust Agency (KTA) and hospitals are the most corrupt institutions in Kosovo.

Zëri quotes Parviz Fartash, director of the UNDP office in Pristina, as saying, “The growing political pessimism and the increased readiness to go out on the street and protest, not only about the poor economic situation but also for political issues, are indications that the people of Kosovo expect more from their institutions.”

ICJ: There won't be only yes or no about Kosovo (Koha Ditore, dailies)

The head of International Court of Justice, Hisashi Owada, stated that is very early to talk about the influence the advisory opinion about Kosovo independence will have in the international law and relations. He also said that the court's decision will be advisory and not obligatory.

Owada said that theoretically it is possible that ICJ after listening to the arguments of all sides, to refuse to give an advisory opinion. “There won't be a straight yes or no for and against – it will simply be needed to be read out. The judges can have different opinions which sometimes are opposite”, said Owada during a video transmission between Moscow and The Hague organized by the Russian News Agency, RIA Novosti.

Still with an UNMIK agreement (*Lajm*)

Citizens from Serbia can still enter Kosovo with ID cards for as long as the agreement between Serbia and UNMIK continues to remain in force, the paper writes. According to this agreement, the citizens from Serbia are still not considered as foreigners in Kosovo. Kosovo Police Spokesperson Baki Kelani told the paper that while the UNMIK agreement is effective, the police cannot ask for passports to Serb citizens at the border points. Kelani also denied reports in the Serb media over the last days that Kosovo Police has not allowed citizens from Serbia to enter Kosovo without passports.

Three injured from a hand grenade in Gjakova (*Koha Ditore*)

Koha Ditore reports that three people were injured in Gjakova yesterday at 13:45 by a hand grenade thrown by an individual who got arrested by the police immediately after arrival at a street close to the bus station where the incident happened. The police in Gjakova said that the hand grenade was thrown from a building and injured by passers. According to the police, the injuries sustained are not serious.

Six years and three months jail for Predrag Djordevic (*Koha Ditore*)

Koha Ditore reports that Predrag Djordevic accused of attempting to kill a police officer at the Police Station in northern part of Mitrovica and of putting a Serb national flag at a Muslim mosque, was sentenced by EULEX Court to six years and three months imprisonment. “Today a panel of EULEX judges at District Court in Mitrovica declared Predrag Djordevic guilty for inducing national, religious and ethnic hatred and division or intolerance as well for murder attempt,” says an EULEX press release.

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