

### 10 year's anniversary of Serbia bombing

During the 78 days of NATO bombing in 1999 in Serbia 1000 soldiers and policemen were killed. During the bombing there were around 2500 civil victims including 89 children and 2500 wounded.

At the United Nations Security Council meeting on Kosovo in New York on March 23 Serbian president Boris Tadic stressed that Serbian politics should never again jeopardize citizens of Serbia. According to him it is the obligation for each Serbian citizen to remind that Serbia was bombed without permission of the UN.

"The bombing did not solve the problems in Kosovo, in the southern province the peace and the rule of law is still not secured. On the other hand it led to the ethnic cleansing, to violence of human rights and international norms, to new tensions and problems, which became even worse during the war campaign and after", Serbian prime-minister Cvetkovic said.

People in Serbia are still overwhelmed with mixed feelings when they remember the moments of the helplessness and the apathy they went through during the bombing.

As the part of the memorial at the anniversary, the right-winged in Belgrade organized the protest against NATO bombing (National Movement of Serbia, the civic association Freedom, the Country Defenders, the civic association "Nasi" and others), in which two technicians from Serbian TV station Studio-B and representatives of the Serbian police were wounded. On the other hand, in the second largest city of Novi Sad the mayor of the town freed 78 white pigeons. In Kosovo they commemorated the bombing symbolically on the March 24 at 12:44 PM, according to the name of the UN resolution 1244.

*Sources: DANAS, BBC, Voice of America, RTS*

### Macedonians are electing new president

Macedonians elected a new president on Sunday 22nd March 2009. If we compare it with last parliamentary elections these ones went peacefully. Between the two advanced candidates it will be decided in the second round on the April 5.

President in Macedonia is elected for 5 years. Advanced candidates in the second round of elections are: Ljubomir Frckovski (Social-Democratic Union of Macedonia) and Gjorge Ivanov (from governing party VMRO-DPMNE).

In Macedonia there are 1 792 082 registered voters out of the total number 2 061 315 of citizens.

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