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Jovic disappointed by BiH Constitutional Court's decision

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BiH Presidency Chair Ivo Miro Jovic on Sunday said that he did not wish in this function to comment on the BiH Constitutional Court's Decision on the Draft law on PBS, but that as an individual he was very disappointed by this decision.

He told the press in Doboj that the Law on PBS "in some way contains elements of racism".

Namely, the BiH Constitutional Court on Saturday ruled that the Draft law on PBS is not destructive for the vital interests of the Croat people in BiH.

The Court issued this decision at a plenary session in debating the request of the BiH House of Peoples Speaker, Velimir Jukic, for the Constitutional Court to reassess whether this law was damaging to the vital interests of Croats in BiH.

Mostar: Bridge Lucki opened

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FBiH Prime Minister Ahmet Hadzipasic and FBiH Minister of Traffic and Communications Nedžad Brankovic on Saturday evening opened the recovered bridge Lucki in Mostar.

Six great bridges over river Neretva in Mostar were destroyed during the war, and bridge Lucki is the last recovered bridge.

Hadzipasic and Brankovic stressed that the task of recovering devastated bridges in BiH is complete and that new bridges will be built as of today.

Brankovic announced continuation of investments in Mostar, specifying that activities would soon be launched on building the Mostar bypass and a new bridge across river Neretva in the settlement of Sjeverni logor.

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Mostar mayor Ljubo Beslic thanked the contractors and the FBiH Government for funding the recovery.

Of the total of 3.2 million KM, invested in recovery of bridge Lucki, 45 percent of the funds come from the FBiH Budget, while the remaining 55 percent were ensured through a line of credit to be paid by the FBiH Government.

Bridge Lucki is the greatest bridge of its kind in BiH. It was built by the Austria-Hungary in 1913, and it was destroyed in the summer of 1992. Reconstruction was carried out in line with the original plans.

Apart from the FBiH Government and Mostar City delegations, the opening ceremony was also attended by BiH Presidency members Sulejman Tihic and Ivo Miro Jovic, representatives of cantonal authorities and the international community.