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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*My thoughts before a big race are usually pretty simple. I tell myself: Get out of the blocks, run your race, stay relaxed. If you run your race, you'll win....Channel your energy. Focus. - Carl Lewis*

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## PM Opens Int'l Investment Forum In Zagreb

The international investment forum "Invest in Croatia" was inaugurated by Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor in Zagreb on Monday.

In her opening remarks at the forum, Kosor said that the government would continue to implement the policy that guarantees the stability of business and the security of and return on investments, because we want Croatia to be recognised as an attractive and desirable investment destination.

The country has so far been among the best transition countries in attracting foreign direct investment.

From 1993 until the end of the first quarter of 2011, foreign direct investments in Croatia amounted to over EUR 24 billion, two thirds of which came from old EU member states.

### 'Croatia Must Specialise in Particular Areas, Offer Top Quality'

Croatia must specialise in particular areas, offer top quality, ensure fair conditions for all competitors and continue to suppress corruption and remove administrative obstacles to investment so to be able to make full use of its future membership of the EU in attracting foreign investments.

This was opined by the first panel discussion held as part of the international investment forum "Invest in Croatia 2011."

The two-day investment forum is being organised by the government with the support of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, the Croatian Employers' Association, the international investment bank Macquarie, with media sponsorship provided by the Financial Times and Bloomberg.

Ferit Sahenk, the President and CEO of the Turkish Dogus Group, said that Croatia's admission to the EU was important because it sets standards which raise the security of foreign investors.

Frank Stronach, the founder and honorary chairman of Magna International Inc, said Croatia as a small country must become specialised in particular areas because it cannot compete with big countries when it comes to serial production. (HINA)

Incentive measures are offered to all investors, including a lower or no profit tax, several forms of non-repayable financial assistance to preserve and create jobs, Kosor said.

World Bank (WB) figures show that Croatia has moved up five positions when it comes to the ease of doing business and is ranked 84th among the 183 countries covered by the WB report.

I believe next year we will move up another seven positions, the PM added. Kosor expressed hope that the international investment fund, attended by numerous foreign and domestic investors and business people, would result in investment projects, some of which she discussed with investors prior to the conference. (HINA)

### Josipovic, Vujanovic Say Croatian-Montenegrin Relations Very Good

President Ivo Josipovic and his Montenegrin counterpart Filip Vujanovic said after an hour-long meeting in Zagreb on Monday that relations between the two countries were very good and could serve as a model to other countries in the region.

"Relations between Montenegro and Croatia are very good, I would say exemplary, considering what they were like in the 1990s," Josipovic said.

Vujanovic concurred, saying that their relations were "an example that should be followed by the region."

"We must continue to encourage mutual cooperation and stability," Vujanovic said.

The Montenegrin president again congratulated Croatia on completing accession negotiations with the EU, adding that its forthcoming entry would benefit his country and the region.

"It's a success not just for Croatia but also for the region and for Montenegro as its neighbour, because it is certain that Croatia will strongly promote Montenegro's strategic interests," Vujanovic said.

Josipovic confirmed that Zagreb would provide strong support to Montenegro in the EU and NATO integration processes. "It is in our interest that Montenegro and all other countries in the region enter the EU," Josipovic said, expressing hope that at NATO's next summit in Chicago, Podgorica would be extended an invitation to join the alliance. (HINA)

## 'EU Exerted Pressure Over Border Arbitration Deal'

US Ambassador in Ljubljana Joseph A Mussomeli has said the role of the US during the signing of a border arbitration agreement between Croatia and Slovenia two years ago was not to exert pressure on either side, but diplomatic mediation so that a solution could be found, adding that the EU was especially interested in that.

Slovenia and Croatia asked us to help them find the common ground, which we did to the extent we were asked, Mussomeli was quoted by the Slovenian weekly Reporter as saying in an issue that hit news-stands on Monday.

I think tougher pressure on Slovenia came from your European allies, as they did not want Slovenia to halt Croatia in drawing closer to the EU. But there were no threats, Mussomeli added. He was commenting on a widespread belief in Slovenia that the Borut Pahor Cabinet succumbed to US pressure when it agreed to unblock Croatia's EU accession negotiations through the border arbitration deal. (HINA)

## Kosor: Govt Has Responded To EC's Letter

Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor said on Monday evening that Brussels was not against the government-sponsored bill to invalidate the legal acts of the former Yugoslavia and Serbia relating to the 1991-95 Homeland War, and that the head of the EU Delegation in Zagreb, Paul Vandoren, "absolutely did not criticise the government" but said that one should be cautious, which is also said in a letter from the EC to which the government has responded.

"Who says that Brussels is against the bill?" Kosor said in a prime-time news programme of the commercial television network Nova TV when asked by the programme's host whether she would withdraw the bill from Parliament should Brussels continue to insist on it.

Kosor said that the Commission's letter contained several questions to which the government has responded. "I believe our colleagues in Brussels will be very pleased," she added. (HINA)

## REGIONAL NEWS

### Split in Focus

News from around Split over the past seven days. (In tomorrow's issue: Zadar/Sibenik)

## MARINE NEWS SUMMARY

### CONTAINER VESSELS: NEXT-GENERATION WILL BE LARGEST EVER

If the need is for greater efficiency for road and rail freight during an economic slowdown, standard operating procedures might be to downgrade to smaller and lighter means of overland transport. Shipping lines, however, have a different approach: they build bigger ships. The reason, they say, is better economies of scale, costing them less to send a string of three or four huge new ships across the oceans instead of a larger fleet of smaller vessels. These bigger and newer ships will also have more efficient engines and lower emissions, which also means lower fuel costs, as the company hopes an everlasting impression on its customers. One shipping giant is reportedly spending USD 1.9 billion on 10 new ships, each of which will carry 18,000 TEUs. The new Ultra Large Container Ships (ULCS) will be more than 1,312 feet long and more than 193 feet wide, and will outdo cargo capacity of the world's largest container vessel currently afloat, by 16%. The company's chief executive said that building ULCSs was not only a top priority for the firm but also for its customers, who are heavily dependent upon this in their supply chain. Five years ago, the world's largest container ship had a TEU capacity of 9,500. According to a Paris-based maritime research firm, the container carriers' answer to challenges of sustainable shipping and reduction of emissions is to build ever-larger ships, whose sizes have doubled over a decade.

### HZZ Reports Decline In Number Of Job Seekers

At the end of September, 283,667 job seekers were registered with the Croatian Employment Service (HZZ), or 0.6% fewer than in August. Compared with September 2010, their number declined by 2%, the first year-on-year decline since January 2009, the HZZ said on Monday.

Last month, 33,107 people were removed from the unemployed records, 43.2% more than in the same month of the previous year.

Most of the job seekers, 16%, found work in the manufacturing industry, followed by education (15.7%), trade (11.7%), public administration and defence (10%), construction (7.8%), and agriculture, forestry and fisheries (7.4%).

In September, there were 31,429 newly-registered job seekers, of whom 19,383 had been laid off and 4,258 had finished school. Unemployment benefits were used by 65,122 job seekers, or 23% of the jobless people. (HINA)

## Croatian-French Administrative Law Days Begins In Split

The fifth edition of the annual Croatian-French administrative law days began in the Adriatic city of Split on Monday with the main topic being the administrative judiciary facing European challenges.

Addressing the event, Justice Minister Drazen Bosnjakovic said that a new system of administrative courts in Croatia would become effective as of January 1, 2012.

"Croatia has conducted a large-scale reform of its administrative courts and as of January 1, 2012 we will have two-instance administrative courts," Bosnjakovic said.

Four first-instance administrative courts will be set up in Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Osijek.

Jean Marc Cassam Chenai of the French Embassy in Zagreb said that the event in Split had become traditional. The event was organised by the University of Split, Paris II University, the French state council and the Split-based centre for European documentation and research "Robert Schuman". (HINA)

## EUR 30m From European Fisheries Fund To Be Available To Croatia

Upon its admission to the EU, Croatia will have access to EUR 30 million from the European Fisheries Fund annually, and an additional EUR 10 million will be secured by the government for the national fisheries, Agriculture Ministry State Secretary Tonci Bozanic said in Split on Friday at a presentation of grants and financial assistance to the fishing sector.

Bozanic said that the funds would be higher than those currently available to the national fishing sector.

Therefore, it is necessary in this pre-accession period for Croatia to be well prepared so as to use those funds as efficiently as possible.

This will require the improvement of cooperation between local and state institutions.

He announced the establishment of a local task force that will prioritise activities subject to the funding. Apart from the EUR 30 million from the European Fisheries Fund, an additional EUR 2-3 million will be designated for the monitoring and supervision of the fishing stocks in Croatia, he added. (HINA)

## Croatian Film Wins Award At Raindance Film Festival

The film "Just Between Us" by Croatian director Rajko Grlic has won the Best International Feature award at the Raindance Film Festival in London, the Croatian Audiovisual (HAVC) centre reported on Monday.

"British Indie Stranger Things (Best UK Feature), Croatian/Serbian/Slovenian co-production Just Between Us (Best International Feature), Bulgaria's Tilt (Best Debut Feature) and Italian short Reset (Film of the Festival) were among the winners at this year's Raindance Film Festival Awards. The prestigious jury, which included actor Dexter Fletcher, director Gillies Mackinnon, and TV/radio presenter Alex Zane, selected winners in the eight awards categories," according to a statement issued on the festival's web site.

The 19th Raindance Film Festival, which started on September 28 and closed on October 9, brought 94 UK feature film premieres and 137 shorts to London, cementing Raindance's position as Europe's leading independent film festival, the statement said. (HINA)

## Stocks Update

After three consecutive trading days of rise, the Zagreb Stock Exchange (ZSE) indices fell on Monday -- the Crobex by 0.86% to 1,806.60 points and the specialised Crobex10 by 1.36% to 990.05 points. The regular turnover was HRK 27.4 million and more than half of it was generated by the agribusiness Belje.

Belje turned over HRK 14.2 million, closing at HRK 113.94 per share, up 26.60%.

Only two other stocks turned over more than a million kuna. The telecommunications company HT turned over HRK 4.2 million, with a price decline of 1.31% to HRK 240.01, while the shipping company Atlantska Plovidba ended the day at HRK 392.02 per share, down 5.28%, with a turnover of HRK 1.6 million. (HINA)

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Bosnia Deports Tunisian Believed To Be Connected With Terrorists

SARAJEVO: Tunisian Karray Kamel Bin Ali, also known as Abu Hamza, was deported from Sarajevo to his homeland on Monday after the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina declared him a threat to national security.

Abu Hamza, who has a long criminal record, is also banned from returning to Bosnia in the next five years, the Bosnian foreigners affairs service reported on Monday.

In Bosnia, Bin Ali served a seven-year-term for the murder of another Arab in the country.

He was additionally sentenced to three years and 10 months in prison for robbery, fighting and threats.

After serving his prison term in the penitentiary in Zenica, he was transferred to the immigration centre near Sarajevo where he waited for the deportation. Bosnia's security agencies believe that Abu Hamza is connected with terrorist organisations. (HINA)

### EU Calls On Bosnian Leaders To Form State Govt

LUXEMBOURG: EU member-states' foreign ministers have urged the political leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina to immediately form a state government.

"The Council called on the political leadership of Bosnia and Herzegovina to form, through an inclusive process, a state level government as a matter of urgency and to address the outstanding urgent and necessary reforms to achieve qualitative steps forward on its path towards the EU. It noted the talks of the political leaders and encouraged their rapid translation into concrete results," the council of foreign ministers said after their meeting in Luxembourg on Monday.

Bosnia still has a caretaker government given that major political parties have not yet managed to agree on the allocation of ministerial posts although one year has passed since the October 3, 2010 General Elections.

"Recalling its Conclusions of March 21, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen its support to Bosnia and Herzegovina," the EU foreign ministers' council said in its conclusions.

"In this context it welcomed the arrival of Peter Sorensen as EU Special Representative and Head of Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and welcomed him taking the lead in supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina in EU related matters. It looked forward to the implementation of all the elements of the EU policy. The Council expressed its gratitude to the High Representative Valentin Inzko for his work and efforts undertaken during his time as EU Special Representative," the council said. (HINA)

### Slovenia Expects EU Recommendations For Serbia, Montenegro

LJUBLJANA: Slovenian Foreign Minister Samuel Zbogar said on Monday he believed the EC would recommend on Wednesday that Serbia be given the status of a candidate for EU membership and that it would propose a date for the start of accession negotiations with Montenegro.

Zbogar made the statement in an interview with Slovenian news agency STA in Luxembourg where he was attending a meeting of EU foreign ministers.

Serbia deserves membership candidate status because it has met the requirements concerning its co-operation with the Hague war crimes tribunal by handing over Bosnian Serb wartime political leader Radovan Karadzic and military commander Ratko Mladic, and it would encourage it to implement reforms and deal with unresolved issues despite tensions in Kosovo, Zbogar said. (HINA)

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

USD 1 = HRK 5.5002

EUR 1 = HRK 7.4836

CHF 1 = HRK 6.0527

GBP 1 = HRK 8.5999

Croatian National Bank

EUR 1 = USD 1.3593

EUR 1 = CHF 1.2326

EUR 1 = GBP 0.86890

European Central Bank

### Number Of EU Citizens In Switzerland Up, Croat Community Shrinking

GENEVA: The number of foreigners immigrating into Switzerland from the EU and EFTA countries increased year on year by 4%, while the number of Croatians in that European country contracted by nearly 1,000, the Federal Office for Migrations in Bern reported on Monday, according to the AFP.

On August 31, 2011, the number of foreigners from the 27-strong EU bloc and European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) member states living in Switzerland came to 1.29 million, which was up by 4% on the year.

Members in the EFTA are Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway plus Switzerland. At the end of August, there were 1.751 million foreign nationals in Switzerland, making up 22.3% of the country's total population. The biggest influx of immigrants was from Kosovo (17,864) and they were followed by 14,395 citizens of Germany. (HINA)

### Tymoshenko 'Criminally' Exceeded Powers: Judge

KIEV: Ukraine's former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko clearly exceeded her authority in signing a gas deal with Russia in 2009 and used her powers to "criminal ends," the judge in her trial said in the verdict on Tuesday.

"Y V Tymoshenko... used her official powers to criminal ends and, acting consciously, committed actions which clearly exceeded her rights and powers which had heavy consequences," said judge Rodion Kireyev.

Kireyev has yet to announce his final judgement in the case or give any details what sentence the former Orange Revolution leader could face if found guilty. But his initial summary was a clear blow for Tymoshenko who appeared distressed in the packed court, flanked by her husband Olexander and daughter Yevgenia. Prosecutors have demanded a jail sentence of seven years.

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Zagreb: 7-22c Sunny  
 Split: 15-26c Sunny  
 Dubrovnik: 16-22c Sunny  
 Rijeka: 11-23c Sunny  
 Karlovac: 7-23c Sunny

Kireyev said Tymoshenko sustained a loss to state gas firm Naftogaz of UAH 1.5 billion (USD 190 million) by agreeing a 10 year contract on gas imports from Russia in 2009 when she was prime minister.

Despite being held under arrest since August, Tymoshenko as ever showed up in court with her hair plaited intricately around her head and wearing an immaculate beige dress. She shouted "Glory to Ukraine!" after being led in. (AFP)

 SPORTS NEWS

## Waterpolo: Mladost Zagreb Held By Jadran

Croatian club HAVK Mladost Zagreb drew 10-10 with Montenegrin club Jadran Herceg Novi in a Adriatic Waterpolo League match. Another Croatian club OVK POSK defeated Montenegrin club Budva mtel 5-4 (0-1, 2-0, 1-2, 2-1). **Other Results:** JUG CO Dubrovnik (CRO) - Primorje EB Rijeka (CRO) 11-7; Jadran Split (CRO) - Koper Rokava (SLO) 8-11.

## Basketball: Davor Galic Returns To Brod Svjetlost

Basketball club Brod Svjetlost have bolstered their squad by signing Davor Galic, who is expected to play at guard position. For the past two years, Galic did not play due to serious knee injury. Now, he is ready to play again as he has fully recovered. Galic used to play for Svjetlost during 2004-08.

In 2007, he had represented for the US club NC-Greensboro University for one year. He again came back to Croatia in 2008.

## Football: Scots Plot Shock Downfall Of Mighty Spain

Scotland Manager Craig Levein sees no reason why a famous victory can't be achieved against world champions Spain on Tuesday that would guarantee his team a place in the Euro 2012 play-offs.

Currently sitting in second place, one point ahead of the Czech Republic in Group I, Scotland need a result that equals or betters their rivals who play away in Lithuania.

"We are in a position where it is ours to lose," said Levein.

"A position that I would have taken at the start of the group. If we win on Tuesday, we are second, that's a fact. There is nothing for us to fear."

Levein underlined his confidence in his team to get a result in Alicante.

"We are playing the world champions, of course, but I believe wholeheartedly in the players and their ability to rise to the challenge." Defending champions Spain, who top the group after seven straight victories, already did the Scots a big favour by beating the Czechs 2-0 in Prague on Friday. (AFP)

## Football: Danes In Must Win Game Against Portuguese

Denmark will look to give long-serving coach and Danish football great Morten Olsen the chance of a final golden farewell with a place in next year's Euro 2012 by beating Portugal here on Tuesday in their final qualifier.

Olsen, who captained Denmark to their first ever World Cup finals in 1986, has announced last year he will stand down at the end of the present campaign but his reign will be extended to summer next year if the Danes beat a revitalised Portuguese side which would see them top the group at their rivals' expense.

The 62-year-old, capped 102 times, has guided the Danes to three major championships - the 2002 and 2010 World Cup finals and Euro 2004 - in the 11 years he has been in charge.

Whilst they are level on points with Portugal a draw would not suffice as they would finish second because the Portuguese have a better head to head record having beaten them 3-1 at home.

Denmark's highly-rated young midfielder Christian Eriksen believes that he and his team-mates have no reason to fear their opponents despite that defeat, because they had come off best in their two 2010 World Cup qualifiers, beating Portugal in Lisbon and drawing at home.

"It would be better to avoid the play-offs, but we can only avoid them by getting a win," the Ajax star told uefa.com. (AFP)

## Football: Suspended Ibrahimovic Returns To Milan

AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic was back in training with his club on Monday after leaving the Sweden squad ahead of Tuesday's final Euro 2012 qualifier against the Netherlands. The 30-year-old is suspended for a game which is crucial for Sweden's chances of qualifying automatically for next year's finals in Poland and Ukraine.

Erik Hamren's men are already certain of finishing second in group E, but a win could allow them to qualify directly as the best runners-up out of all nine European groups.

Hamren wanted his captain to stay with the squad even though he couldn't play.

"My wish was for him to stay. I spoke to Zlatan and he said to me that he also wished to stay," he said. "Now we must speak to Milan, because the decision is theirs," he added. However, Milan were keen to bring Ibrahimovic back to begin preparations for Saturday's home game with Palermo. (AFP)

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## F1: Hamilton Will Bounce Back, Warns Team Boss

McLaren team chief Martin Whitmarsh has backed Lewis Hamilton to bounce back from his recent string of disappointments to win again and be a title contender next season.

Whitmarsh said he believed the 26-year-old Englishman's difficulties this year have sapped his confidence, but he is just one win away from rediscovering his form as the world's fastest and most exciting racing driver.

Speaking after Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix won by Hamilton's team-mate and fellow-Briton Jenson Button, Whitmarsh said: "He's a great racing driver. His heart is in it and he is very open about his emotions. He doesn't like not winning, but it will come good. I hope that this time next week we are celebrating one of Lewis's greatest ever victories - and that is entirely possible. We all know he's got it, we know we've got a car that can win and he has got the capability to do it."

Whitmarsh spoke out as Hamilton avoided being dragged into a new controversy after a brush with Brazilian Felipe Massa of Ferrari in Sunday's race in which Hamilton finished fifth.

Massa blamed Hamilton for their third collision this year and second in successive races. Hamilton accepted the blame, apologised and said he had not seen him in his mirrors - a hint that was taken by Whitmarsh who promised the team will look into the problem. (AFP)

## Boxing: Haye Set To Announce Retirement

Former WBA heavyweight champion David Haye is set to announce his retirement after informing the British Boxing Board of Control he intends to quit the sport, according to reports here on Tuesday.

Haye, who celebrates his 31st birthday on Thursday, had always said he would not fight past the age of 30, but many had expected him to delay his retirement for one more big fight, possibly against Ukraine's Vitali Klitschko, who holds the WBC title.