



First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic met today in Banja Luka with President of the Republic of Srpska Milorad Dodik, Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska Zeljka Cvijanovic and Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining Petar Djokic.

At a press conference after the meeting, Minister Dacic stressed that the Republic of Srpska had the support of Serbia and called on all not to forget that there was only one Republic of Srpska and to look after its future and relations with Serbia.

"The issue of Republic of Srpska and the Serbian people in Bosnia and Herzegovina is to us an issue of utmost national importance", the Minister underlined.

He recalled that joint activities – namely the recent joint session of the two Governments in Trebinje, noting that it reflected a continuity in successful cooperation and joint work on important projects.

The Serbian Foreign Minister stressed that Serbia had no intention of destabilizing the area. He reiterated that the matters of daily life should not be addressed in a political context, and that prosperity was what mattered the most to people.

Minister Dacic sad that Serbia's highest officials would visit Banja Luka on 17 September, during the visit to the Republic of Srpska by the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

President of the Republic of Srpska Milorad Dodik recalled the joint activities carried out by Srpska and Serbia and thanked Minister Dacic for his support to the Republic of Srpska. He emphasized that Serbs of the Republic of Srpska and those of Serbia were one and the same people.