

AID FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

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Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic signed the contract with internally displaced persons who were granted the right to be helped to improve the living conditions while being internally displaced through the grant of assistance in the purchase of rural houses with a garden and additional help for the material for the adaptation of these houses. The value of the project is 11.3 million dinars, and this type of assistance was received by 10 beneficiaries, 180000 dinars for each of them. Also, the contracts for assistance to improve the living conditions of internally displaced persons by granting them building materials packages were signed today. The value of this project is 5.5 million dinars, per beneficiary ranging from 180000 to 550000 dinars. This assistance was received by 15 beneficiaries. The funds were jointly provided by the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration and the City of Nis.

183.000 PASSENGERS AT NIS AIRPORT FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS IN 2017

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Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia and Minister of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, prof. Dr Zorana Mihajlovic said

today that Nis Airport Constantine the Great was an example of how the cooperation between the state, local self-government, state and local companies has yielded good results, because in three years the number of passengers increased from 1,300 in 2014 to more than 183,000. "We worked as a team – the Government of Serbia, the City of Nis, Nikola Tesla Airport, Constantine the Great Airport, the Civil Aviation Directorate, SMATSA – with the common goal of developing Nis Airport according to all standards", Mihajlovic said after the visit to Nis Airport cargo terminal and at the signing of the contract on the donation of equipment worth 400,000 euros by the Belgrade airport. Mihajlovic said that the investments in the furnishing of the Nis airport will surely continue, as the number of passengers and goods constantly increases. "We will soon choose the project designer for the tower to be built next year, which is one of the conditions for Nis Airport to be completely ready to become a Belgrade Reserve Airport," she said. "The plan for the next four years is to invest 6.3 million into Nis Airport to make it even more developed and more modern than it is now ", added Mihajlovic.

Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic thanked Nikola Tesla Airport for donations and Vice-President Mihajlovic for the support to the citizens of Nis and the whole region of South Serbia. "After so many years of stagnation, Nis and the south of Serbia have a reason to hope and see a prospect and a better future. I would like to express my gratitude to the Belgrade airport on the donation and to the Ministry and the Government for support without which we would not survive all the difficult years that are behind us. Today, Nis airport is a real airport and an example of how to fight for a better standard and living conditions ", Mayor Bulatovic said. He added that the city budget for the next year will no longer have costs for peoples' salaries at the airport, and that the city would invest only in equipment and reaching the highest

standards.

Saša Vlasisavljevic, acting general manager of the Airport Nikola Tesla, said that both Belgrade and Nis airports are part of the air traffic system of Serbia and that with the support of the Government and the Ministry they record best business results. "Both the City of Nis and Nis Airport can count on us, and in autumn I expect to come again, with fire trucks," said Vlasisavljevic. Vladica Djurdjanovic, the general manager of Nis Airport Constantine the Great, thanked the Belgrade airport for donations and the Government of Serbia for many years of support, adding that without this assistance, the Nis airport would not have had the results it has today, more than 183,000 passengers and nearly two thousand tons of goods transported for the first seven months of 2017. The donation of Nikola Tesla Airport to Constantine the Great Airport for which the contract was signed by the directors of two companies, Sasa Vlasisavljevic and Vladica Djurdjanovic, is worth 400,000 euros and includes, among other things, X-ray machines for inspection of goods and mail, X-ray for inspection of luggage, three metal detector doors, as well as detectors for explosives for checking the hand luggage.

60% INCREASE OF TOURIST IN NIS IN JUNE COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

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According to the data of the Republic Bureau of Statistics, in June, a record number of people who are not from Serbia

visited Nis. According to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, "tourism turnover" increased by almost 60% in June, mostly thanks to foreign tourists. Even 67% more people visited Nis this June than last June. In figures, this is 6 300 tourists. In June this year Nis was visited by more citizens of Serbia than in the same period last year. It is even 49 percent more or 4,200 people. According to the Tourism Organization of Nis, from month to month, there are more and more tourists in the city, and this trend is noticeable starting from 2013, when Nis was categorized with the first category. In 2013, 60,000 tourists visited Nis, while three years later this figure was increased to 85,000. In the first six months of this year, there were 80,000 overnights in Nis, which positively reflects on the economy of the city because the city administration is collecting almost 12 million dinars from tourist tax paid by tourists. The number of tourists increased in Niska Banja by as much as 65 %, with the number of domestic tourists increasing by 115 and foreigners by 1,6 percent compared to June last year.

TAKING CARE OF THE YOUNG

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The City of Nis will continue to support the activities of young, talented people who achieve top results at prestigious international and domestic competitions in various fields of science or sport, as it was said today at a reception hosted at the Nis City Hall for some of them who participated in conferences outside the country in recent months with the support of the City of Nis. In the last two months, the City of Nis, through its Youth Office, supported the participation of as many as 57 young talents at various gatherings and

competitions, and, as said, in the next year, they would seek to increase the funds for this purpose. The City of Nis is trying to help young talented people continue their development and improve their knowledge beyond the borders of our country, but also to create the necessary conditions for the development of science in Nis. Young talented people are a valuable human resource that needs to be presented and assisted in every way so that they would stay in their own city, present their results here. The care for the young must be systematic and continuous in order to improve their position and ensure their active participation in society.