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Solidarity's leadership has succeeded in easing several regional disputes as it prepares for delayed negotiations today with the government on access to the media. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Solidarity convinced printers to delay a nationwide strike that had been slated to begin today. A source told [REDACTED] that Solidarity has decided against a strike by radio and TV employees, but it would use other protests to support the union's demands. In addition, the referendum in the Katowice steel plant on whether the manager should be ousted apparently has been postponed for a few weeks.

The government is responsible for the delay in the talks on union access to the media, reflecting its hard position on this sensitive issue. The minister in charge of trade union affairs recently told [REDACTED] that the regime will make no additional concessions on "essential" issues. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, the regime appears intent on going ahead with large price increases for bread and other grain products. There has been little negative public reaction so far, and the Solidarity leadership does not appear to be pressing for a further postponement. [REDACTED]

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