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Headlines

- Everything is ready for tomorrow's OSCE Summit in Istanbul, despite to constant shaking of the ground
- House of Peoples of the BiH Federation Parliament adopted laws on amnesty and budget for the next year
- 262 bodies from the mass grave Glumina buried in Memici near Kalesija
- Court proceeding in the "Narodna banka" case continued - Director of Foreign Exchange Department, Zuhdija Fetahovic, the third accused, addressed to the Court
- 2, 290 workers of the Banja Luka factory "Incel" on general strike for the third day

Istanbul

Although the ground in Turkey is not calm, delegations from all over the have been arriving at Istanbul for tomorrow's OSCE summit, OBN reporter from the town, Jusko Bojadzic, confirmed. It is expected that officials from 54 countries arrive at Istanbul. After US and Russian presidents arrived, as well as members of the BiH Presidency.

Sarajevo

A report on the BiH Council of Ministers session. This session, as many others before, did not result with concrete decisions. Most of the time was spent on the discussion how to provide budget for the establishment of BiH border service, OBN reporter, Slobodan Maksimovic, confirmed. Next session is scheduled for next Wednesday.

This was followed by a report on the House of Peoples of the BiH Federation Parliament session. The House of Peoples adopted laws on amnesty and budget for 2000th. The law on amnesty will be implied on those accused for crimes committed in the period between January 1st 1991 and December 22nd 1995. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

Mass Grave Glumina

262 bodies from the mass grave Glumina (near Zvornik) were buried in Memici near Kalesija today. This was the biggest mass grave in the ex Yugoslavia grave, OBN reporter from the area, Alma Hadziefendic, confirmed. The victims had been killed in May and June 1992.

Banja Luka

A piece on the Director and Editor-in-chief of "Nezavisne novine", Zeljko Kopanja, injured a month ago in a car bomb. His health state has improved. However, some information on providing an expert opinion and examination of the exploded car occurred. The public was confused with information that Scotland Yard had not been conducting the investigation and the Zeljko Kopanja's car had not been sent to London to be checked by experts although that had been previously announced. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Milena Letic-Joves.

Mostar

Independent Media Commission have warned the management of TV Erotel because they were breaching the rules of IMC. At the extraordinary session, information that authorities of Republic of Croatia suggested canceling of all HRT programmings in BiH if the signal of Erotel covers entire BiH, was presented. The Head of the IMC's Department for Licence Issuing, Dieter Loraine, said that IMC did not receive none of Erotel's appeals nor a demand to postpone their decisions. Loraine added that Erotel was still refusing to make contacts with IMC and thus directly breached decision of IMC. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter, Denis Vila.

World

Croatian Prime Minister, Zlatko Matesa, said that the health state of the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, was stable before his trip to the OSCE Summit in Istanbul and after his visit to the President Tudjman in hospital. This was followed by a report on the special help of the European Commission to Kosovo worth 35 million EUROS which is only a part of the next year package of support for Kosovo worth 500 million EUROS. A report on the current events in Chechnya and providing of help for 200,000 Chechen refugees, current events in Czech Republic and Cuba followed. The report was produced by OBN Journalist, Zeljka Lekic.

Lukavica

Seven University Centers from entire BiH, participate in the unique university network, BIHARNET. The project was started by the Slovenian Government. Two million and seven hundred thousand KM has been invested to date. Users from fields of education, culture and science gain access to the Internet, free of charge. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic.

Sarajevo

The court proceeding in the "Narodna banka" case continued. The damage made to the Bank was worth 13,5 million DEM and officials of the bank were accused for the misuse of their official authorities. Director of the Foreign Exchange Department, Zuhdija Fetahovic, the third accused, addressed to the Court today. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic.

Banja Luka

A report on the third day of the general strike of 2, 290 workers of the Banja Luka factory "Incel". Workers demand seven salaries from the last year to be paid. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Dragan Stanimirovic.

Zenica

Factory of concrete in Kakanj is one of the most prosperous companies in the Zenica-Doboj Canton. Foreign investors are interested in the factory while the Canton Agency for Privatisation already adopted a program for privatisation. Soon, the international tender will be announced. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Zenica, Nela Kacmarcik.

Banja Luka

A report on the meeting between SFOR Commander in BiH, Ronald Adams, and the RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik. This was their first meeting since Ronald Adams was appointed to the position of SFOR Commander in BiH. SFOR Commander said SFOR will continue their efforts in the establishment of lasting peace in BiH. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Tatjana Lajsic.

Hadzici (Sarajevo)

Modern training and adoption of NATO standards have been some of the BiH Federation Army priorities. Because of that, the test range Zunovnica in Hadzici, near Sarajevo, is very important. The report on activities implemented on this test range was produced by OBN reporter, Branka Vrebac.

Sarajevo

A piece on problems of disabled people in the Sarajevo Canton. Association of people who suffer from cerebral paralysis currently have 230 members. Up to now, they did not have adequate premises. Thanks to donations from governments of Austria and Germany, the Association solved the problem of accommodation. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sevko Bajic.

Sport

A report on European football was followed by reports on NBA and international tennis.