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Headlines

- At the meeting in Banja Luka the main topic was return
- R. Kauzlarich confirmed that the return process was accelerated in Sarajevo
- Protests of refugees
- Kosovo – 20 civilians injured in explosion
- Demining in Ivanjica, near Trebinje and Dubrovnik, completed

Banja Luka Chairman of BiH Presidency, Ante Jelavic held the meeting with his colleague Zivko Radisic and authorities of Republika Srpska on the return to this region. As Jelavic said it was discussed on Annex 7 and the return to Banja Luka.

Sarajevo During the first half of July about 170 families returned to Sarajevo. International representatives considered as development in reference to return of minorities. Financial support on this can be expected. OBN journalist Amarildo Gutic made report on this.

Zavidovici Bosniaks expelled from Teslic blocked the road Maglaj-Zavidovici today because their claims for better life conditions from June 30 were not adopted. There are 98 temporarily placed in Dolac near Zavidovici and only 6 persons are employed.

Dolac Croatians from Dolac near Travnik protested for reparation of their houses. Also they announced next protest on this for August 4, 1999. OBN journalist Ana Drmac produced the report.

Srebrenica Almost 80% of Srebrenica population are refugees from 19 municipalities. OBN journalist Damir Kaletovic made reportage about life there.

Zenica Strike of the Meet Manufacturing Industry “Zmajevac” started on Monday. Workers found out that their company owes more than they were conscious about. OBN journalist Koraljka Kurcemberger reported on new details on this.

Brcko American donation will solve the municipal problem with water and waterworks. Costs for 5 new water-wells will be 7 million KM. OBN’s Slobodanka Radojkovic from Brcko reported on this

Kosovo/Serbia Terrorism and ethnic violence are current situation in Kosovo despite of international troops presence and promises of the Kosovo Liberation Army that will submit their weapons. Opposing parties in Serbia signed the agreement of mutual relationships and uniting and claim for resignation of Slobodan Milosevic.

World News American President and Prime Minister of Israel started negotiations on the peace in Middle East. Report on India-Pakistan-Kashmir relationship, Iraq, and North Ireland. OBN journalists Mladen Maric and Zeljka Lekic produced reports on this.

Hague The Hague Tribunal pronounced clash in BiH from 1992 to 1995 as an ‘international’. As representative of ICG, James Lyon explained this will increase the chance for BiH in the legal proceedings against SRJ. Exclusively for OBN the main Prosecutor of the Hague Tribunal, Louis Arbour said that connection between SRJ and the war in BiH was proved many times. (Interview with Louis Arbour was broadcasted after the TV INFO)

Croatia & BiH From Ivanjica OBN journalist Sinisa Jokic reported on the demining action of Spanish brigade who destroyed 2600 kg explosives. The Croatian Army set bombs during the war in BiH. Conditions for opening of border-line crossing between Croatia and BiH are fulfilled now.

Sport A report on the Davis Cup matches, Latin American Cup, and cycling.