

OBN News Review, 6 May 2000

Headlines

- The B&H Union accepted changes in the General Collective Contract text
- About 500 illegal border crossings were found in B&H
- An agreement on aid to the Croat part of the Federation Army has been signed
- IRA announced their readiness to start with the disarmament process

Sarajevo

The B&H Union accepted changes in the General Collective Contract text. Although several Union members were against it, some say that this was the only way for the Contract to be finally adopted. The others think that signing of the Contract means discrimination between the workers, because it regulates only the position of employees of companies with majority state capital. The report was produced by OBN journalist Damir Kaletovic.

Bratunac

Doctors of the Bratunac hospital are on strike, demanding their salaries. Patients are in a very difficult situation, because this is the only hospital in town. Reported by Aleksandra Zdravkovic.

Sarajevo

The situation on the B&H food market is very difficult. Goods of a very low quality are daily imported. Apart from 16 legal border crossings, about 500 illegal crossings were found. A lot of vegetables that can be locally produced are imported, and therefore domestic products are wasted. The report was produced by OBN reporter Anes Alic.

Brcko

Farmers in Brcko had to provide materials for sowing by themselves. They haven't received any aid. There are about 65 000 hectares of farmland in the Brcko District. Farmers expect to receive aid, and mine fields to be cleared in the District, Slobodanka Radojkovic confirmed from Brcko.

Zenica

Most of products at Zenica markets have been imported. Agricultural production in Zenica has never been well organised. Through a foundation of agricultural associations, farmers will try to stop the anarchy so far. Reported by Sanela Vilasevic from Zenica.

Sarajevo

Violation of copyright is very frequent in B&H, especially in the field of music. Pirate tapes are sold all around the country. "I appeal to those responsible to stand up and take responsibility for violation of copyright, and to stop this situation", said Krister Thelin, the IMC Director. The Law on copyright exists in B&H, and it was taken over from the former Yugoslavia. The report was produced by Mirna Sadikovic and Slobodan Maksimovic.

Sarajevo

OBN journalist, Amarildo Gutic analysed non-productivity of entity governments and the State Government, which caused citizens to find themselves in a very difficult situation.

Zagreb

The Croatian and the Federation of B&H Defence ministers, Jozo Rados and Miroslav Prce signed an agreement in Zagreb, which regulates funding of the Croat part of the Federation Army. The Croatian President, Stipe Mesic feels that Croatia should stop financing Croat forces in B&H. Reported by Gordana Simonovic from Zagreb.

World

The IRA announced their readiness to start with the disarmament process. This was announced after a meeting of the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Berthy Ahern with Protestant and Catholic parties in Belfast.

The Iran Reform Movement won almost 70% of votes in 66 election units, where the elections were repeated.

The NATO Commander for Europe, General Joseph Ralston left Kosovo today, after a two-day-visit. The aim of the visit was to get acquainted with the situation in the province.

The Philippine Government accused the Muslim Separatist Movement "Moro" of co-operation with the separatist group that captured 21 hostages. The Philippine Army found bodies of two hostages in the jungle. The piece on current world events was produced by Adis Saranovic.

Sarajevo

Gordana Frimel produced the piece on the Festival of Work in Secondary Schools that was opened in Sarajevo today. Pupils from the whole country gathered at the Festival.

Bakovici

Members of "Napredak" from Sarajevo prepared an art performance for members of the Institution for invalids. Reported by Ana Drmac.

Sport

Reports on local fieldball and Formula I competition were presented.