

# Privatisation and Soldiers Claims

The Deputy High Representative for Economic Matters acknowledges the October 6 letter from Minister Jelavic and Deputy Minister Mahmuljin concerning the decision on soldiers' claims taken by the Government of the Federation.

The OHR notes that the Government of the Federation took a decision to reduce to 7 billion DEM, the total amount of the claims for unpaid salaries for soldiers of the Army of BiH, the Croatian Defense Council and the police force.

While the OHR is satisfied that a timely solution has been found, the OHR considers that this lower amount is still somewhat exaggerated, includes unjustified beneficiaries and is a disadvantage to other categories of beneficiaries. However the OHR respects the decision of the Government of the Federation and trusts that this decision will allow the process of privatisation to proceed.