

# OBN News Review, 10 July 2000

## Headlines

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- The Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic met the Croatian President, Stipe Mesic in Zagreb
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- "The FRY does not exist any longer", said the Montenegrin President, Milo Dukanovic
- The first Bosniac family returned to Gacko

## Banja Luka

A delegation of the Council of Europe, led by Laszlo Surjan met the B&H Presidency member, Zivko Radisic and several other RS officials today. "The basic conditions for B&H membership of the Council are: the election law, functioning of joint institutions and a true implementation of human rights", Laszlo Surjan said after the meeting. Biljana Arsic produced the report.

## Banja Luka

The delegation of the Council of Europe also met the Banja Luka Bishop, Franjo Komarica. Mr. Surjan is not satisfied with the return process. Refugee return is one of the conditions for B&H membership of the Council of Europe, Tatjana Lajsic confirmed.

## Gacko

Only one Bosniac family returned to Gacko so far. The situation in this town is very serious, because the economy is undeveloped. The presence of international aid organisations is necessary. The report was produced by Sinisa Jokic.

## **Sarajevo**

An exhibition of handicrafts by women of Srebrenica in remembrance of the victims of Srebrenica was opened today in Sarajevo. "I offer my authority to make sure a location for a cemetery and a memorial to the dead and missing is established", the High Representative, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) said at the opening. Reported by Vedran Persic.

## **Sarajevo**

The Federal Parliament refused a legislation proposal on the Federal intelligence service. The Government has to find a compromise solution. The duration of mandates of current judges of the Constitutional Court was also discussed. The report was produced by Amarildo Gutic.

## **Zagreb**

The Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic met the Croatian President, Stipe Mesic in Zagreb. They discussed the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement and the development of infrastructure facilities within the Stability Pact. Mr. Bicakcic also met his Croatian counterpart, Ivica Racan. Reported by Gordana Simonovic from Zagreb.

## **Sarajevo**

The Croatian Minister for Homeland Defenders, Ivica Pancic visited Sarajevo. "Croatia will continue helping HVO war invalids, but the aid distribution will be transparent", Mr. Pancic said. He also visited Travnik and Vitez, where he met local officials. Mr. Pancic said that Croatia is in a difficult financial situation, and therefore its aid for war invalids cannot be satisfactory. Reported by Adis Saranovic and Vanja Elezovic.

## **Brussels**

EU foreign ministers met today in Brussels. They supported the

French proposal for scheduling a meeting between the [EU](#) and countries of the western Balkans. They called for the Serbian opposition to stand against the repression of the FRY President, Slobodan Milosevic. Reported by the Agency "Sense" correspondent, Zlatan Kulenovic.

## **Montenegro/FRY**

"The FRY, that was founded by the Constitution in 1992, does not exist any longer"; said the Montenegrin President, Milo Dukanovic. "In current circumstances, Montenegro will not participate in the federal elections"; he added. Several opposition leaders in Serbia said that their participation in the Federal elections without Montenegro would be meaningless. The report was produced by Slobodan Maksimovic.

## **World**

The US President, Bill Clinton said that tomorrow's summit on the Near East in Camp David could lead to a final agreement. The Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat will arrive in the USA today.

The German police arrested several supporters of the Iranian opposition, a few hours before the arrival of the Iranian President in Berlin.

A referendum for the election of a new president of Syria was organised today. The results will be announced tomorrow.

The operation of a nuclear plant in Chernobyl was stopped for security reasons. The piece on world events was produced by Zeljka Lekic.

## **Banja Luka**

The printing of vouchers officially started in Banja Luka. After receiving vouchers, citizens will be able to sell them or to invest in companies that will be privatised. 1020 companies have submitted their privatisation programmes to the

RS Privatisation Agency so far. Nedeljka Breberina produced the report.

## **Banja Luka**

Sanela Zivkovic produced a piece on a large number of unregistered workers in the RS. About 115 000 workers were registered this year.

## **Sport**

Reports on local and international football, and international tennis were presented.