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Headlines

- Representatives of the CD Coalition left the RS Assembly session
- Serbian opposition prepares for the visit to Luxembourg where they will meet heads of diplomacy of the <u>EU</u> members
- New details on illegal construction of houses on the Jablanica lake
- Last night, approximately one billion of people watched humanitarian concerts for alleviating consequences of poverty in the world

Banja Luka

At today's special session of the RS Assembly in Banja Luka, representatives of the Coalition for United and Democratic BiH left the meeting. The representatives left the session due to the introduction of the following issue on the agenda: Discussion regarding Zivko Radisic's position in respect to the BiH Presidency decision on raising of charges against the Federal Republic Yugoslavia. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Dragan Stanimirovic.

World

A report on the intensified military attacks of Russian air forces against Chechenia was followed by reports on the fights in East Timor, elections in Germany and Portugal and victims of floods in Mexico. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Duska Jurisic.

Yugoslavia

Heads of the Serbian opposition parties and the Montenegrin

President, Milo Djukanovic, will meet foreign ministers of the European Union tomorrow in Luxembourg. They will discuss the democratisation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and partial cancelling of the oil embargo. In the meantime, protests of opposition parties have been held in Serbia. The number of incidents in Kosovo has decreased, OBN journalist, Mladen Maric, confirmed.

Neum

A piece on the position of old people in the BiH Federation. Pensioners in the BiH Federation organised protests yesterday. The Red Cross in the BiH Federation and RS is trying to help them. 1999 is the international year of old people. This was the cause for the round table meeting in the "Zenit" hotel in Neum about "Old People, their Needs and Contribution to the Community". The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Maja Dzelilovic.

Sarajevo

This was followed by a piece on the meeting of the Association of Independent Intellectuals "Circle 99". At today's meeting, the participants discussed the position of children in BiH. The children in BiH are faced with severe violation of their rights. There is no sufficient social care for the children in BiH. Segregation and discrimination are present in schools. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter, Mirna Sadikovic.

Jablanica

Can the state prevent illegal construction of houses on the Jablanica lake? Five months ago, a decision on protection of the coastal part of the lake was adopted by the Municipality Council of Jablanica. The owner of the land is the hydroelectricity plant "Jablanica". However, no one is respecting the decision, OBN reporter, Anes Alic, confirmed.

Foca

A piece on the current, difficult economic situation in the Foca Municipality (Srbinje). Currently, 23,000 people live the municipality. Only 5, 000 of them work while there is the same number of refugees in the municipality. The officials hope that better co-operation with the International Community would bring economic progress to the municipality. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Adis Saranovic.

Banja Luka

The RS Government announced endorsement of the new law on the judiciary. According to the reactions of judges and public prosecutors in the RS, the new law will only strengthen the influence of executive judiciary power, instead of makeing it weaker, OBN reporter from the town, Sanela Zivkovic, confirmed.

Bijeljina

A piece on eviction in the Bijeljina Municipality. The Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons solved positively 78 applications for return out of 5,000 submitted to date. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Zeljko Pantelic.

Bihac

This was followed by a report on the process of return in the Una-Sana Canton. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Azra Bajric. The officials think that much more can be done regarding the return process in the Canton.

Tesanj

A piece on return of ten families to the Tesanj Municipality. The non-governmental organisation "Women of BiH" visited the returnees, OBN reporter from the area, Rifa Vilasevic, confirmed.

Blazuj

The reconstruction of the Orthodox church in Blazuj near Sarajevo has been finished recently. Today's liturgy marked 102nd anniversary of the church. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sevko Bajic.

Sport

A report on the local football matches was followed by reports on the international motorcycle race in South Africa and a boxing match between a woman and a man.

London-Geneva-New York

A report on last night's concerts held in London, Geneva and New York for alleviating consequences of poverty in the world. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Slobodan Maksimovic.