

# OBN News Review, 11 January 2000

## Headlines

- The Hague – Radoslav Brdjanin and Momir Talic denied allegations for genocide committed over Bosniaks and Croats in Bosanska Krajina
- Travnik – perpetrators of a bomb attack arrested
- Sarajevo – 150 workers of the “Energoinvest” branch “Livnica” went on strike for the fifth time in a year
- Zagreb – post-election atmosphere – fraction struggles in the HDZ party – February 1st is one of the possible dates for the establishment of Sabor
- Serbian opposition parties united regarding the request for the premature elections
- Washington – after a week of negotiations, peace talks between Israel and Syria stopped

## The Hague

As it was previously announced, the Hague Tribunal began the new year with the presentation of proofs against Dario Kordic and Mario Cerkez. Radoslav Brdjanin and the General Momir Talic, who appeared in front of the Hague Tribunal today, denied allegations for genocide committed over Bosniaks and Croats in Bosanska Krajina. A month ago, charges raised against Brdjanin and Talic were extended for the allegations for genocide. The report for TV INFO from the Hague was produced by Vjera Bogoti.

## Travnik

The Minister of Internal Affairs of the Srednja-Bosna Canton, Midhat Zubaca, said that the perpetrators of a bomb attack in Travnik were found. The investigation team arrested two individuals suspected for placing a bomb under a car on

January 9th at 8.30 p.m. One of the arrested individuals said that he wanted to revenge to the owner of the car. The attack was not politically motivated. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Travnik, Vanja Elezovic.

## **Sarajevo**

One hundred and fifty workers of the "Energoinvest" branch "Livnica" have been on strike for the last month and a half, asking their rights to be fulfilled. He attitude of the "Energoinvest" management towards the workers shows that the employer was not interested in solving the problems workers have been faced with. "Energoinvest" used to be one of the well respected export companies. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

## **Gusts of TV INFO – Medical Doctors Faris Gavrankapetanovic and Vladimir Velebit**

Whether a cooperation between the Clinical Center of the Sarajevo University and the Head of the project for the development of Sarajevo cardiology, Vladimir Velebit, would be continued after a several months of negotiations? Whether some 750 patients would be operated within a two and a half year period? The BiH Federation Deputy Minister of Health, Faris Gavrankapetanovic, was a guest of TV INFO in the studio in Sarajevo, while doctor Vladimir Velebit answered the questions of TV INFO presenters via live bridge with Geneva. Although there were misunderstandings in respect to the previous talks, both of the guests agreed that they hoped this would be solved soon.

## **Zagreb**

After the resignation of the HDZ party Spokesman, Ivica Ropus, new fraction struggles have been going on in the party. He accused the Acting President of the Party, Vladimir Seks, for unrealistic and dangerous political ambitions and discrediting of party colleagues. Vladimir Seks said that all those who do

not respect the discipline and agreements of the party would have to leave it. The report for TV INFO from Zagreb was produced by Gordana Simonovic.

## **Belgrade**

Serbian opposition parties united regarding the request for organising the premature elections in Serbia. The European Commission welcomed this. The opposition parties have also agreed to organise a joint protest gathering against the current Belgrade authorities on March 9th. The report from Belgrade was produced by OBN journalist, Duska Jurisic.

## **World**

Russian Army announced intensifying of their attacks as an answer to contra-offensive of Chechen rebels. The Commander of Russian troops announced that the military action in Chechenia would be finished before the presidential elections in Russia scheduled for March 26th. After a week of negotiations, peace talks between Israel and Syria stopped. This was followed by a report on the murder of a militant protestant leader in Northern Ireland. The report on current events in the world was produced by OBN journalist, Duska Jurisic.

## **Sarajevo**

A piece on the freedom of press. The Helsinki Committee for the protection of human rights identified six types of attacks on the freedom of the press in BiH. Endangering of personal security of journalists, pressure on press and journalist, unavailability of information are the fields where most breaching have been occurring. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic.

This was followed by a report on a new, the biggest ever, media company. The world number one company "America On-line" and the world number one media company "Time Warner" united. According to the market estimations, this new network is worth

approximately 250 billion dollars. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic.

### **Banja Luka**

A piece on the usage of mobile phones in the RS. Although it was planned that the system of mobile phones would cover some 27 towns in the RS, only Banja Luka, Prijedor, Laktasi, Gradiska, Doboje, Brcko, Bijeljina and Spsko Sarajevo have been included in the system. However, not many people in the RS have money to afford a mobile phone. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Sanela Zivkovic.

### **Sarajevo**

A report on the meeting between the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications with the representatives of the BiH Inter-religious Council. Recently, the Ministry donated 25,000 DEM to the each religious community, member of the Council. The main topics of the conversation were the law on the restitution and the position of religious communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sevk Bajic.

### **Sport**

A report on the international basketball matches was followed by a report on international football.