

# OBN News Review, 12 April 2000

## Headlines

- The [OSCE](#) refuted all allegations by the SDA
- The SDA and the SDP have the largest number of votes in the Federation of B&H, and the SDS is most likely to win in the RS
- The amendments to the Law on flat purchase have been rejected at the Federal Parliament session
- At least 15 Shiite Muslims were killed in an attack near Islamabad

## Sarajevo

The B&H Parliament adopted a proposal for the Law on the Council of Ministers, according to which it will consist of a Chairman and 6 ministries. There are several conditions that should be fulfilled in order for B&H to become a member of the Council of Europe. B&H is now further than ever from membership of the Council of Europe, said the B&H Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic. The report was produced by OBN journalist Damir Kaletovic.

This evening's guest in TV INFO was the SDP leader, Zlatko Lagumdžija. The new Law on the Council of Ministers will not bring any solution for B&H, he said. The country is on the way to economic disaster. New authorities will have to change the Law after the elections in October, Mr Lagumdžija added.

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The counting of votes is still taking place. Non-confirmed votes, that is, votes of citizens whose names weren't on registration lists, are also being counted.

From 72 municipalities in the Federation of B&H, the HDZ has

the majority of votes in 24 municipalities, the SDA in 21 and the SDP leads in 17 municipalities.

In the RS, the SDS leads in 54 municipalities, the SNS in 3 and the SNSD in 2 municipalities. These are the most transparent elections organised by the [OSCE](#), said the [OSCE](#) spokesperson, Tanya Domi. The [OSCE](#) refuted the allegations made by the SDA, said Ms Domi. This process is completely transparent for all supervisors, she added.

The report was produced by Zeljka Lekic and Sanjin Beciragic.

## **Banja Luka**

The Election Commission representatives refute the allegations of bad organisation of the registration process. Citizens are partly to blame for problems with registration lists, because they should have checked them before the elections, said Vukasin Boskovic, the Election Commission President in Banja Luka. Reported by Darko Savic and Sanja Srdic.

The SDP is the leading party in B&H at the moment, said Zlatko Lagumdzija. Bosniacs have decided not to vote for national parties any longer, and it is praiseworthy, he added. National parties won a much smaller number of votes than at the last elections. After the general elections in October, the SDA, the SDS and the HDZ will be opposition parties, said Mr Lagumdzija.

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The House of Representatives of the F B&H Parliament rejected proposed amendments to the Law on flat purchase, for the flats where tenancy right exists. Reported by Sevko Bajic

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The Federation President, Ejup Ganic and canton governors met today. They asked the OHR and other international organisations to invest more in areas where refugees return by

themselves. They also asked the Federal Ministry to co-ordinate activities between local and canton authorities and international organisations. The report was produced by OBN journalist Amarildo Gutic.

## **Sarajevo**

The Deputy High Representative, Matei Hoffmann is not satisfied with the slow process of solving education problems in B&H. He met ministers of education from both entities. New meetings will take place in a month, when they should agree on reforms in this field. Reported by Mirna Sadikovic.

## **World**

At least 15 Shiite Muslims were killed in an attack on a village, 120 km from Islamabad.

The Former Pakistani Prime Minister submitted an appeal against the court sentence. He has been sentenced to life imprisonment for a plane hijack.

The USA President, Bill Clinton and the Israeli Prime Minister agreed to continue Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

Refugees are still leaving Chechnya. About 2000 people arrived in Ingushetia in the last few days.

The [UN](#) Food Programme representatives are visiting Ethiopia. 16 million people are in danger of dying from hunger there. The piece on world events was produced by Duska Jurisic.

## **Mostar**

National parties play their political games regarding the issue of unification of the town water supply system, said the Head of the OHR in Mostar, Finn Lynghjem. As a result, they might lose a loan from the [World Bank](#). The report was produced by Mirsad Behram.

## **Sarajevo**

On 15th April, the Day of the Federation Army will be celebrated. The Army reduced its weapons by 15%, and performed a 3-year-training for all soldiers, said the Army General, Rasim Delic. Reported by Slobodan Maksimovic.

## **Sport**

Reports on local and international football and NBA league were presented.