

# OBN News Review, 13 January 2000

## Headlines

- Discovery of perpetrators who killed Jozo Leutar, the BiH Federation Vice Minister of Internal Affairs
- The High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina proclaimed the Law on State Border Service
- Failure to adopt the Law on the Parliament moved BiH further away from the European Council
- Guest of TV INFO: Thomas Miller, the USA Ambassador in BiH
- Zagreb – culmination of struggles inside the HDZ party – Mate Granic resigned all his positions in the party – Vladimir Seks announced a moratorium – Ivic Pasalic suspended his work within the party
- The Turkish Government decided to suspend the execution of the death sentence of the Kurd leader, Abdulah Odzellan

## Sarajevo

The BiH Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic, said that there were enough proofs for raising criminal charges against the individuals suspected for killing of the BiH Vice Minister of Internal Affairs, Jozo Leutar. The BiH Minister of Internal Affairs, Mehmed Zilic, did not want to give any comments and said that the BiH Federation Prosecutor would explain the details in the several few days. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic.

## OHR

The High Representative of the International Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#), imposed the Law on the State Border Service today. This was announced by the OHR

Spokesman, James Fergusson, at the press conference in Sarajevo today. In an interview for OBN, the High Representative said that he was utterly dissatisfied with the unwillingness of the Serb delegates in the BiH Parliament to vote for the Law on the State Border Service. He reminded that the State Border Service would make profit for the country and encourage the economy. The Border Service will help battle smuggling, crime and illegal immigration. The interview was produced by OBN journalist, Duska Jurisic.

### **Guest of TV INFO**

The guest of TV INFO and the presenters, Danijela Bozic and Mujo Delibegovic, was the US Ambassador in BiH, H.E. Thomas Miller. The Ambassador was asked to comment the investigation of the BiH Vice Minister of Internal Affairs, Jozo Leutar, which occurred last year, especially having in mind that FBI participated in the investigation. The Ambassador Miller said that they were very interested in finding perpetrators of that terrorist act. The Ambassador also reiterated his position on the Law on the State Border Service and the importance to enact this law. Also, the Ambassador was asked to comment the recent canceling of the USAID support to the process of privatisation in the BiH Federation. The Ambassador Miller said that he made the decision to suspend the US efforts regarding the privatisation process in the BiH Federation after months and months of failed tries to help.

This was followed by a report on the three day visit of the special envoys of the European Council to Bosnia and Herzegovina. They stressed that the Parliament which functions was a very important element for a democratic Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Representative of the European Council in BiH, Peter Iiskola, said that obviously they were not satisfy if the High Representative had to make important decisions such as the Law on the State Border Service. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Vedran Persic.

## **Sarajevo**

The BiH Federation Government discussed 17 issues today. An agreement between the BiH Federation and the RS on the establishment of the joint road corporation and the transformation of the Air Bosnia to the BiH Federation Company called Air BiH were adopted today. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic.

## **Zagreb**

A report on the current political events in the Republic of Croatia followed. The HDZ party candidate for the forthcoming presidential elections in Croatia, Mate Granic, resigned all his positions in the party except being a member. Also he said if he becomes the President of Croatia, he will return even his membership card because of the current situation in the party. The report on the current events in the world was produced by OBN reporter from Zagreb, Gordana Simonovic.

## **World**

A report on the current events in Chechenia was followed by reports on Turkey, Algeria, Germany. This piece was produced by OBN journalist, Zeljka Lekic.

## **Brcko**

The Multi-ethnic Apartment Commission in Brcko processed 160 out of 190 claims about the illegal using of apartments whose dwellers wait eviction orders. All those who were allowed to return to their flats would have to return to the apartments within a six month period. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the town, Slobodanka Radojkovic.

## **Lukavica (Sarajevo)**

A piece on the opening of the Office of the Association for Return to Sarajevo. The aim of the Association will be not only the return of refugees and displaced persons but also the

reconstruction of destroyed buildings and houses and providing personal and property security for returnees. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sefko Bajic.

## **Sarajevo**

Five hundred students from the Tuzla and Una-Sana cantons stopped receiving funds for food and accommodation costs in the Sarajevo dormitory "Bjelave". If the governments of these cantons do not provide funds, the students will protest on the Sarajevo streets. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

This was followed by a report on the promotion of a "V.P." by Izet Sarajlic in Sarajevo produced by OBN reporter, Adis Saranovic.

## **Sport**

A report on NBA was followed by report on international football.