

# OBN News Review, 13 September 2000

## Headlines

- The Council of Europe calls for B&H Parliament to urgently adopt an election law
- The [OSCE](#) political resource centre was opened in Visegrad
- The Zagreb Declaration was adopted at the Stability Pact meeting
- Due to increase in fuel prices, protests in [EU](#) countries continue
- The Prince of Saudi Arabia, Salman arrived in B&H

## Sarajevo

Representatives of the Council of Europe held a press conference in Sarajevo. "B&H has to adopt an election law by the end of the month, as the last condition for membership of the Council of Europe this year", they warned. Representatives announced start of a campaign called "Diversity", whose main purpose will be promotion of tolerance and democracy, Zeljka Lekic reported.

## Mostar

Zoran Soldo, one of the five indicted war criminals in Mostar, surrendered to the Canton Court today.

"The arrest operation on Monday was legal", the [UN](#) Spokesman, Stefo Lehmann said. Mr. Lehmann also welcomed recent arrests in Croatia. Reported by Mirsad Behram.

## Zagreb

Indictment for war crimes was raised in Gospic against 5

arrested suspects.

The Stability Pact meeting in Zagreb ended by adopting the Zagreb Declaration. Reported by Gordana Simonovic.

## **World**

Israel does not want to send their Ambassador back to Vienna.

The 55th [UN](#) Assembly session started today in the USA.

Opposition in Yugoslavia claim that Milosevic's dictatorship is ending.

Protests in [EU](#) countries continue, due to high prices of fuel.

The Spanish police arrested 18 persons, claiming that they broke the political leadership of the separatist group "Eta" in this way.

1 person died, and 15 were injured in an explosion in a stock-exchange building in Jakarta.

7 people died in floods in Nagoya, Japan. The report on current world events was produced by Mladen Maric.

## **Sarajevo**

The Prince Salman of Saudi Arabia arrived in B&H for a 5-day visit. He will meet several political and religious officials. Educational centres in Sarajevo, Tuzla and Brcko, financed by the Government of Saudi Arabia will be opened during his visit. Reported by Sevko Bajic.

## **Mostar**

The B&H Association of refugees and the displaced organised a press conference today. There are about 30 000 refugees who live in tents in B&H. The Association demanded that the US Ambassador Miller supports a donors' conference for projects that have not been financially supported so far. The report

was produced by Misijana Brkic.

## **Mostar**

Several thousands of Croats are still waiting for return to the east part of Mostar. Potential returnees say that the international community is not interested in their cases. Ivan Pavkovic produced the report.

## **Visegrad**

The [OSCE](#) political resource centre was opened in Visegrad today. The Deputy Head of the [OSCE](#) Mission in B&H, Dieter Woltman opened the centre. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

The [OSCE](#) Mission in B&H announced that the pre-election campaign would start on 27th September.

## **Banja Luka**

The Director of the RS Fund for Pension-Invalid Insurance, Svetozar Mihajlovic resigned today. Mr. Mihajlovic said that the reason for his resignation was the lack of financial discipline in the RS.

## **Zenica**

Employees of the company "Prim" tried to meet representatives of the Canton Government, after a month-and-a-half strike. However, the meeting did not take place. The Canton Government does not want to announce bankruptcy of the company because, in that case, they would have certain obligations to the employees. The report was produced by Amarildo Gutic.

## **Banja Luka**

There are more than 150 000 unemployed people in the RS, due to a difficult economic situation. Reported by Suzana Vukcevic.

## **Sport**

Reports on local fieldball and international football were presented.