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Headlines:

- August 15, Greater Mother of God holiday
- International Congress of the Islamic Association for Mental Health ended today
- Massive return of Croats to the region of Teslic is announced
- Children returnees to Stolac have been attending school in a private house for two years now
- Number of incidents in Kosovo is diminishing, but the violence is still present
- Russian offensive in Dagestan continues
- Clashes in Northern Ireland
- Weather tomorrow mainly clear and worm

Komusina

Catholic holiday Greater Mother of God was celebrated on the ruins of first and oldest shrine in Vrhbosanska archbishopric. 10 thousand pilgrims joined the procession headed by msg. Pero Sudar. Mass was held in the holy place of Kondilo. Displaced Catholics from Komusine expressed their wish to return home. Report prepared by OBN reporter Vanja Elezovic.

Sarajevo

Same holiday was celebrated in Banja Luka and other cities. In Sarajevo, more then 3 thousand people attended the mass headed by msg. Marko Josipovic. Don Luka, priest of the parish Stup used this opportunity to thank a group of Italians who helped the reconstruction of parish Stup. Report prepared by OBN reporter Mirela Pehar.

Tuzla

Sixth International Congress of the Islamic Association for Mental Health ended today in Tuzla. Experts from around the world were present. The main topic of the Congress was “Mental Health and Religion”. Several lectures concentrated on post-war trauma and means of treating it. The book with selected lectures will be published in Bosnian and English language.

Kosovo

Number of incidents in Kosovo is decreasing, but the violence is still present. KFOR forces and Serbs were targeted. At the same time, all around Serbia demonstrations against Milosevic were held. International Crisis Group (ICG) issued a report stating that situation in Serbia could hardly be worse. Report prepared by OBN reporter Mladen Maric.

Velika Kladusa

15 thousand people or third of the population of Velika Kladusa left the city since the end of the war. There is no job, the municipality is facing financial difficulties. Municipality is in debt and Government of Una-Sana Canton blocked their account several times. Report prepared by OBN reporter Amarildo Gutic

Dagestan

Large scale Russian offensive in Dagestan continues. State of emergency declared in Cecnia. Russian Ministry of Interior declared that 60 rebels were killed in the southwest. These rebels were under the command of Shirvani Basajev, brother of war veteran from Cecnia, Shamil Basajev. Report prepared by OBN reporter Mladen Maric.

Teslic, Kamenica

10 thousand Croats are about to return to the region of Teslic. There is a lack of necessary material support for this large scale return. The refugees have been visiting their

village for the past two months. There is no water or electricity. Not a single donor is present in the area. Report prepared by OBN reporter Muhamed Cabric

Celic

Representatives from the Federal and Cantonal Ministry of Health visited returnees in several places in RS bordering the Tuzla Canton to evaluate the health situation. The representatives were satisfied, but the need for the co-operation with health authorities in RS was also pointed out. Report prepared by OBN reporter Muhamed Berbic.

Stolac

For the past two years children returnees to Stolac attended primary school in a private house. The number of pupils for the next school year should dramatically increase and their parents are insisting that kids should be given normal premises and attend classes in accordance with the federal curriculum. Report prepared by OBN reporter Enes Ratkusic.

Brcko

In Brcko suburb called Brod, one primary school is being reconstructed. The funds for the construction works were provided by the USAID. This school was once the most modern school in the area and the reconstruction is considered as a precondition for successful return. Report prepared by OBN reporter Slobodanka Radojkovic.

World News:

Big clashes in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Bombs in Algeria. Rebels in Liberia freed humanitarian workers. Prime minister of India refused the possibility of a peace deal with Pakistan. Floods in China. Prince Charles attacked in the waters of Cyprus. Report prepared by OBN reporter Mladen Maric.

US Government every year organizes a big lottery. Winners of the lottery have a chance to obtain the immigrant visa in a fastest possible way. People from around the world participate, and 55 thousand lucky ones will be called to send additional data necessary for the immigration. Rules for entering the lottery were also explained. Report prepared by OBN reporter Damir Kaletovic.

Sarajevo

Second International festival of techno music ended this morning in Sarajevo. 7 thousand people enjoyed the happening. OBN directly broadcast this festival. Report prepared by OBN reporter Slobodan Maksimovic.

Sport news:

Football results from both entities. Hakinen won in Hungary. Rafter-Sampras in Cincinnati finals. World Championship in Chess – semifinalists are known. Reports prepared by OBN reporters Mirza Vilic and Mustafa Radonjcic.

Weather forecast