

# OBN News Review, 15 August 2000

## Headlines

- Richard Sclar in Sarajevo again
- Economies of the Federation and the RS are in danger of collapse
- OBN on CNN
- The Presidency member, Zivko Radisic against a joint B&H army
- Thousands of believers on Pilgrimage in Medugorje

## Sarajevo

The Special US Envoy for economic issues, Richard Sclar and representatives of the International Community visited B&H. They met advisers of the B&H Presidency members and representatives of the RS Assembly. Representatives of the International Community are worried about economies in the RS and the Federation. They were not satisfied with slow implementation of the economic reform. Amarildo Gutic produced the report.

## Banja Luka

RS economists feel that B&H economy is in danger of collapse, unless the urgent economic reform takes place in both entities. Reported by Suzana Vukcevic.

## Sarajevo

Accounts of about 11 000 enterprises in the Federation have been blocked. Private enterprises purchase goods for cash, which is illegal. About 50 such companies re-registered and opened new accounts last year, Anes Alic confirmed.

## Banja Luka

The RS Government decided to reduce pensions by 40%. The Association of pensioners in the RS announced protests from 21-25 August, demanding urgent cancellation of the decision. Pensioners in Zvornik and Srbinje announce that they will invite RS pensioners and their families to boycott the forthcoming elections in November. Suzana Vukcevic produced the report.

## **OBN on CNN**

The report on B&H currency – KM, produced by OBN's reporter, Vedran Persic was broadcast on CNN today.

## **World**

The drama of the Russian submarine continues. Crew members are still alive. Bad weather prevents rescue operation.

7 people died in an explosion in a train in India.

100 citizens from the North Korea arrived in South Korea by the first direct flight in 50 years. 100 South Koreans travelled to Pjong Jang by the same plane, to meet their relatives.

The Israeli Parliament discussed about policy of the Prime Minister Barrack in peace negotiations with Palestine.

The US President, Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton addressed gathered citizens at the Democratic Convention in L.A. Mladen Maric produced the piece on world events.

## **Banja Luka**

The B&H Presidency member, Zivko Radisic organised a press conference today, in order to express his viewpoints on current political situation in B&H. He refused any idea about formation of a joint B&H Army. Radisic proposed that the RS Assembly discusses this issue. He accused the RS Prime Minister Dodik of illegal appointment of the Board and

replacement of the Director of "Elektroprivreda", Slobodan Mrdic. Reported by Dragan Stanimirovic.

## **Sarajevo**

54 parties, coalitions and independent candidates will participate in the elections. The [OSCE](#) determined numbers of parties on voting papers, Slobodan Maksimovic confirmed.

## **Zvornik**

First groups of refugees returned to Kozluk and Skocic, in Zvornik municipality. There were no incidents reported. Local police and representatives of international organisations were present on the spot.

## **Mostar**

Pre-war citizens of Bistrica, near Gacko returned to their destroyed houses. The Government of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and [UNHCR](#) delivered them some aid, Enes Ratkusic confirmed.

## **Medugorje**

On the occasion of the Assumption holiday, thousands of believers from all parts of the world arrived in Medugorje. Reported by Ivan Pavkovic.

## **Sport**

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