

OBN News Review, 15 June 1999

Headlines

- Sarajevo – Ante Jelavic new Chairman of the BiH Presidency
- Kosovo – international troops discover another three mass graves near Prizren
- Withdrawal of the Yugoslav Army goes as it was planned
- More than 1,000 Kosovo refugees returned from Macedonia to Kosovo
- [UNHCR](#) reported increasing exodus of Serb civilians from Kosovo
- Another Russian convoy on its way to Kosovo
- Mostar – opening of the production sector in the textile factory – 270 new working place
- TV Info topic – privatization in RS and BiH Federation
- UEFA forbid BiH football clubs to play in Europe for the period of one year

Sarajevo

Rotation of the BiH Presidency Chairman provided by the Constitution was implemented today. For the next eight months, Presidency Chairman will be Ante Jelavic, instead of Zivko Radisic stated OBN reporter Amarildo Gutic.

Kosovo

According to [NATO](#), one third of the Yugoslav Army have withdrawn from Kosovo up to now. The deadline for the withdrawal of all Yugoslav Army troops from the South of Kosovo expires tonight, at midnight. OBN reporter from Pristina, Natasa Narancic, reported on the current, unstable situation in Kosovo.

Serbian sources in Kosovo announced that approximately 7,000

Russian troops would arrive in Kosovo within the next few days. In Moscow, the Russian Prime Minister announced that the misunderstanding between Russia and [NATO](#), in respect of deployment of international troops in Kosovo, would be solved by the end of this week.

The Special [UNHCR](#) Envoy for the Balkans appealed to Kosovo refugees not to come back to their homes until all security conditions were provided. More than 23,000 Serbian civilians have left Kosovo since Saturday, when the deployment of international troops started. OBN reporter from Skoplje, Safet Bisevac, reported on more than 1,000 Kosovo refugees returning to Kosovo from Macedonia.

[SFOR](#) Spokesperson confirmed that another Russian convoy from the [SFOR](#) troops has gone to Kosovo. [SFOR](#) Headquarters was informed about the Russian Government's decision to move the troops to Yugoslavia to join 200 Russian troops who were moved from the [SFOR](#) base in South East Bosnia to Kosovo on Friday.

Brcko

Two police officers were suspended due to their unprofessional behavior and misuse of their authorizations last week in Brcko. OBN was unofficially informed that car smuggling was in question.

Sarajevo

A report on the irregular session of the Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry Syndicate held today in Sarajevo. Participants discussed the recent increase of attacks on police officers in the Canton and how to prevent that in the future.

Banja Luka

The first generation of students of the RS Interior Ministry School in Banja Luka have finished their schooling.

Zenica

A report on the suspension of the coal miners' strike in Zenica. The decision was reached after four days of strike due to unpaid salaries for April.

Mostar

Today in Mostar, the reconstructed textile factory restarted its production. The funds provided for the project were two million three hundred DEM.

Privatization (Topic of TV Info)

A report on the process of privatization in the Tuzla and Zenica-Doboj Canton areas. The first public auctions have been held in Zenica and Tuzla.

Sarajevo

This was followed by a report on the session of the team of privatization experts of the Sarajevo Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Banja Luka

A piece on privatization and its development in the RS came from Banja Luka. The Peoples Assembly of the Republika Srpska did not adopt the laws which are directly and indirectly connected to the privatization process and vouchers.

Sarajevo

Statistical institution in the Federation BiH has presented the data of the economy and other issues for May and April. According to this, industrial production in May was 3.5% lower than in the April.

News from the World

A piece on the international events and news – Pakistan,

Korea, [UN](#) -Iraq.

Vares

There is a problem in Vares, Central Bosnia, with unplanned utilization of forests, water resources and cattle funds. Local authorities and the Federal Minister discussed this problem.

The Journalist of the Year

The BiH Journalists Alliance selected the Journalist of the Year '98. "Fresh – Made in BiH", which is still broadcast on OBN, won the prize as the best show in the previous year.

BiH Schools

Pupils who wrote about the topic "The Archive as the source for the History of BiH" were given an award by the Archives Institution from The Federation and the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sport

UEFA confirmed that football clubs from BiH will not participate in Football Cups in Europe because of recent events in Mostar.