

# OBN News Review, 15 March 2000

## Headlines

- Price of fuel in the BiH Federation higher for 9,15 %
- Some 300 workers of the Tuzla company "Polihem" went on strike
- As from today, taxes for high-tax goods are same all over BiH – BiH Federation fulfilled the conditions imposed by [IMF](#)
- Representatives from the RS stop the boycott of the BiH Parliament functioning
- Fifteen Serbs and two members of KFOR were injured in the clashes in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Pentagon warned that there might be open arm clashes between KFOR troops and Kosovo Albanians extremists in Kosovo on spring

## Sarajevo

The BiH Federation Government decided to increase the price of diesel, engine gas and heating oil by 9,15 % in average. The Government explained its decision with the purchase problems. Also, the Government announced that the increase was economically justified and that the prices of other products on the market would not change. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Vedran Persic.

This was followed by an analysis, produced by Sanjin Beciragic for TV INFO, on the reasons for the increase of oil prices. There were some speculations that this was a game between the Government and the private owners where the citizens will probably have to suffer increase of the prices of all products on the BiH Federation market.

## Tuzla

Some 300 workers of the Tuzla company "Polihem" went on strike today because their demands were not fulfilled. The decision was made after a session of the company's syndicate board. The main reason for the strike is unpaid salaries, OBN reporter from the area, Damir Slepcevic, confirmed.

## **Sarajevo**

As from today, taxes for high-tax goods are same all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. This was the last condition imposed by the International Monetary Fund to the BiH Federation in order to continue the credit arrangement between BiH and the [World Bank](#). The same conditions are imposed to the RS and the deadline is March 17th. The piece was produced by OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic.

## **Banja Luka**

Representatives from both houses of the BiH Parliament from the RS will restart their participation in the sessions of this joint institution. This was the main topic of the talks between the representatives from the RS in the BiH Parliament and the BiH Presidency Member, Zivko Radisic, and the Vice President of the RS, Mirko Sarovic, held in Banja Luka today, Nedeljka Breberina confirmed for TV INFO.

## **World**

Fifteen Serbs and two members of KFOR were injured in the clashes which occurred in the North part of Kosovska Mitrovica. Pentagon warned that there might be open arm clashes between KFOR troops and Kosovo Albanians extremists in Kosovo on spring. Representatives of [NATO](#) and Russia began a meeting in Brussels where they discuss disarmament and military strategy in Europe. The piece on these and other current events in the world was produced by OBN journalist, Gordana Frimel.

## **Banja Luka**

The RS Government held its session today. The RS Government discussed mainly the changes and annexes of the laws. The report for TV INFO was produced by Tatjana Lajsic.

## **Zenica**

The factory of concrete from Kakanj will be privatized soon. The best conditions for the privatisation was offered by the German company "Heidelberger zement". The buyer is also ready to invest around 100 million DEM in the next ten years. OBN reporter from the area, Nela Kacmarcik, produced the report.

## **Prijedor**

The IPTF Spokesperson, Allun Roberts, announced that approximately one hundred Bosniak families have returned to the Prijedor Municipality since December last year who were temporary located in Sanski Most. The Executive Board of the Prijedor Municipality made a decision to start with a project through which more than 3,500 construction sites will be delivered to the Serbs from the republic of Croatia and the BiH Federation who want to stay in Prijedor. The report for TV INFO from Prijedor was produced by Milena Letic-Joves.

## **Ilidza / Banja Luka**

Mayors of the Ilidza and Srpska Ilidza municipalities agreed at today's meeting to start up activities on the mutual support in connection to the refugee return and the exchange of information and data.

A meeting on the return and reconstruction of the Sjeverozapadna Bosna was held in Banja Luka today. Information on the return of Bosniak families to Banja Luka, 127 of them, were presented. The piece for TV INFO from Banja Luka was produced by Milorad Milojevic.

## **Jajce**

A piece on the maneuvers of the BiH Federation Army, with a

participation of infantry and tank division, was produced by Marina Bogdanic.

## **Sarajevo**

A bridge over the river Sava in Brcko will be reconstructed in six months period while the bridge in Samac will be reconstructed in 18 months time. The projects are financed by the [EU](#), OBN reporter, Slobodan Maksimovic, confirmed.

This was followed by an item on the cooperation between Montenegro and BiH in tourism, produced by OBN reporter, Mirna Sadikovic.

Greetings for the Muslim feast Bajram, made by the hadzi hafiz Ismet ef. Spahic, were presented.

## **Sport**

Reports on international skiing and football were presented.