

# OBN News Review, 15 May 2000

## Headlines

- 44 Bosniacs, who died in the car accident near Kakanj, were buried today
- ZPP will be dissolved as planned
- Teachers in Unsko-Sanski Canton are on strike
- There are about 61 000 refugees in Canton Sarajevo who cannot return to their homes without the international help

## Zenica

44 Bosniacs who died in the tragic car accident near Kakanj were buried today. The Muslim religious leader, Mustafa Ceric performed the funeral ceremony. Several B&H officials attended the funeral. The health condition of 6 injured passengers in Zenica hospital has stabilised.

## Sarajevo

The sale of companies through public registration of shares will start on 3rd July. The Federal Privatisation Agency also defined the list of companies that will be privatised through tenders. The International Community presented their list of 80 companies, for which they found strategic partners. The report was produced by Anes Alic.

## Banja Luka

The RS Privatisation Agency informed the public about their activities today. The sale of the company "Plamen" attracted the greatest attention. It was sold for the price of KM826 189. The buyer is Danijel Karalic. Companies "Energokomerc" and "Pliva" were also sold.

## Sarajevo

At the Madrid Conference, it was decided that the ZPP would be dissolved. Banks and other institutions will take-over the role of the ZPP.

2000 workers in the Federation of B&H will lose their jobs after this process. At the moment, there are several options for solving this problem. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Damir Kaletovic.

Teachers in Unsko-Sanski Canton are on strike. Among the demands of the Union are payment of salaries for February, March and April and equalisation of pedagogic standards. The Canton authorities announced that the March salaries will be paid by the end of the week.

## **Sarajevo**

Employees of the dairy "Milcos" appointed the new Union management today. The director of the dairy, Azem Kaljanac announced that the employees who gave statements in front of the OBN camera would be punished. He said that he will not sue OBN for "publishing false information", and that this is a kind of donation for OBN. The lack of arguments proves that the only defendant soon might be Mr Kaljanac himself, OBN journalist Amarildo Gutic confirmed.

## **Sarajevo**

Export and import are increasing in B&H. The largest number of products has been exported to Switzerland, and mostly Italian products have been imported. 43% less of agricultural products were sold in April than in March. The report was produced by Mirna Sadikovic.

## **World**

Demonstrations against the current regime took place in Serbia today.

Media presentation of the hundred days of the new Croatian

government took place in Zagreb today.

At least 3 Palestinians died and about 300 were injured in clashes between the Israeli Army and Palestinian protestors in Ramallah.

The Israeli Government granted the delivery of two more villages to the Palestinian authorities. 6 ministers were against this decision.

Another white farmer died in Zimbabwe, after he had been injured in an attack of war veterans on his farm.

There are 200 missing persons registered, after yesterday's explosion in a factory in Holland. 15 bodies were recovered from the debris so far.

Rebels in Sierra Leone released 139 hostages.

The report on current events in the world was produced by Gordana Frimel.

## **Sarajevo**

In the end of last year, the USA suspended the training programme for HVO, because of their slow integration into the joint Federal Army. The Federal Minister Miroslav Prce met the American Ambassador Thomas Miller today. Miller informed him of the American demand for a unified command structure of the Federation Army. OBN reporter, Vedran Persic, produced the report.

## **Sarajevo**

There are 61 000 refugees in Sarajevo Canton at the moment. Without further aid from the international community, their return would be completed in 20 years, said Beriz Belkic, the Sarajevo Canton Prime Minister. At the moment, the Canton Government and 3 aid agencies help the return process. The report was produced by Sanjin Beciragic.

## **Bijeljina**

A recent visit of the High Representative, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) to Tuzla quickened the process of return from Tuzla to Bijeljina and vice versa. Only 135 evictions were successfully carried out in the Banja Luka region, said Alan Roberts, the IPTF Spokesman in Banja Luka and Bihac. "Numerous eviction delays are worrying", he added.

## **Sarajevo**

By the end of next week, B&H cantons and municipalities should get unified phone codes. The B&H international code won't be changed, OBN reporter Slobodan Maksimovic confirmed.

## **Sport**

Reports on International Chess Tournament "Bosnia 2000" that will start tomorrow, and international football were presented.