

# OBN News Review, 16 May 1999

## Headlines

- Despite severe weather conditions, [NATO](#) continued air strikes against Yugoslavia
- Vaclav Havel – Meeting G-8 on the Balkans issue should be held as soon as possible in Ljubljana
- Club 99 – Who prevents return to Sarajevo?
- TV INFO topics – Return to Kiseljak, Fojnica, Sevarlije and Vlasic – In Bijelo Polje, clearing of mines and building of water supply system
- When would the building of the highway through BiH Federation start?
- “Days of Croatia” in BiH begins tonight
- Gary Kasparov in Sarajevo

## Yugoslavia

Spokesman of [NATO](#), Jamie Shea, has been accused by some world media recently for his way of announcing facts about [NATO](#) strikes on Yugoslavia and giving comments. At today's press conference in Brussels, he was optimistic regarding Belgrade accepting five [NATO](#) conditions in the following week.

[NATO](#) continued to hit military posts of the Yugoslav Army in Kosovo. The most severe strikes occurred in the vicinity of Prizren and in Pec. New Kosovo refugees cross borders.

## Sarajevo

Association of Independent Intellectuals “Circle 99” discussed return of refugees to the capital of BiH today. Guest of the session was the President of the Sarajevo Declaration Implementation Managing Board, Mirza Hajric. There were opposite opinions from the guest and the host about the poor results of refugee return.

## **Kiseljak – Fojnica**

Unfortunately, Sarajevo is not the only example for the lack of return. Croat and Bosniak returnees moving between Kiseljak and Fojnica are facing a series of problems. OBN reporter, Ana Drmac, highlighted the Podcitonja village in the Fojnica Municipality where displaced Croats are supposed to return but have problems with water. However, in the Sevarlije village, 64 out of 415 Bosniak families have returned due to help of humanitarian organizations.

## **Podgorani and Prigradani (Mostar)**

Villagers of Podgorani and Prigradani villages near Mostar received a water supply system.

At the same time, the same emphasis for survival has also been to clear mines. OBN reporter, Duska Jurisic, visited the area and reported on mine clearing in the Bjelopolje area.

## **Highway through BiH Federation**

Federal Ministry for Traffic and Communications announced a tender for building the highway section between Sarajevo and Zenica in newspapers Oslobodenje and The Financial Times. The funds for this operation are \$315 million. The greatest part of the operation will be performed by local companies.

This was followed by a report on Ostrozac bridge on the road Konjic-Jablanica in Buturovic Polje, where reconstruction is undergoing. OBN reporter, Branka Vrebac, sent her report.

## **Duge (Herzegovina)**

Upon the intervention of the OHR, the building of the water power plant in the Herzegovina village, Duge, has been stopped. Villagers are afraid that the unique natural environment of the area could be destroyed and villagers could be without water.

## **Prijedor**

A piece on the difficult economic situation in the RS. Only one of many examples is a tyre factory in Prijedor which lost its market at the start of the [NATO](#) strikes on Yugoslavia.

## **World**

A piece on elections in Israel and possible winners.

## **Bihac**

A report from the children music festival in Bihac "Una". This is the traditional international festival of young talents between 4 and 14.

## **Sarajevo**

"Days of Croatia" event begins tonight. Manifestation will last until May 31st with an art exhibition of contemporary Croatian graphics.

## **Sport**

International chess tournament begins tomorrow in Sarajevo and the world champion, Gary Kasparov, has arrived. This report was followed by results of the local football matches and hockey matches in Norway, car race in Monaco and NBA.