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Headlines

- Strong earthquake struck Los Angeles
- Whether new national homogenisation threatens BiH?
- After <u>SFOR</u> action in Mostar, guest of TV INFO is <u>SFOR</u>
 Commander in BiH, General Montgomery Meigs
- Medical doctors still announce mass departure from BiH –
 example of this are doctors from the Zenica-Doboj Canton

Sarajevo

The guest of TV INFO was <u>SFOR</u> Commander in BiH, General Montgomery Meigs. OBN reporter Amarildo Gutic, confirmed that the current situation in Mostar was calm. The General explained details of the <u>SFOR</u> action in West Mostar which occurred on Thursday. The General said that the action was implemented within the mandate of <u>SFOR</u>. He added that this was the case when <u>SFOR</u> did not inform the authorities in advance that the action was going to be implemented.

This was followed by a phone call of OBN reporter from Mostar, Pejo Gasparevic. He asked the General why did <u>SFOR</u> soldiers enter the premises of the EROTEL TV station in West Mostar? General explained that the premises of EROTEL were placed in one of the buildings controlled by the secret intelligence service.

General Meigs confirmed that he was leaving his post of <u>SFOR</u> Commander on October 18th.

World

A piece on the second and final day of the Conference of the <u>EU</u> heads of states and governments was followed by reports on current events in Pakistan, East Timor, Chechenia, the USA and

Montenegro. The report was produced by OBN journalists, Zeljka Lekic and Gordana Frimel.

Kozarac

A piece on the return of Bosniaks to Kozarac. The Special Envoy of the German Government for Return, Hans Koschnik, visited the returnees in the town. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Milena Letic Joves.

Zenica

More and more medical doctors are leaving BiH. One of examples is departure of doctors from the Zenica-Doboj Canton. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Koraljka Kurcenberger.

Banja Luka

This year, 3,000 students have enrolled to the Banja Luka University. Students are faced with the problem of accommodation lack, OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Suzana Vukcevic, confirmed.

This was followed by a piece on the reactions in the RS about press releases issued by the <u>OSCE</u> and OHR on the information law. A report on this was produced by OBN reporter from the town, DarkoSavic.

Sarajevo

A piece on the second day of the International Theatre Festival "MESS". OBN reporter, Mirna Sadikovic, produced the report.

This was followed by a report on the last night concert of Djordje Balasevic in the Sarajevo hall "Zetra". 15,000 people attended the concert. OBN was media sponsor of the concert. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Damir Sehanovic.

Sport

A report on the local football matches was followed by a report on the Formula One training. A report on international football followed.