

# OBN News Review, 17 December 1999

## Headlines

- Bad weather conditions still cause cuts in the electricity supply and traffic breaks
- A great material damage has been caused in some of the areas in BiH
- The BiH Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic, because of the current situation with the weather, gave orders to ministries in order to provide functioning of the Federation vital functions
- Four years after the Dayton Peace Agreement was signed, [NATO](#) member countries' heads of diplomacies determined success and failures of the Agreement in Brussels
- Croatian Intelligence Service active in BiH – this was found out during [SFOR](#) action implemented on October 14th in Mostar
- Russia intensified attacks on Chechenia and its capital, Grozny
- Whether a single mother, Almira Comaga, would spend the night on the steps of the building, together with her two children

## Mostar

Approximately 1,500 people in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton had temporary to leave their houses because the river Neretva flooded the banks. The material damage is very big. There were no casualties. The Canton Government held the special session today. They decided to send a request to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Electricity Supply to urgently develop a plan for further prevention of flooding of the river Neretva.

In the meantime, the water level stabilized and decreased for

70 centimeters. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Mostar, Blazica Kristo.

This was followed by a piece on the material damage in the area. Only in the center of the town, some 70 apartments and several restaurants were flooded while three pedestrian bridges were destroyed. Citizens think that this could have been prevented. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sinisa Jokic.

## **Sarajevo**

The height of snow in Sarajevo is 95 centimeters. Local and international traffic was not stopped but it is moving slowly. The International Airport was closed. The Government provided additional funds in order to provide functioning of roads. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

This was followed by a report on other parts of BiH. State of emergency has been proclaimed in Sarajevo, Bihac, Srebrenik, Mostar, Tuzla, Zenica, Bugojno, Gracanica, Foca, Brcko and Banja Luka. The RS Car Association announced that traffic on the roads was moving slowly, while in the mountain areas, some parts of the roads were covered with ice. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Slobodan Maksimovic.

A piece on the electricity supply in the BiH Federation followed. More than 50% of users in the BiH Federation do not have electricity because of cuts in the electricity supply, OBN reporter, Mirna Sadikovic, confirmed. Management of the "Elektroprivreda" company decided to ask help from the BiH Federation Government, the Army and [SFOR](#) in order to get helicopters and repair damages which occurred on 30 long distance power lines.

## **Sarajevo**

A piece on the single mother, Almira Comaga, and her two children who were evicted from their apartment without

providing another accommodation. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic.

## **[SFOR](#) Action**

According to evidence material gathered in an [SFOR](#) operation on October 14th in West Mostar, a number of illegal activities of the Croatian Intelligence Service within BiH against the Dayton Peace Agreement, BiH citizens and the International Community were determined. The evidence also discovered illegal activities such as making of credit cards and porno materials. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Vedran Persic.

## **Brussels**

One of the central topics of the last session of [NATO](#) members heads of diplomacies in Brussels was Bosnia and Herzegovina. Four years after the Dayton Peace Agreement was signed, [NATO](#) member countries determined success and failures of the process. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Gordana Frimel.

## **BiH Police**

This was followed by a report on the BiH Police. And efforts in the fight against organised crime. The Deputy Federal Minister of Internal Affairs, Faik Lusija, explains for TV INFO, cooperation between BiH and other states in the region. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Damir Kaletovic.

## **World**

A report on current events in Chechenia and Russian intensified attacks on Chechenia and its capital, Grozny, was followed by reports on G 8 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Berlin and talks between Syria and Israel. The report on current events in the world was produced by OBN journalist, Zeljka Lekic.

## **Banja Luka**

A report on the meeting between the representatives of the RS Syndicate, the Chamber of Commerce and the relevant RS Ministry held today in Banja Luka. Again, the participants could not agree the minimum amount of money workers should receive for their work. Talks will be continued on Monday. The report was produced by Biljana Arsic.

## **Sport**

A report on the international basketball matches was followed by reports on NBA and international skiing.