

OBN News Review, 17 October 1999

Headlines

- The RS Ministry of Finance announced withdrawal of the Yugoslav dinar
- Russian troops near the capital of Chechenia, Grozni
- Did [NATO](#) hit the Chinese Embassy in May intentionally?
- Topics of TV INFO: Nationalism and war criminals
- Seeding of wheat in Semberija
- Construction of the road in the Breza municipality demonstrates implementation of law

Travnik (Podovi)

Unidentified individuals damaged several tombstones in the Podovi village near Travnik. They also pulled out several crosses in the Catholic graveyard. The same graveyard has been devastated several times. It is possible that the incident will slow down the return of Croats to the village. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Ana Drmac.

This was followed by a report on refugee return to the Pecine village in the Novi Travnik municipality. Before the war, 2,500 Croats had lived in the village. Eight houses have been reconstructed to date. Fifteen individuals returned. The funds were provided through UMCOR. The Croatian Government is currently reconstructing houses in the village for the returnees from Croatia, OBN reporter, Vanja Elezovic, confirmed.

Banja Luka

The RS Ministry of Finance announced new measures for the protection of RS budget funds. Although the official exchange rate in the RS between KM and Yugoslav dinar is 1:16, on the

streets of Banja Luka it was 1:20 today. OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Nedeljka Breberina, produced the report.

World

Pakistan General announced establishment of the six member National Security Council. The Council will manage the country. Russian troops are coming closer to the Chechen capital, Grozni. Approximately 160,000 refugees left the country. This was followed by reports on current events in Indonesia and East Timor, new fights in the North of Shri Lanka and another two earthquakes in Taiwan.

The British newspaper "The Observer" announced that [NATO](#) hit the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, in May this year intentionally. The British Foreign Minister, Robin Cook, denied the accusation immediately. Protests of citizens in Belgrade continue. In Kosovo, several explosions occurred. No one was injured. The report on current events in the world was produced by OBN journalist, Mladen Maric.

Sarajevo

A report on the meeting of the independent intellectuals association "Circle 99". The guest of the meeting was prominent British historian and writer, Jasper Ridley. He is considered the best biographer of the ex Yugoslav President, Josip Broz Tito. Jasper Ridley talked about the relation between nationalism and great powers of the world. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Mirela Pehar.

This was followed by a report on handing over of those indicted for war crimes to the Hague Tribunal. Mladen Naletilic (Tuta) from Croatia is one of them. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Vedran Persic.

Austria

A report on the recent parliamentary elections in Austria and

the victory of the right wing political party and its leader, Jorg Haider. The analysis of this was produced by OBN journalist, Mladen Maric.

Bijeljina

Seeding of wheat in Semberija has started. Farmers have problems because they lack funds. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter from Bijeljina, Zeljko Pantelic.

Breza

A piece on preparations for the construction of the road in the Breza municipality. The German Battalion of [SFOR](#) provided funds for the construction. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter, Sevko Bajic.

Sarajevo

A piece on the international festival of theatre "MESS", which is currently being held in Sarajevo. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Mirela Pehar.

Sport

A report on the Formula One race in Malaysia was followed by a report on the local football matches.