

# OBN News Review, 17 September 2000

## Headlines

- Frequent arrests of opposition and NGO members in Yugoslavia
- The French Police arrested 7 members of the terrorist organisation "Eta"
- B&H has the highest tax in Europe on import of new vehicles
- 254 Serb families applied for return in Tuzla municipality
- 3 world records were broken in the Summer Olympic Games in Sydney

## Yugoslavia

The Serbian police frequently arrest opposition activists and NGO members. Polling stations for the federal elections will be placed in private houses of some Army officers in Montenegro. The Montenegrin opposition announced possibility of an election fraud. The Yugoslav Army announced that they would prevent any violent attempts to take over the power in Montenegro. Reported by Adis Saranovic.

## World

The Peru President Alberto Fujimori announced resignation after a bribe scandal.

The French Police arrested 7 members of the terrorist organisation "Eta".

The Philippines Army continued attacking rebels who still keep 19 hostages.

The Dutch and Hungarian Governments announced tax privileges due to high fuel prices. Adis Saranovic reported on world events.

The Saudi Delegation, led by Prince Selman bin Abdul Asis left B&H today.

## **Sarajevo**

Inadequate customs control in B&H borders damaged entity budgets by hundreds of million DM. "We have prepared changes in the Law on customs policy and the Law on customs tariff", said the Deputy Minister for Customs and Tariff, Milenko Tomic. Reported by Svjetlana Celic.

## **Bijeljina**

The Department for Economy and Urbanism in the Brcko District recently completed a study on situation at the "Arizona" black market. According to the study, 95% of salesmen do not pay taxes. Due to non-regulated tax policy, Brcko District monthly loses more than KM 3 million. "I expect that we establish the tax system in a month", said the Head of the Department for Economy and Urbanism, Ismet Dedic. Slobodanka Radojkovic produced the report.

## **Sarajevo**

The Federal Government recently limited import of used vehicles in B&H. Vehicles produced more than 7 years ago cannot be imported any longer. Sale of new cars in B&H is very low, due to extremely high taxes. The B&H Association of vehicle importers announce that they will soon demand reduction of taxes on import of new vehicles. Reported by Anes Alic.

## **Capljina**

According to the Chairman of the New Croatian Initiative (NHI), Kresimir Zubak, taking drugs in the Capljina barracks

became very frequent. Mr. Zubak based these claims on a report of Croat officers in the Federal Defence Ministry. "I saw no such report", said the Federation Army Commander, Atif Dudakovic. "Bosniac officers do not know what happens in Croat barracks and vice versa", Mr. Zubak said. Reported by Damir Kaletovic.

## **Tuzla**

There were several incidents during recent evictions of refugee families from Serb houses in the settlement Bare, near Tuzla. It is questionable whether the authorities provided conditions for return in both directions. Reported by Adis Nisic.

## **Tuzla**

A large number of Serb refugees applied for return to Pozarnica, near Tuzla. The basic priority is reconstruction of their houses.

## **Brcko**

[UNHCR](#), entity ministries for refugees, the Commission for Human Rights, local police and the Brcko District Mayor signed an agreement which includes registration of refugees and displaced persons in the whole of the District. The project will be financed by international organisations, and should be completed in 60 days. Slobodanka Radojkovic produced the report.

TV INFO's guest was Branko Duric, famous B&H actor who currently lives in Slovenia. At the moment, he works on a project of demining in B&H.

## **Sport**

Reports on the 27th Summer Olympic Games in Sydney and local football were presented.