

# OBN News Review, 18 June 1999

## Headlines

- G8 Summit on Kosovo in Koln
- Successful Yugoslav forces' withdrawal from Kosovo
- Germans demilitarize KLA in Prizren, Kosovo
- Louise Arbour claims for stronger [SFOR](#) mandate in BiH
- TV INFO topic: How to decrease the military budget and number of soldiers and how to increase number of returnees?
- Railroads workers strike from today

## Convertible Mark

Convertible Mark has its first birthday. This is one of the strongest cohesion elements in the country. OBN crew made a piece on this according to the news of the BH Press Agency.

## Kosovo

Soldiers of the Kosovo Liberation Army in Prizren, Kosovo will not be permitted to bear any weapon with them. Also, they can not walk in uniforms. Colonel Rolf Besch said that the High Representative Ekrem Rexha proposed this forbid as an introduce to the further agreement between [NATO](#) and KLA.

According to the [NATO](#), Yugoslav forces' withdrawal from Kosovo took an successful development. In the terms of deadlines, neither one soldier can stay in Kosovo until Sunday midnight.

In front of KFOR Headquarters in Skopje the bomb exploded. There was no injured people. Investigation is ongoing. Safet Bisevac from Skopje reported on this. Also, he reported on returnees to Kosovo from Macedonia. 5.420 refugees from Kosovo returned their to homes yesterday. Up to now 10.000 refugees returned to their homes in Kosovo, even if the [UNHCR](#) warned them that living and safety conditions are not favorable yet.

According to the Monte Negro Police Report 600 of Serbs and Monte Negros from Kosovo arrived to Rozaje, Monte Negro.

## **Koln**

G8 Summit on Kosovo in Koln began. Zdravko Lipovac reported from Koln. German Chancellor Schroeder met with Bill Clinton. [NATO](#) and Russia relationship was discussed. It was announced informally that Germany could catalyze between these two.

Robert Gelbard visited Podgorica to encourage democracy process in Yugoslavia.

## **Brussels**

After experience with KFOR in Kosovo, Louise Arbour asked for stronger mandate of [SFOR](#) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in order to underline [SFORs'](#) duty to arrest war criminals. Mirko Klarin reported on this.

Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council was concerned by the lack of achievements in the Peace Implementation Process. Steering Board was not satisfied by the BiH Parliament functioning.

## **Banja Luka**

Prime Minister of the Republika Srpska, Milorad Dodik, nine Presidents of Municipalities in the Republika Srpska and USAID assigned the Memorandum of 17 million dollars of aid for infrastructure and reconstruction in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This report was followed by reactions on the return of the property in the Republika Srpska.

## **Sarajevo**

OBN's reporters Danijela Bozic and Amarildo Gutic researched the case of attacks on the policeman in Federation BiH and

Sarajevo Canton, organized criminal, and protection of witnesses.

## **SDA**

Executive board of the SDA Party proposed to redirect 50 million out of the military budget for the development of the returning process. OBN's reporter Sanjin Beciragic made a piece on this.

## **Privatization in BiH**

President of the War Veterans Organization in the Republika Srpska, Zdravko Petrovic, said that veterans from RS are not satisfied with the privatization process, particularly with project for privatization 350 small companies. He claimed for postponement of this process until the law of rights for veterans would be adopted. War veterans in the Federation BiH have the same opinion. Dejan Hadzic from Banovici made a piece on this.

## **Neum**

OBN's editor Mujo Delibegovic attends the seminar on transition and privatization, organized by International League of Humanists. He reported on tourism as the chance to make incomes in BiH from this.

## **Sarajevo**

A report on the strike of railroads workers. Among other requests, workers ask from the Government to provide funds for social security of workers. On this occasion Prime Minister of the Federation BiH, Edhem Bicakcic had a meeting with Steering Board of Railways and Representatives of Syndicates.

## **Tuzla**

It is announced that Airport will be opened for civil traffic.

## **Sport**

A report from Bihac on the “Jedinstvo” football team that will represent BiH at the forthcoming match. Hockey and NBA reports followed.

## **Mostar**

Fisherman in Mostar hunted the fish with 17 kg weight. This is a local record, not only story.