

# OBN News Review, 18 March 2000

## Headlines

- The Banja Luka Bishop, Franjo Komarica, pronounced for the humanist of 1999
- Sadako Ogata visited Banja Luka
- Four years have passed since the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement – out of eleven annexes of the Agreement, only two of them have been implemented
- Presidential elections in Taiwan were finished
- At the meeting in Budapest of the neighbouring countries of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the participants expressed their concern because of the current events in Yugoslavia
- The Yugoslav authorities deprived the TV station Kraljevo their main transmitter
- How did the Irishmen in Sarajevo celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

## Banja Luka

The Banja Luka Bishop, Franjo Komarica, was pronounced for the humanist of 1999. He was presented with this relevant award by the President of the International League of Humanist, Helmut Moritz, in Banja Luka today. The report from Banja Luka for TV INFO was produced by Milorad Milojevic.

This was followed by a piece on the visit of the [UN](#) High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, to Banja Luka. Ms. Ogata met with the representatives of refugee Serbs from the Republic of Croatia. The [UN](#) High Commissioner visited also the Bosniak returnees near Prijedor. The High Commissioner said that this was an area where they can do much more. The piece was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Suzana Vukcevic.

## **Sarajevo**

The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights held a public meeting on the topic "The Dayton Peace Agreement – Four Years of Experience". The conclusion of the meeting was that the Dayton peace Agreement has not been implemented fast enough. Out of eleven annexes of the Agreement, only two of them have been implemented up to date, the war was stopped and the status of Brcko was solved. Approximately one million of people is still out of their pre-war homes, OBN reporter, Anes Alic, confirmed.

This was followed by a piece on the recent visit of the delegation of the Croatian People's Council (HNV) to Zagreb. The delegation met with the top officials of the new authorities. According to the President of the Croatian People Council, Ivo Komsic, the new Croatian authorities gave their full support to the HNV. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Adis Saranovic.

The Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued a press release saying that on the session scheduled for March 20th 2000, the members will discuss the election of the new judge of the BiH Constitutional Court who will replace the judge who resigned recently. The importance of the BiH Constitutional Court for the protection of the constitutional and legal system and the rights determined by the Constitution was the topic of two days International Conference in Sarajevo, with the participation of fifteen representatives from European countries. The item was produced by OBN reporter, Zeljka Lekic.

## **Kraljevo (Serbia)**

Yesterday, the Yugoslav authorities deprived the opposition TV station Kraljevo and their main transmitter. During the last ten days, broadcast of programming has been stopped in seven other independent local TV and radio stations. The report from

Kraljevo for TV INFO was produced by Mirjana Kos-Radulovac.

## **World**

At the meeting in Budapest of the presidents of governments of seven neighbouring countries of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the participants expressed their concern because of the current events in Yugoslavia. The [NATO](#) Secretary General, George Robertson, said he was not able to anticipate the escalation of violence in Kosovo and Montenegro but all of those who cause violence had to know that [NATO](#) had strength to response to any provocation. Reports on Taiwan and Chechnya were presented. The report on current events in the world was produced by OBN reporter, Gordana Frimeč.

## **Sarajevo**

A piece on the meeting between the representatives of the trade union and the management of "Centrotrans". They have been discussing the difficult position of more than 540 workers of the company and the process of privatisation. The item was produced by OBN reporter, Sevko Bajic.

## **Bosanska Krupa**

A pilot project of the construction of 20 houses have been going on currently in the Bosanska Krupa residential quarter, Otoka. The construction material has been provided by donors and the owners of the houses implement the construction works, OBN reporter from the area, Azra Bajric, confirmed.

## **Sport**

Reports on local football, NBA, international skiing and jumps were presented.