

# OBN News Review, 19 December 1999

## Headlines

- Consequences of the storm which struck BiH still present
- Portugal handed over Macao to China after 442 years of colonial rule
- The Head of the French Intelligence Service dismissed because of poor results achieved on the Balkans
- Association of independent intellectuals "Circle 99" discussed the relation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Croatia after the death of the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman
- Why a young pilot, who returned to BiH after he finished studies in the USA, can not find a job in BiH?

## Weather in BiH

In the areas of Sarajevo, Una-Sana, Hercegovina-Neretva and Bosna-Podrinje cantons, electricity supplying has been stable. On the other hand, there have been cuts in the electricity supply in Tuzla, Zenica-Doboj and Srednja Bosna cantons. The biggest problem crews have been faced with was providing the access to the damaged parts of the electricity supply system. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic.

This was followed by a report on the current situation in Sarajevo. Traffic in the town has been moving very slowly, OBN reporter, Slobodan Maksimovic, confirmed.

Although the RS "Elektroprivreda" crews have been on the ground trying to repair damaged electricity supply system in the RS, it is still not known when the entire RS will start receiving normal electricity supplies. Although, the state of emergency was proclaimed in Pale and Srpsko Sarajevo, the situation has gradually normalized after three days of severe

weather conditions. Also, the road traffic in the biggest part of the RS has normalized. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Sanela Zivkovic.

The water level of the Neretva river is under the control. Although the water level is above the normal, the danger of flood is no longer present. Currently, a great damaged caused by floods last week is being estimated. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sinisa Jokic.

This was followed by a report on current situation in the Srednja-Bosna Canton. The biggest part of the Canton has been still without electricity supply because of great damage caused by the storm. "Elektroprivreda" announced that the area would get electricity soon. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Kiseljak, Ana Drmac.

## **World**

Portugal handed over Macao to China after 442 years of its colonial rule. The area is now under the special management, monitored by China. Two thousand and five hundred honoured guests attended the special ceremony. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Gordana Frimel.

This was followed by a report on a discrete dismissal of the Head of the French Intelligence Service. He was appointed in 1993. According to a source of the SENSE Agency, the dismissal was caused by bad results achieved in the ex-Yugoslavia countries, especially in Serbia. The report for TV INFO from Paris was produced by Dzevad Sabljakovic.

Approximately 107 million citizens voted on the parliamentary elections in Russia for 450 representatives in the Lower House of the Russian Parliament, Duma. Unofficial results are expected to be announced tomorrow morning. This was followed by reports on Chechenia, Italy, Shri Lanka and Venezuela.

## **Sarajevo**

Today in Sarajevo, the association of independent intellectuals "Circle 99" discussed the relation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Croatia after the death of the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman. Although culture and economic cooperation between two countries exists, the political and military cooperation has been very poor. Members of the Association said that the politics of the Republic of Croatia has to be changed. If HDZ win on the forthcoming parliamentary elections in Croatia, this process will be prolonged in comparison to the case if opposition parties win. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

### **Petrovo**

Businessmen from Gracanica in the BiH Federation and the Petrovo Municipality in the RS, signed the first cross-entity agreement on economic and technical cooperation. The agreement includes the production of food according to ecological standards. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Muhamed Cabric.

### **Brcko**

A piece on the three-day seminar held in Brcko. The seminar was attended by syndicate representatives from the Tuzla Canton and Brcko District. The topic of the seminar was collective negotiations between syndicates and employers. The organiser of the gathering was the Center of Solidarity of the USA Syndicate. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Slobodanka Radojkovic.

### **Sarajevo**

A piece on a young pilot, Sasa Taborin, who returned to BiH despite good prospects in the USA. Now, he can not find a job. It seems Sasa Taborin can not find a job because some of the positions have already been reserved for the relatives of the managers. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic.

## **Sport**

A piece on the international skiing was presented.