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Headlines

- Japan, member of G8, asks stopping of [NATO](#) strikes
- Members of the [EU](#) tomorrow will discuss Milosevic's accepting of principles of the G8 plan
- [NATO](#) target in Yugoslavia – telecommunication system
- Attacks in Zvornik and Rudo, Gen. Montgomery Meigs determined as severe violation of the Peace Agreement
- Topic of TV Info – entering of BiH to the EC conditioned with reconstruction of police and return process

Yugoslavia

At least 11 people have killed during [NATO](#) strikes on a bridge in Varvarin, 160 km South of Belgrade, TANJUG reported. During the night, main targets of [NATO](#) air strikes were in Belgrade and its vicinity, in the South of Serbia and Kosovo, OBN reporter from Belgrade, Tatjana Stankovic, confirmed.

World – reactions

In Moscow, only two days after Victor Chernomyrdin's statement that Belgrade had accepted principles of the leading western countries and Russia, a meeting of Russian officials was held. The West is still very cautious regarding Milosevic's decision. The Belgrade News Agency BETA reported that plan presented by Victor Chernomyrdin differs from the plan presented by the G8. Russian plan includes presence of international troops from neutral countries in Kosovo.

Kosovo – refugees

The International Red Cross announced sending new humanitarian convoys to Kosovo. Albanian authorities said that another five hundred Kosovo refugees had entered Albania. Most of them were in a prison in Smrekovnica near Vucitrn. According to them,

another 3,000 Albanians are still captured in this prison.

Topic of TV Info – BiH & EC

A report from the ground regarding preconditions that BiH has to fulfil in order to enter the European Council. By September 1999, Bosnia & Herzegovina has to fulfill eight conditions in order to become a member of the EC. Fulfilling of the conditions is still uncertain.

Reconstruction of police in BiH Federation

A piece on the reconstruction of police forces in BiH and establishment of co-operation with police headquarters of other countries. These are some of the main preconditions for entering the Council of Europe. Another big work is establishment of the joint database.

SFOR

In a report made by the TV [SFOR](#), Gen. Montgomery Meigs said that the attack on [SFOR](#) house in Zvornik was an attempt of murder and that action will be undertaken as soon as investigation finishes.

Skrobucani / Gorice (Prozor)

Two hundred refugees have returned to Skrobucani and Gorice villages in the Prozor Municipality. Villagers need support in order to reconstruct their houses.

Lovnica (Zepce)

OBN reporter from Zepce, Vanja Elezovic, reports on the process of return in the Lovnica village near Zepce. During the first phase of return, 106 houses of the Croat returnees were reconstructed.

Prijedor

A piece on closing of collective refugee centers in the RS. As

from June, [UNHCR](#) and WFP stop funding of the collective centers. In the RS, some 6,800 people currently live in the centers. Only in Prijedor, more than 500 people live in centers. OBN reporter from Prijedor, Milena Letic Joves sent her report.

Vozuca (Zavidovici)

A report on return to the Vozuca village in the Zavidovici Municipality and improving of living conditions including reconstruction of the elementary school and opening of a fuel station.

Sarajevo

A piece on reconstruction of a Catholic church in Sarajevo. The reconstruction has started six months ago. This is an important step in the process of return.

World

A report on the Kashmir crisis was followed by a report on a conflict in the capital of the South Africa and search for missing people after the fire in an Austrian tunnel that happened few days ago.

International Space Station

A report on the two US astronauts from the space ship Discovery, who started repairing the International Space Station last night.

Sarajevo

A report from the Cardiology Clinic in Sarajevo where some hundred operations on open heart have been performed. Most of the operations have been very successful.

Dobrosevici (Sarajevo)

A piece on fishermen competition in Dobrosevici near Sarajevo

during the weekend.

Sport

Report from the qualifications for the forthcoming European Championship in volleyball. The BiH team won in a match with the Israeli team. This was followed by reports from basketball for women, cycling, car racing, tennis and NBA.