

# OBN News Review, 21 September 1999

## Taiwan

A report on the disastrous earthquake in Taiwan where 1,500 people were killed and 3,700 were injured. More than 1,000 people have been trapped under the rubble. After the main earthquake, another 1,000 after-shocks shook the country, OBN journalist, Mladen Maric, produced the report.

## Mostar

Today [SFOR](#) and local police officers blocked access to the centre of Mostar for a few hours. The action was undertaken in order to allow four investigators of the Hague Tribunal to investigate evidence of crimes committed in Mostar. OBN reporter, Vedran Persic, produced the report.

## Headlines

- The USA envoys for the Balkans and anti-corruption, James Perdue and Robert Frowick, visited Banja Luka and Mostar today
- The Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs confirmed that the wanted circular was sent out for Mehrez Amdouni internationally and nationally
- The BiH Federation President claims that his decision to appoint two ministers was made according to the Constitution of the Federation
- Agreement on education of the Bosniak elementary school pupils finally reached
- There will be no reconstruction of the Travnik Municipality structure yet
- Protests for Slobodan Milosevic dismissal in twenty towns of Serbia

## **Banja Luka**

A report on visits to Banja Luka and Mostar by the USA Deputy Envoy for the Balkans, James Perdew, and the Head of the Anti-corruption Team for BiH, Robert Frowick. The envoys met with the RS officials in order to discuss issues such as refugee return, work of joint BiH institutions and the fight against corruption. OBN reporter, Valentina Knezevic, produced the report.

## **Mostar**

This was followed by a report on the visit of the USA envoys to the town of Mostar, produced by OBN reporter from the town, Mirsad Behram.

## **Sarajevo**

A report on Mehrez Amdouni, arrested a few days ago at Istanbul airport, suspected for international terrorism. The BiH passport was found with Amdouni and the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs confirmed that the documents were issued legally. OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic, researches ways and conditions for getting BiH citizenship.

Ivo Andric Luzanski, President of the BiH Federation believes that the decision of the High Representative in BiH to dismiss the recently appointed Croat ministers in the BiH Federation Government, is against the Constitution. Ivo Andric Luzanski stressed that his decision to appoint the ministers was made according to the BiH Federation Constitution and was approved by relevant officials. OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic, produced the report.

## **Banja Luka**

A piece on the statement of the RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik, about the need for new elections for the RS President. The report was produced by the OBN reporter from Banja Luka,

Dragan Stanimirovic.

## **Sarajevo**

A report on the new issuing of privatisation certificates and notices to those citizens in the BiH Federation who had either submitted requests to amend previous certificates or who had not received certificates at all, OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic, confirmed.

## **World**

A report on the [UN](#) General Assembly session was followed by reports on the current events in East Timor, Russia, Middle East and Serbia. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Mladen Maric.

This was followed by a piece on Kosovo, produced by OBN journalist, Slobodan Maksimovic.

## **Zepce**

Agreement on education of the Bosniak returnees children was finally reached. As from today, returnees will start enrolling their children to elementary schools in Zepce.

## **Guca Gora (Travnik)**

A report on returning Croat refugees to the Guca Gora village in the Travnik Municipality and reconstruction of the pre-war homes and facilities.

## **Doboj**

The third International Show of Small Businesses opened today in Doboj. There were not many exhibitors from the Federation, only five of them.

## **Sarajevo**

A piece on the thirty eight international Sarajevo Days of

Poetry, opened today in the “Dom pisaca” in Sarajevo.

## **Sport**

A report on local basketball was followed by a report on the local football matches.