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Headlines

- Health of the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, deteriorated – parliament parties agreed that the President should be proclaimed temporarily unable to perform his duties
- Workers of the Banja Luka "Incel" factory, who recently have gone on strike, protest in front of the RS Government building
- Sarajevo craftsmen threaten with protests
- Bill Clinton in Bulgaria – Madeline Albright in Slovakia
- Traffic on the roads has been slowed down in most parts of BiH due to snow

Zagreb

At the meeting of all parliament parties' heads with the President of the Croatian Parliament, the participants agreed in principle to institute that the President has been temporarily unable to perform his duties under the Constitution Law. Last night, the health of the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, deteriorated, OBN reporter from Zagreb, confirmed. According to the Croatian Constitution, President of the Parliament should temporarily replace the President. However, it was said that due to the enormous contribution of President Tudjman regarding the establishment of the Croatian state and in order to protect his dignity and avoid the Constitution crisis in Croatia, the above mentioned measure was made by HDZ Party.

World

A piece on the meeting held in Strasbourg about the future of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Fifty representatives of

opposition parties, independent media and non-governmental organisations from Serbia and Montenegro were at the meeting. A joint statement was adopted at the end of the meeting. The US President, during his visit to Bulgaria, promised military, economic and political support to this country. He is the first US President who officially visited Bulgaria. Tomorrow, President Clinton will visit Kosovo and end his ten day European tour. Russian military sources announced that thirty military actions were made in the last 24 hours in Chechenia. This was followed by a report on current events in the Middle East. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Zeljka Lekic.

Mostar

A report on the attack on the Head of the UN Office in Mostar by unknown individuals. The attack occurred in the cafe bar "Marsal" in the Stari Grad municipality in Mostar on Saturday night, OBN reporter from Mostar, Pejo Gasparevic, confirmed. There were no official announcements regarding the event.

Banja Luka

A piece on more than 500 workers of the Banja Luka wood factory "Incel" who gathered in front of the RS Government building. Unsatisfied workers ask for their unpaid salaries, social insurance and facilities they need for production. The workers have been on strike for the last seven days, OBN reporter from Banja Luka, confirmed.

This was followed by a report on media and companies of special interest privatisation in the RS. The Privatisation Hub announced they would offer a privatisation concept of media by the end of this year. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Milorad Milojevic.

Sarajevo

Craftsmen and businessmen from the old town of Sarajevo request an active participation in discussions about the draft

law on restitution. They announce protests if authorities do not keep their promise to give them special benefits in purchasing their premises. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

Foca

After his visit to Foca, the Deputy High Representative, Ralph Johnson, stressed that a dialogue between authorities representatives was necessary for the process of return to both BiH Federation and the RS, OBN reporter, Vedran Persic, confirmed.

Banja Luka

A piece on a small community of Gypsies, refugees from Serbia, who fled Serbia during the NATO strikes. Currently, they need accommodation for they still live in tents. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Sanela Zivkovic. These refugees have been in a very difficult position without elementary living conditions.

Pazaric

More than 350 children have been place in the Care for Children and Young People Center. Children and young people currently placed in the Center are from BiH, Croatia and Montenegro. Although they receive adequate medical treatment and education, the Center lack funds. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sevko Bajic.

Sarajevo

This was followed by a report on the orphanage house in Sarajevo “Egypt” and one hundred years of its existence. On June 12th, the home was reopened after a three year reconstruction. Children from all over BiH have been found security in the home. OBN reporter, Vanja Elezovic, produced the report.

Guest of TV INFO

Guest of TV INFO and OBN presenters, Duska Jurisic and Aleksandar Mlac, was Artur Takac, the prominent ex sportsman and the current Advisor of the International Olympic Committee President. Today in Sarajevo, his book “Sixty Olympic Years” was promoted.

Sport

A report on the BiH basketball team was followed by reports on international tennis and football.