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Headlines

- <u>OSCE</u> do not intend to organise premature presidential elections in the RS
- "Reporters Without Borders" protest because the Serbian border police confiscated the Banja Luka weekly "Reporter"
- Commission for the Revision of BiH Citizenship will need more than a year and half to finish its work
- Serb members of the Kosovo Interim Council resigned
- Violence in East Timor continues despite the arrival of peace troops
- Prosecutors from the BiH Federation talked with Ejup Ganic about problems they are faced with in their work

Sarajevo / Banja Luka

A promotion video which should encourage citizens to support the fight against crime and the black market in BiH was shown at the beginning of the report. OBN reporter, Anes Alic, produced the report on the work of the BiH Federation customs and how to improve it. This was followed by a report from Banja Luka about the same issue. In both BiH entities, telephone lines where the citizens can report cases of smuggling were established. The report from Banja Luka was produced by OBN reporter from the town, Valentina Knezevic.

This was followed by a report on the public prosecutors in BiH and the political pressure they are exposed to. The Head of the Anti-corruption Team in the BiH Federation, Ejup Ganic, explains the situation with the public prosecutors in BiH. The report on a number of different corruption teams in BiH was produced by OBN reporter, Bakir Hadziomerovic.

Banja Luka

A respectful international journalist organisation "Reporters Without Borders" protested due to yesterday's confiscation of the Banja Luka weekly "Reporter" on the border between BiH and Serbia. The weekly published a list of the richest families in Serbia. OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Dragan Stanimirovic, confirmed.

Istanbul, Turkey

After his visit to Kuwait, the BiH Presidency member, Alija Izetbegovic, arrived in Turkey today where he will stay for a few days. The Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Ante Jelavic, announced that Alija Izetbegovic had not informed the Presidency about his trip which could damage relations between the federal partners, Bosniak and Croats. OBN reporter from Istanbul, Josko Bojadzic, produced a report on the arrival of the BiH Presidency member in Turkey.

Sarajevo

A piece on the recently established Commission for the Revision of BiH Citizenship which will need more than a year and half to finish its revision. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic.

Mostar

Today, <u>SFOR</u> members blocked access to the street where the building of the ex Herceg-Bosna Ministry of Defence was located. <u>SFOR</u> secured a team of the Hague Tribunal investigators who spent more than an hour in the building. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the town, Pejo Gasparevic.

Banja Luka

OSCE do not intend to organise premature presidential elections in the RS although the coalition "Sloga" is for the

idea, OBN reporter from the town, Tatjana Lajsic, confirmed.

World

A report on current events in Kosovo was followed by reports on the situation in Serbia. OBN reporter from Belgrade, Danica Ilic, produced the report on the protests organised by the opposition parties in Serbia. Reports on current events in Taiwan, East Timor, Germany and Belgium followed.

Zvornik

A report on the blockade of the industry in Zvornik due to the lack of gas. The gas is necessary for heating as well, OBN reporter from the area, Zeljko Pantelic, confirmed.

Sarajevo

A piece on the International League of Humanists which will organise a conference between September 26th and 28th in Dubrovnik about the protection of children. The member of the League of Humanists, Professor Cazim Sadikovic, explains the issue for TV INFO.

This was followed by a report on the <u>UN</u> Mission in BiH who have initiated a driving safety campaign from September 24th, OBN reporter, Adis Saranovic, confirmed.

The international festival of alternative and experimental theatres "Teatarfest – Sarajevo 99" begins tomorrow in Sarajevo.

Sport

A report on international football matches for young teams in Bihac was followed by a report on international football.