

# OBN News Review, 24 August 2000

## Headlines

- The Chairman of the Council of Ministers announced revision of work of the State Border Service
- The RS Assembly discussed measures for stabilisation of economic situation
- 143 passengers died in a plane crash in Bahrain
- Draughts caused great damages to B&H agriculture

## Sarajevo

The Chairman of the B&H Council of Ministers, Spasoje Tusevljak demanded that 3 ministries make reports on work of the State Border Service. Representatives of the Border Service were not allowed to attend today's session. Reported by Vedran Persic.

## Banja Luka

The RS Assembly discussed set of Government's economic measures for improvement of the state budget. [IMF](#)'s final deadline for adoption of these measures is 26th August. Representatives of DNS and SDS criticised the report of the RS Government, claiming that obligations of the Government were not mentioned in it. Reported by Dragan Stanimirovic.

## Banja Luka

Pensioners' protests continued today. The RS Prime Minister, Milorad Dodik addressed them. His bodyguards prevented media representatives from attending the discussion, Suzana Vukcevic reported.

## Sarajevo

The US Government donated, through the USAID, KM 11 million to the Agency for secure deposits. The money will enable banks, which sign contracts with the Agency, to provide secured saving to depositors. "Banks which participate in this programme will have at least KM 5000, and there will be no possibility for savers to lose their money, if banks run into any financial problems", said the Director of USAID Mission, Edward L. Kadunc. Zeljka Lekic produced the report.

## **Sarajevo**

Judges of the B&H Constitutional Court made 4th decision on balancing entity and state constitutions. Several provisions of entity constitutions were proclaimed unconstitutional. Reported by Adis Saranovic.

## **Brcko**

The Federation President, Ejup Ganic visited Tuzla and Brcko today. He met members of executive authorities. They discussed refugee return and better functioning of the authorities in the Brcko District. Mr. Ganic also met the Association of Returnees in Brcko. The report was produced by Adis Nisic.

## **Sarajevo**

Bishops of B&H sent a letter to the Chairman of the Stability Pact, Bodo Hombach, appealing on him to finally do something to help refugee return. "It is shameful that people live in tents in the end of 20th century", bishops wrote in their letter. Sevko Bajic produced the report.

## **Banja Luka**

Draught in the RS caused great damages to the economy. Representatives of the RS Ministry of Agriculture did not want to give any comments. The State Central Office for Merchandise Reserves hopes that the US Government will give them a loan in goods. Reported by Sanela Zivkovic.

## **Sarajevo**

Extremely high temperatures caused the lack of stock-feed in B&H in the last 4 months. Therefore, increase of prices of meat, fruit and vegetables is expected, Anes Alic reported.

## **World**

143 passengers died in a plane crash in Bahrain. Fire in one of the engines caused the accident.

The Yugoslav Army blocked roads from Pljevlje to B&H.

The US Secretary General, Madeline Albright called for citizens of Serbia to vote for opposition parties in the forthcoming elections.

The Commemoration for the death staff of the Russian submarine "Kursk" took place in North Russia. The Russian President, Vladimir Putin rejected the offered resignations of the Minister of Defence, Igor Sergeiev and the Commander of the Navy.

1 person was killed in clashes between protestant paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland.

4 bombs exploded in Baskia early this morning. Mladen Maric produced the report on world events.

## **Citluk**

The SDP Municipal Board was founded in Citluk last night. Milan Lovric was appointed as the new Chairman of the SDP in Citluk. Reported by Misijana Brkic.

## **Sarajevo**

7 movies will be shown within the Regional programme of the Sarajevo Film Festival, Gordana Frimel confirmed.

## **Sport**

Reports on local and international football, and local volleyball were presented.

### **Sretnice**

A new water supply system was constructed in Sretnice, Anja Grujic reported.