

# OBN News Review, 25 May 1999

## Headlines

- [NATO](#) targeted transmitters and strategic facilities storages
- The main topic in Washington, Moscow and Brussels was deployment of ground troops in Kosovo
- Session of the Representative House of the BiH Federation Parliament
- Christian Schwarz Schilling talks about return to Ilidza
- Japan donated 35 town buses to Banja Luka
- Tuzla – commemoration to the young people killed in a massacre on May 25th 1996

## Yugoslavia

The Agency BETA reported that [NATO](#) has struck the Bar harbour in Montenegro. In Krusevac, the civil and military police force has been intensified in order to prevent anti-war protests of the citizens.

## Kosovo Crisis

Diplomacy has never stopped searching for a solution for the Kosovo crisis. Although the Russian Minister Ivanov claims that [NATO](#) air strikes on Yugoslavia have frozen relations between Russia and the West, he has continued to make preparations for tomorrow's meeting in Moscow where deployment of ground troops will be discussed.

Kosovo refugees, currently placed in Albania, are not safe because they are too near to the Yugoslav border. Because of possible Yugoslav Army attacks, refugees are being moved from Kukes to the South of Albania. New refugees have arrived to the Blace border crossing.

[NATO](#) decided to stop transmission of the RTV Serbia satellite

signal due to their propaganda activities. OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic, reports on another kind of war – the war on Internet – where the Yugoslav sources report on their side of the story.

## **Sarajevo**

A report on the session of the Representative House of the BiH Federation Parliament. Only six issues out of twelve were adopted.

## **Banja Luka**

The main topic at the international organizations' press conference in Banja Luka was the current situation in the RS. OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Tatjana Lajsic, sent her report.

## **Sarajevo**

[SFOR](#) Commander, General Montgomery Meigs, met with the BiH Federation Prime Minister, Edhem Bicakcic, and signed today a memorandum of understanding which will provide monitoring and distribution of fuel supplies on the Federation territory. A similar document has been signed with the RS Government.

Christian Schwarz Schilling talked today about return to the Ilidza Municipality, near Sarajevo, currently populated with more than 20,000 refugees.

## **Kalesija**

Last month, a humanitarian action gathering of aid for the returnees in the Podrinje area was conducted in Tuzla. Today, the collected aid was handed over to the returnees in Kalesija.

## **Gorazde**

A piece on the first visit of the Cardinal, Vinko Puljic, to the reconstructed parish and the St. Dominic Chapel in

Gorazde.

## **Sarajevo**

Today in Sarajevo, the Legal Centre of the Open Society Foundation and the European Institute for Media organized a seminar on a topic "Journalists and Law".

## **World**

A report on an explosion in a mine in Ukraine was followed by a piece on the appointment of the new Russian Finance Minister.

## **Sarajevo**

A report from a meeting of representatives of the chambers of commerce in the Sarajevo Canton. The BiH Chamber of Commerce is dissatisfied with the fact that they were not able to give their contribution to the Donor Conference in Brussels.

## **Mostar**

A report made by the OBN Mostar crew about possibility of reopening of the train line between Sarajevo and Ploce.

## **Sarajevo**

An agreement about 35 donated buses for the Banja Luka town was signed today in Sarajevo. The donation was provided by the Japanese Government.

## **Sport**

A report on the International Chess Tournament results currently going on in Sarajevo was followed by results from tennis and NBA.