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Headlines

- Protest of pensioners in Banja Luka due to their difficult economic situation
- Corruption and return – main topics of talks Wolfgang Petritsch had in Mostar
- General Momir Talic will come to the trial at the Hague Tribunal next week
- The BiH Council of Ministers did not agree upon protest letter to the Austrian Government
- Sessions of the BiH Federation and RS governments
- Agreement about the return of Bosniaks signed

Mostar

The new High Representative in BiH, Wolfgang Petritsch, visited Mostar for the first time since he had been appointed. The High Representative met with the canton and town officials. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Mostar, Mirsad Behram.

Sarajevo

After his arrest in Vienna, the head of the RS Army Headquarters, Momir Talic, was transported to Hague yesterday. The USA welcomed the action while Russia condemn it. Military representatives of international forces in BiH and Bosnian Serbs agreed to continue their cooperation regardless to yesterday's arrest, OBN reporter, Zeljka Lekic, confirmed. The OSCE Spokesman said that they were not informed about the arrest before it happened. General Momir Talic went to Vienna upon an invitation of OSCE to attend a seminar on military issues.

Austria recommended to its citizens to postpone their travels to RS after the arrest of the RS General in Vienna. The BiH Council of Ministers did not agree upon protest letter to the Austrian Government due to the arrest of the General Momir Talic. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter, Anes Alic.

Banja Luka

The main topic of the RS Government session, held today in Banja Luka, was the arrest of the RS Army General, Momir Talic. The Government severely protested against OSCE and the Austrian Government. The Government also discussed strike of the RS teachers, scheduled for September 1st. The RS Minister of Education, Nenad Suzic, warned that those school directors, who go on strike, will be suspended.

Sarajevo

This was followed by a report on the session of the BiH Federation Government where the law on insurance for pensioners and invalids in the BiH Federation was discussed among other issues. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Adis Saranovic.

Hague

The President of the International Hague Tribunal formally denounced Croatia to the Security Council because they refused to cooperate in the investigation about military operations “Bljesak” and “Oluja” and the refusal to deliver Mladen Naletilic Tuta, indicted for war crimes during the war in BiH, to the Hague Tribunal, Vjera Bogati reported from Hague for TV INFO.

Turkey

Delegation of the European Union visited Istanbul in order to get information about consequences of the earthquake, OBN

reporter from Turkey, Amarildo Gutic, confirmed. Mistrust of the citizens towards the measures that the Government introduced in order to alleviate consequences of the earthquake grows.

Kosovo

This was followed by a report on the first talks between the Kosovo Albanians' and Serbs' representatives about deployment of Russian troops in Orahovac. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Gordana Frimel.

This was followed by reports on the current events in East Timor, Middle East, Barcelona and UN.

Sarajevo

A report on the appointment of the seventh Special Envoy of the Office of the High Representative in BiH. The Special Envoy will deal with the improvement of the Annex 7 implementation, that is the return of Bosniaks to the east part of RS.

Glinje (Ugljevik Municipality)

A report on signing of the agreement in the Glinje village about return of Bosniaks to this area. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Zeljko Pantelic.

Teslic

A piece on another incident in the Teslic Municipality. Three women, returnees in the Kamenica village near Teslic, stepped on a mine. OBN reporter from Teslic, Muhamed Cabric, reports whether organised terrorist groups operate in the area.

Sarajevo

A report on the Sarajevo Film Festival and films which the audience will be able to watch. The report was produced by OBN

reporter, Mirna Sadikovic.

Sport

A report on international football was followed by report on the International Athletic Championship.