

# OBN News Review, 26 May 2000

## Headlines

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- The High Representative, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) appointed Garry Mathews as the new Supervisor for the Brcko District
- A bomb was thrown in front of a Bosniac shop in Banja Luka
- The USA prolonged sanctions against FRY

## Sarajevo

The B&H ambassador in the [UN](#), Muhamed Sacirbegovic, participated in an incident with gambling. Allegedly, he was cheating and he was arrested. He was released thanks to his diplomatic immunity. OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic tried to contact him today, but Sacirbegovic didn't want to give any statements.

## Sarajevo

New election units with several members will be introduced at the elections in October. Such systems are used in almost all western countries. Reported by Zeljka Lekic.

## Sarajevo

The EC allocated more than EURO 50 million for refugee return in B&H. The return programme for 2000 was signed by the EC Ambassador in B&H, Hans Jorg Kretschmer and the Chairman of the B&H Presidency, Alija Izetbegovic. "It is especially encouraging that the programme includes aid for employment, the de-mining process and legal help in claiming the ownership right. The report was produced by Slobodan Maksimovic.

## Vitovlje

15 Serbs returned to the village of Vitovlje, near Travnik 45 days ago. They say that their families will return as well, after the reconstruction of their houses. Representatives of the Middle Bosnia Canton visited the village today, in order to encourage the return. Returnees received aid from the Canton authorities. Reported by Vanja Elezovic.

## **Srebrenica**

The Bratunac Assembly session took place today. Delegates from the "CD Coalition" and the SDP left the session, because the RS hymn had been played at the beginning. The Temporary Election Commission will decide whether today's Assembly decisions should be accepted as valid. The report was produced by Damir Kaletovic.

## **Brcko**

The High Representative, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) appointed Garry Mathews as the new Supervisor for the Brcko District. The former Supervisor, Robert Farrand organised a press conference, in order to say goodbye, because he is leaving his former position. Reported by Slobodanka Radojkovic from Brcko.

## **World**

There was a fire in the "Trepca" mine in Kosovo. Causes are still unknown.

Thousands of students, members of the movement "Otpor" protested today in Belgrade and Nis against the current regime. The police arrested several protestors.

The US President, Bill Clinton prolonged sanctions against FRY for 6 months. He said that the Belgrade regime still represented a threat for American people.

Second round of presidential elections will take place on Sunday in Peru.

Members of Hesbollah said that they would continue their attacks on Israeli Army, if they don't retreat from the border between Israel and Syria.

The President of Fiji invited the Prime Minister to resign.

Eritrea announced additional retreat of its army from the border area with Ethiopia.

The piece on current world events was produced by Gordana Frimel.

## **Banja Luka**

A bomb was thrown in front of a Bosniac shop in Banja Luka. No one was injured, and the explosion made a significant damage, said the IPTF Spokesman, Alun Roberts. Investigation is underway. Such incidents occur more and more often in Banja Luka, Igor Pozgaj confirmed.

## **Sarajevo**

The SDA celebrated 10 years of the party's existence in the "Holiday Inn" Hotel in Sarajevo, the same as ten years ago. However, many participants were not present. Muslim spiritual leaders and the original leadership of the party didn't attend the session. "The SDA needs Serb and Croat democratic parties, in order to build a free and multi ethnic B&H with them", said the SDA President, Alija Izetbegovic. OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic produced the report.

## **Tuzla**

The Municipal Council of Tuzla was formed today. The Head of the Tuzla municipality for the next four years will be Selim Beslagic. Ilijar Jurisic from the SDP was appointed as the Chairman of the Council. Reported by Sabina Dizdarevic.

## **Banja Luka**

The situation of health services in the RS is very difficult. Employees of the Clinical Centre in Banja Luka already announced a strike. "There is no money. The whole country is in crisis. But the hospital has to function", said Zeljko Rodic, the Minister for health and social protection. Reported by Sanela Zivkovic from Banja Luka.

## **Sarajevo**

"Drive Safely-Arrive Safely" is the [UN](#) slogan within their campaign for improvement of the security of roads in B&H. The slogan is written on a tram which should warn drivers to drive carefully. "UN tram is a small and practical way to provide the secure roads for everyone", said Jacques Klein, the Special Envoy of the [UN](#) Secretary General. The report was produced by Adis Saranovic.

## **Sport**

Reports on the International Chess Tournament "Bosna 2000", local and international football were presented.