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Headlines

- [NATO](#) Headquarters in Brussels suggests that the reduction of military potential is of vital importance for B&H
- The Slovenian firm "Termecatez" will invest 10 million DM for the construction of recreation facilities in Ilidza
- The Former Prime Minister of Canton Tuzla, Hazim Vikalo, was found guilty and sentenced to 2 years and 2 months in prison
- Vladimir Putin was elected in the Russian presidential elections

Russia

The newly elected Russian President, Vladimir Putin, said that his victory was a great incentive for the Government's attempts to reconstruct Russia. Tired voters gave him their votes anyway, without waiting to see the details of his election programme. Mrs. Madeline Albright said that there were two sides of his personality, and advised the Russian people to wait and see him in action. The report was produced by OBN journalist Zeljka Lekic.

Los Angeles

Last night, a glamorous ceremony took place. The film "American Beauty" won 5 prestigious awards, Oscars. It was directed by Sam Mendes. The best foreign film is the Spanish film "All About My Mother", directed by Pedro Almodovar. "Matrix" won 4 Oscars in technical categories.

The report was produced by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Brussels

Joint delegations of the Federation Army and the RS Army had a meeting today in [NATO](#) Headquarters in Brussels with the Secretary General George Robertson. He told them that the reduction of military potential is of vital importance for B&H and that this country should have only one Army. Reported by Augustin Palokay, correspondent of the "SENSE".

Brussels

A Financial conference on support for the countries who are members of the Stability Pact for South-East Europe will start the day after tomorrow.

7 months after the Stability Pact, B&H is still without a Government or Election Law. Nevertheless, the Bosnian Foreign Minister, Jadranko Prlic, expects confirmation of the promised investment for B&H.. The donation of \$1 billion for the refugee return in B&H will be discussed as well in Brussels. The report was produced by OBN reporter Sanjin Beciragic.

Ljubljana

A Bosnian delegation visited Slovenia today. Slovenia is ready for new investments in B&H, and they will invest 2 million DM for the founding of an Agricultural Institute in Sarajevo. Slovenia exported to B&H about \$363 million worth of goods last year. They will address the [IMF](#) experts on the issue of "Ljubljanska Banka". Reported by Tomaz Gerden.

Sarajevo

The study "Hydro-thermal resources in the area of Ilidza" was promoted in Sarajevo today. It was made by the B&H Geology Institute. The aim of the study is to point out the importance of exploitation and protection of the water. This already attracts foreign investors. One of them is the Slovenian company "Termocatez". The value of the project is about 50

million KM. The report was produced by OBN reporter Anes Alic.

World

International forces arrested 6 people after an explosion in the Serb-controlled part of Kosovska Mitrovica. Meanwhile, French soldiers blocked this part of the town, and started searching for hidden weapons.

Parliamentary elections took place in Iraq. There are 500 candidates for Parliamentary seats, and most of them are members of Saddam Hussein's party.

After the unsuccessful meeting between the American and the Syrian Presidents, the USA announced that at the moment it is not possible to continue the Israeli-Syrian negotiations, but that they will continue their efforts in this direction. The piece on world events was produced by OBN journalist Zeljka Lekic.

Montenegro

The cultural model of the "tribe" has not disappeared from Montenegro yet. If the results of the Referendum were in favour of an independent Montenegro, some tribes would have had to continue their lives in Serbia, some in Yugoslavia etc. The Ministry of Justice of Montenegro rejected the registration of the National Councils that were proclaimed in a meeting of the tribe representatives in Monastery Moraca last October. The Minister of Justice, Dragan Soc, thinks that this is the planned policy with the aim to destabilise this country. The report was produced by OBN reporter Amarildo Gutic.

The Canton Court in Sarajevo dropped the charges against Ibrahim Djedovic, who was in detention for 3 years, for committing war crimes against civilians.

Tuzla

Former Prime Minister of Canton Tuzla, Hazim Vikalo, was found guilty at the Municipal Court in Tuzla and sentenced to 2 years and 2 months of prison. His two associates were also sentenced, and the charges against the fourth defendant, Damir Piric, were dropped. After the sentence, Vikalo held a Press Conference, claiming that this was a conspiracy by certain officials from Sarajevo and International community against him. Reported by Muhamed Berbic from Tuzla.

Tuzla

Employees of "Polihem" from Tuzla organised peaceful demonstrations in the streets of Tuzla, demanding their salaries. They arrived in front of the Canton Head Office, where they had a long conversation with the Canton officials. The strike will probably continue, because the employees were not satisfied in the end. The report was produced by Adis Nisic.

Sarajevo

The OHR reminds people of the Federation Government decision that the deadline for purchase of the flats in this Entity was prolonged until 6th March of this year. The OHR officials say that it is sufficient the owner of the tenancy to inform the flat owner about his intention to buy the flat. The report was produced by Anes Alic.

Sarajevo

At the clinical center in Sarajevo, after more then 7 years, the first insemination by test tube was performed. This was a great success for Bosnian doctors. The report was made by OBN reporter Sevko Bajic.

Sarajevo

The Sarajevo director, Dino Mustafic, talked about the difficult situation of Sarajevo theatres, on the occasion of

the Day of International Theatre. The piece was produced by Gordana Frimel.

Sport

The reports on football, Formula I competition and NBA league were presented.