

# OBN News Review, 29 July 1999

## Sarajevo (Stability Pact Summit)

The two day Stability Pact Summit began at 5 p.m. in the congress center Zetra. Delegations from 39 countries and 17 international organisations participate at the Summit. Tomorrow, the most prominent leaders of the world arrive at Sarajevo. OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic, produced a live report on the first work day of the Summit.

This was followed by a report on the press conference that was held after the work meeting. A live report on this was produced by OBN reporter and presenter, Duska Jurisic. More than 1,400 journalists were accredited for this exceptional gathering in Sarajevo. The Chairman of the European Union and the President of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari, said that the Stability Pact was an integration, cooperation. He added that it was important to improve cooperation between different international organisations.

A piece on Sarajevo airport which successfully implemented its task. OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic, in his live report from the airport, confirmed that organisation and security staff at the airport did not make any mistakes. Only changes in the plan for today were that the Cyprus delegation did not arrive while the plane of the Croatian delegation landed at the airport in Mostar.

A report on the life in the town of Sarajevo during the first day of the Summit followed. A report on this was produced by OBN reporter, Mladen Vujic.

[SFOR](#) soldiers were at the streets of Sarajevo from the early morning. Approximately 800 [SFOR](#) members were deployed around the center Zetra in order to help BiH police that coordinated security for the Summit, OBN reporter Zeljka Lekic confirmed.

This was followed by statements of some of the Summit participants. Head of the [OSCE](#) Mission in BiH, Robert Barry, the [UN](#) Special Envoy for Kosovo, Carl Bildt, the President of Republic Slovenia, Milan Kucan and the representative of women for South East Europe, Danica Simsic, commented the Summit for OBN.

This was followed by reports from Belgrade, Skoplje, Brussels and Paris in respect to the Summit in Sarajevo.

## **Belgrade**

Neither official Belgrade nor the opposition parties pay too much attention to the Stability Pact Summit in Sarajevo, reporter from Belgrade, Natasa Narancic, confirmed for TV INFO.

## **Skoplje**

Illustration of the Macedonian interest in the Summit is that delegation from this country would suggest 30 independent and the same number of joint projects, together with Bulgaria and Albania, to the participants of the Summit, Safet Bisevac reported from Skoplje.

## **Brussels**

[NATO](#) top officials have already left Brussels for Sarajevo, while the [EU](#) representatives reiterated that the Summit is important not only for the region but for the general stability in Europe, Augustin Polokaj reported for OBN.

## **Paris**

The official Paris thinks the best way to stop ethnic conflicts in the Balkans is to integrate these countries into the European community, Dzevad Sabljakovic reported.

## **Sarajevo**

This was followed by a piece on the short history of the Stability Pact Summit, from the idea to its implementation.

## **Tesanj**

A dinner was organised by the BiH Presidency in Zetra for the participants of the first day of the Summit. A report on the mineral water "Oaza" from Tesanj, official beverage of the Summit, followed. Last year, "Oaza" was pronounced for the best mineral water from Tesanj. A report on this exclusive water was produced by OBN reporter from Tesanj.

## **Una Sana Canton / Tuzla**

A report on the floods in the Una Sana Canton and Tuzla. Severe damage was caused. There were no casualties.

## **Kosovo**

During one day visit to Kosovo, the US State Secretary, Madeleine Albright, visited the Gracanica Manastire where a group of 30 Serbs attacked her. The State Secretary called Serbs to stay in Kosovo for the special measures for their protection would be provided. A report on this was produced by OBN journalist, Mladen Maric.

## **Sport**

A report on signing of an agreement in the Olympic Committee Hub about joint sport league in BiH. This was followed by reports on the European Championship in swimming in Istanbul and international tennis and football matches.