

# OBN News Review, 3 August 1999

## Headlines

- Five more decisions made by Carlos Westendorp's were announced on the last day of his mandate
- Banja Luka – Prime ministers of BiH entities made an agreement that would release 160 million EUROs
- European Commission donated 69 million EUROs to speed up the process of return within this year
- OHR and [OSCE](#) finalised draft of the Permanent Election Law
- Kosovo – violence intensified
- Topic of TV INFO: Care for old people

## Sarajevo

Five new decisions and laws, made on the last day of the High Representative, Carlos Westendorp's mandate, were announced today. The decisions refer to identity cards, reconnection of pre-war telephone lines, joint symbols, administrative taxes and the decision on the Dragan Cavic case.

This was followed by a report on the signing of a financial agreement between the European Commission and the BiH Council of Ministers which would enhance the return of refugees in BiH during this year. In order to achieve as best results as possible, the programme would be directed towards several geographical areas, with the focus on the eastern part of Republika Srpska.

## Banja Luka

Prime ministers of BiH entities made an agreement that would release 160 million EUROs. The report produced OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Tatjana Lajsic.

## **Drvar**

A report on the decision of the [OSCE](#) Mission in BiH Head, Robert Barry, on cancelling the verification of the Drvar Municipality due to the inactivity of the municipal authorities and avoiding basic responsibilities.

## **Sarajevo**

This was followed by a report on the finalisation of the BiH Permanent Election Law by OHR and [OSCE](#). According to [OSCE](#), the reform introduced through this draft law should promote reconciliation and compromise between entities.

A report on the reactions to the High Representative's decision about the reconstruction of media and severe reaction from the RS towards the deputy High Representative for Media, Simon Haselock. A report about position of journalists in BiH and public opinion produced OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic.

## **Banja Luka**

A piece on the agreement on borders between BiH and the Republic of Croatia. The agreement was signed during the Summit, although the President of the RS National Assembly, Petar Dokic, said that the agreement could not be implemented or ratified in the RS. A report was produced by OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Valentina Knezevic. The Vice President of the RS, Mirko Sarovic, said that the National Assembly should make a decision on this issue.

## **Sarajevo**

A report on the press conference held by the USA Ambassador in BiH, Richard Kauzlarich. The Ambassador talked about the Stability Pact Summit, corruption, economy and process of return. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic.

This was followed by a statement of the BiH Federation

Interior Minister and the President of the Board for the Security of the Summit, Mehmed Zilic, who said that security measures for the Stability Pact Summit were on the highest possible level. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic.

## **Banja Luka**

A piece on the press conference held by the BiH Social Democratic Party President, Zlatko Lagumdzija held in Banja Luka. He talked about the Stability Pact, signed agreement on borders between BiH and Croatia, process of return, current authorities in BiH.

## **Kosovo**

A piece on the current situation in the Kosovo and continuation of violence. Two Serbs were killed in Pristina. The first group of Russian police officers headed from Moscow to Kosovo. In Serbia, protests against Milosevic continued. OBN reporter, Slobodan Maksimovic, produced the report.

## **World**

A report on yesterday's train accident in India was followed by reports on Indonesia, Middle East, Moscow and Afghanistan.

## **Brcko**

A piece on care for old people in the Brcko area was produced by OBN reporter from this town, Slobodanka Radojkovic.

## **Sport**

A report on the local football leagues in BiH was followed by reports on international tennis and football matches.

## **Mostar**

This was followed by a piece on Central African dances performed in the Pavarotti Music Center in Mostar.