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Turkey

New earthquake struck Turkey this morning. Two casualties were reported and over 200 wounded in the Izmit Municipality. OBN reporter, Amarildo Gutic, reports from the town.

Headlines

- Sarajevo session of the BiH Parliament Representative House
- Ljubljana first work meeting of chambers of commerce of the Stability Pact member countries
- Banja Luka strike of teachers beginning of school year uncertain
- Brussels work group of the <u>EU</u> agreed upon text for partial canceling of sanctions imposed on Kosovo and Montenegro
- Deadline for integration of the BiH Federation Army expired today
- Banja Luka International Show of Agriculture opened

Banja Luka

Director of the RS finance police, Dragan Veselinovic, confirmed that the oil refinery in Bosanski Brod did not pay tax worth KM 28 million, OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Valentina Knezevic, confirmed.

This was followed by a report on press conferences held today in Banja Luka by the RS political parties, OHR and OSCE. Representative of the RS political parties addressed issues of the RS Government reconstruction, initiative of Poplasen to dismiss the RS People Assembly, the secret lists of the Hague Tribunal and arrest of the General Momir Talic. OBN reporter

from Banja Luka, Sanela Zivkovic, produced the report.

The Hague

A report on the first day of the trial to the RS General Momir Talic, at the Hague Tribunal. The General pledged not guilty. He said he was ready to prove that allegations from the indictment were not true.

Sarajevo

A piece on the session of the BiH Parliament Representative House held today in Sarajevo. After several hours spent in discussion about the agenda, the work of the session was interrupted. The report was produced by OBN reporter Adis Saranovic. The session will continue on September 10th.

Ljubljana

The first work meeting of chambers of commerce of the Stability Pact member countries was held today in Ljubljana. The representatives discussed issues and ideas that will be further developed at the meting scheduled for the first half of October in Tirana or Skoplje. The Vice President of the BiH Chamber of Commerce, Anto Domazet, talks for TV INFO from Ljubljana, about position of BiH at the meeting.

Sarajevo

A report on the new credit line for funding of small and middle size enterprises in the BiH Federation. The funds for the credit were provided by the Saudi Fund for Development which directed over 30 million dollars to BiH to date. OBN reporter, Anes Alic, produced the report.

Banja Luka

A piece on the strike of the RS teachers scheduled for September 1st due to low salaries. Beginning of school year in the RS is uncertain.

Brcko

A report on the regular session of the Brcko Municipality Assembly, attended today by the Supervisor Farrand. The Supervisor talked about annexes of the arbitrary decision on Brcko and the representatives in the Assembly got an opportunity to ask questions, Slobodanka Radojkovic, OBN reporter from Brcko, confirmed. The Head of the Center of Public Security, Teodor Gavric, submit his resignation at today's session. The Head resigned due to the start of investigation by the Multiethnic Police in Brcko about neglecting of his professional responsibility.

World

A report on the adoption of text of the document about exemption of Montenegro and Kosovo from the air transport and oil embargo today in Brussels. This was followed by the report on the current events in Kosovo. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Gordana Frimel.

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

Sarajevo

The deadline for integration of the BiH Federation Army expired today. Still, there are lot of differences between the Bosniak and Croat component. Generals Rasim Delic and Zeljko Siljeg discussed the issue for TV INFO.

Banja Luka

Ministers of health from the RS and BiH Federation held a meeting in Banja Luka, together with representatives of the World Bank. It was agreed that a conference, planned to be held in Sarajevo, should help gathering of donor funds for the health system in BiH.

This was followed by a report on the first day of the

International Show of Agriculture in Banja Luka. The show will last for five days.

Sport

A report on the beginning of the International TV Basketball Tournament "Banja Luka 99" was followed by reports on the US Open tennis tournament, WNBA and international football.