

# OBN News Review, 31 May 1999

## Headlines

- [NATO](#) spokesman announced they did not have indication that [NATO](#) hit a convoy with journalists yesterday
- The Russian Prime Minister thinks there are realistic chances for ending the Yugoslav crisis
- Indian troops attack Pakistani guerillas in the mountains of Kashmir again
- Explosion of a bomb on a street in Mostar
- Guest of TV Info, General Freddie Viggers, talks about current situation in North and West BiH
- 31st May – No-smoking Day

## Yugoslavia

There were dead and wounded in the latest strikes of [NATO](#) planes on Yugoslavia, Serbian media announced. Ten people were killed in a strike on Surdulica, near Belgrade. [NATO](#) confirmed that planes hit a military barrack in Surdulica last night. Serbian sources claim that a sanatorium was hit in Surdulica as well and that at least eleven people were killed in that strike. Tatjana Stankovic, OBN reporter from Belgrade, sent her report.

## Kosovo – refugees

According to [UNHCR](#), more than 850,000 people have fled Kosovo since the beginning of [NATO](#) strikes against the Federal Republic Yugoslavia. More than 8,000 Albanians who live in the border area with Kosovo, had to be evacuated to the South due to tension on the border.

## World – reactions

The US President, Bill Clinton, in the traditional speech made in the Arlington Graveyard of the American soldiers, said: "We

are a stronger country because we respect our differences and we are united by our common humanity. We can not expect everybody to follow our lead... But we can say “no” to ethnic cleansing, we can say “no” to mass slaughter of people because of the way they worship God...”

The Yugoslav leadership has confirmed to accept conditions imposed by seven most countries of the world and Russia for solving the Kosovo crisis, the Yugoslav state news agency TANJUG announced.

Strong diplomatic activities for solving the Kosovo crisis go on.

Today in Brussels, the [EU](#) foreign ministers held today a meeting in Brussels. The ministers discussed situation in Kosovo and BiH.

## **Banja Luka**

OBN crew has visited North West part of BiH and talked to the Commander of the [SFOR](#) Multinational Division South-West, Gen. Freddie Viggers. He said that despite the current events in Serbia and Kosovo, the situation in his area was stabile.

## **Brcko**

The RS Prime minister, Milorad Dodik, met with the Brcko Supervisor, Robert Farrand, today. They were discussing arbitrary decision on Brcko and Serbs in Brcko. OBN reporter, Slobodanka Radojkovic, sent her report.

## **Bihac**

A report on arresting of a man suspected for yesterday's throwing of a bomb in front of the Headquarters of the Third Aviation Base Building in Bihac.

## **Mostar**

A report on an incident when a bomb exploded on a street in Mostar last night. The Interior Ministry of the Hercegovina – Neretva Canton announced that another explosive device exploded on the town football stadium in Mostar in the night between Friday and Saturday. OBN reporter, Maja Dzelilovic, reports on these incidents.

## **Sarajevo**

A piece on arresting of a fugitive from the Sarajevo prison, Edin Džihan, on May 28th.

## **World**

India has continued air strikes on Pakistani guerillas; The court trial to the Kurd leader has began this morning in Turkey; In Byelorussia, at least 54 people were killed on a rock concert; In Columbia, more than a hundred people kidnapped by rebels.

## **Doboj**

A report on a protest of citizens in Doboj due to misuse of powers of a group of local authorities' representatives. Authorities denied the accusations.

## **Zenica**

A report on the SDA session in Zenica when the President of SDA in Since, Ibrahim Puric, resigned due to personal reasons.

## **Removal of mines**

A report on removing of mines came from Cazin and Banja Luka. Similar actions going on in other parts of BiH.

## **No-smoking Day**

A piece on the International No-smoking Day. A round table meeting is held today in Sarajevo on this topic. Production of cigarettes in BiH increases daily.

## **Sport**

A report on preparations of the BiH team for qualifications for the European Championship. This was followed by results from matches of the European Basketball Championship for women in Poland. Tennis and NBA results were also presented.