

# OBN News Review, 31 May 2000

## Headlines

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- The Mediator for B&H, Christian Swartz-Schilling visited Mostar
- The [NATO](#) Secretary General visited Kosovo
- The RS Union adopted a programme of their election activities

## Banja Luka

Biljana Plavsics police escort prevented [SFOR](#) from entering her building today. Some media interpreted this as an attempt to arrest Mrs Plavsic. Biljana Plavsic said that [SFOR](#) representatives phoned her and apologised because of the misunderstanding.

## Sarajevo

Only 6 weeks remains until the final deadline for registration of citizens for the general elections. It should be carried out properly, because there were many problems with registration in the last elections, Vedran Persic confirmed.

## Fojnica

The B&H Presidency member, Ante Jelavic visited Fojnica today. The return process for Croats in this town is satisfactory, but the joint authorities haven't functioned very well. "We expect the new authorities to deal with this issue, and issues of employment and further reconstruction. They should provide a better life for all citizens in this municipality", Mr Jelavic said.

## Mostar

The mediator for B&H, Christian Swartzshilling met the city and Canton authorities in Mostar. He talked to representatives of all three nations. "After these conversations, I have the impression that the progress in Mostar will soon become obvious", Mr Swartzshilling said. He was not satisfied with the return process in Capljina. Reported by Ines Kajic.

## **Sarajevo**

At today's meeting in the Federal Ministry of Finance, it was announced that in future the public would be regularly informed on the solvency or insolvency of companies in the Federation of B&H. The first such review will be published in 15 days in the Official Gazette. The report was produced by Sanjin Beciragic.

## **World**

The Deputy Major of Grozny and the Deputy Civil Administrator of the region were killed today near Grozny. The Major of Grozny was seriously injured.

The US President, Bill Clinton met the [EU](#) officials near Lisbon today.

The Philippine crisis continues. 17 members of the Islamic liberation movement "Moro" died in an attack by Government forces.

The Ethiopian Government rejected the Security Council appeal to stop fighting against Eritrea. The piece on world events was produced by Slobodan Maksimovic.

## **Ethiopia/Eritrea**

OBN journalist, Mladen Maric produced a piece on the history of the 40-year-war between Ethiopia and Eritrea.

## **Banja Luka**

The RS Union Association adopted a programme of their election activities. According to the programme, elections on the union level should take place on 15th of June 2001. The Union demanded immediate adoption of a law on work relations. They announced a strike on 29th of June, in case of non-fulfilment of their demands. The RS Prime Minister was invited to the meeting, but he didn't come. Reported by Nedeljka Breberina.

## **Zenica**

In the company "BH Steel" in Zenica, all employees will remain on the company payrolls. A number of them will be "temporarily unemployed", and they will receive KM 50 per month. In this way, the need to fire some of the employees was avoided. However, other companies haven't found a way to provide severance pay for fired employees yet. OBN reporter Amarildo Gutic produced the report.

## **Banja Luka**

A seminar on the role of privatisation investment funds in the RS privatisation process took place in Banja Luka today. Establishment of these funds is a part of the privatisation process, which will eventually create a market economy. "The market economy takes a long time to build, but the first steps in the right direction have been taken", said Mr Mark St. Giles, the privatisation expert. Reported by Milorad Milojevic.

## **Sarajevo**

21 students graduated from the school of journalism "Media plan" today. Reported by Gordana Frimel.

## **Mostar**

The Association of Croat artists in the Federation of B&H held a press conference at the International Art Colony in Pocitelj. The President of the Association, Florijan Mickovic

said that they need all the help they can get for reconstruction of the colony. The report was produced by Maja Dzelilovic.

## **Sarajevo**

The anti-smoking campaign "Quit and Win" ended today. 3 participants were awarded. According to WHO, by 2020 smoking will annually kill more than 20 million people. Reported by Sevko Bajic.

## **Sport**

Reports on international tennis, international and local football were presented.