

OBN News Review, 5 May 1999

Headlines

- Bill Clinton – air campaign against the Federal Republic Yugoslavia will be continued until Belgrade complies with five conditions imposed by the Alliance
- Slobodan Milosevic prepares a peace proposal
- American “Apache” helicopter crashed last night in Albania – both pilots dead
- French envoy in Banja Luka and Sarajevo visited to discuss the Kosovo crisis
- Italian President visits Italian members in [SFOR](#) and the BiH Presidency
- Trial to Muris Ljubuncic begins in Travnik due to the killing of the police officer Ante Valjan in July last year
- Romano Prodi – new President of the European Commission
- Forty three people dead in tornado in Oklahoma and Kansas – search for another hundred continues

Yugoslavia

[NATO](#) is still determined to make Slobodan Milosevic comply with all conditions made by the Alliance insisting he can not put a veto on a composition of international forces. British press reports that the Yugoslav President prepares his peace plan. A meeting of the seven most developed countries and Russia will be held tomorrow in Bonn. German Foreign Minister said that Kosovo needs a robust [UN](#) mandate and that a turn around could happen during the May.

Kosovo Crisis – World

Kosovo Albanian leader, Ibrahim Rugova, is in Italy.

Serbian electricity system fell apart again. Press agencies

reported that 60% of the country is without electricity. Most telephone lines are out of order. State television broadcasts its signal from time to time. [NATO](#) strikes were weaker during last night due to bad weather conditions confirmed OBN's reporter from Belgrade, Natasa Narancic.

Kosovo – Refugees

According to the [UN](#) Agency for Refugees, some 700,000 Kosovo Albanians have left Yugoslavia from the beginning of the [NATO](#) strikes. Albania has accepted 404,202 refugees, Macedonia 211,340 and Montenegro 61,700.

Banja Luka

Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Zivko Radisic, sent a letter to the Chairman of the [UN](#) Security Council, warning him that [NATO](#) uses territory, infrastructure and air space of BiH for the aggression on the Federal Republic Yugoslavia.

Sarajevo

BiH Presidency analysed today its last week's visit to the European Parliament. Another step towards entering to the European Council is the signing of a convention against corruption. Members of the BiH Presidency also discussed a reconstruction of the BiH Council of Ministers.

Sarajevo

A piece on a visit of the Italian President to BiH whose seven years presidential mandate expires this month. All three members of the BiH Presidency were at the airport in order to meet the Italian President.

Banja Luka / Sarajevo

Special French envoy visited Banja Luka and Sarajevo today. He met with the Chairman of the BiH Presidency, Zivko Radisic, and the Co-chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, Haris

Silajdzic.

Mostar

Principal Deputy High Representative in BiH, Jacques Klein, appealed to the city authorities in Mostar to start solving their problems immediately. This would be a positive signal for the forthcoming donor conference.

Travnik

A report on the beginning of a trial to Muris Ljubuncic in Travnik due to the killing of the police officer Ante Valjan on July 31st last year. Ljubuncic proclaimed his innocence.

Sarajevo

[SFOR](#) Commander, General Montgomery Meigs, met with the BiH Federation Interior Minister, Mehmed Zilic. They discussed the security situation on the territory of the BiH Federation and training of anti-terrorist teams.

Travnik

Special Envoy of the [UN](#) Secretary General, Elizabeth Rehn, visited Travnik today. Measures were agreed in order to increase security in the Srednja Bosna Canton.

Tuzla

A piece on the press conference held by the ex Interior Minister of the Tuzla Canton, Ferid Hodzic, recently dismissed by the High Representative.

World

Appointment of Romano Prodi for the new President of the European Commission.

Forty three people killed in tornado in the USA states Oklahoma and Kansas.

Court in Yemen sentenced to death three people for killing tourists from the West in December last year.

Indonesia and Portugal sign a contract on autonomy of East Timor. The contract has to be approved on a referendum scheduled for August.

Banja Luka

A piece on the RS Government meeting where the plan for agriculture production was discussed. This is one of the most important industries in the RS.

Sarajevo

Assembly of the UPI Bank shareholders held today, initiated the production of a report on solvency of the BiH Federation banks and other problems bankers are faced with.

Zenica

A report on the promotion of a project for preventing tuberculosis. Number of infected people from last year in the BiH Federation has increased this year.

Sport

A report on a match of the local football rivals, Sarajevo Zeljeznicar, was followed by the report from local basketball matches and international hockey matches and NBA.