

# OBN News Review, 6 October 2000

## Headlines

- The Russian Foreign Minister, Igor Ivanov met Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade
- The [OSCE](#) Mission in B&H asked B&H Union to help in the forthcoming elections
- The High Representative, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) imposed the decision on integration of Zepce municipality
- 5 Palestinians died in new clashes in Israel

## Belgrade

The Russian Foreign Minister, Igor Ivanov congratulated Kostunica for the election victory in behalf of the Russian President. The Yugoslav Constitutional Court recognised Kostunica's victory in the September elections. Opposition has been celebrating victory in the streets of Belgrade, Danica Ilic reported.

## Banja Luka

The RS Assembly organised an urgent session, in order to discuss changes in the Law on pension and invalid insurance. The Assembly called for Yugoslav institutions to implement the election results. They also called for the International Community to remove sanctions against FRY. Reported by Tatjana Lajsic.

## Sarajevo

"I believe that B&H and Yugoslavia should establish diplomatic relations, after establishment of democratic government in FRY. I have to warn you that B&H will now get a competitor in the battle for international aid in the Balkans, especially at the Stability Pact", the High Representative, [Wolfgang](#)

[Petritsch](#) said.

## **Sarajevo**

The B&H Union will actively participate in the pre-election campaign, and call for their members to vote for parties with the best social or economic programmes. "What I am seeking from the Union is to motivate people to vote in the elections", the Head of the [OSCE](#) Mission, Robert Barry said. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

## **Sarajevo**

Co-operation between B&H and Macedonia is 10 times less today than in the pre-war period. According to unofficial information, agreements on free trade between the two countries should be signed next year. The report was produced by Damir Kaletovic.

## **World**

5 Palestinians died in new clashes in Israel.

At least 39 people were injured in an earthquake in Japan.

A state of emergency was proclaimed in the Ivory Coast, in order to prevent possible disorder before and during the elections, scheduled on 22nd October.

The Croatian Government proposed several changes in the Constitution to the Croatian Assembly. The Assembly will discuss the changes this evening. Zeljka Lekic reported on current world events.

## **Banja Luka**

The Central Bank Governor, Peter Nicholl visited Banja Luka today. Mr. Nicholl emphasised urgency of adopting laws on transactions and importance of privatisation in the RS. "According to the long-term plan of the [World Bank](#), about \$

300 million should be invested in B&H", Mr. Nicholl said. However, he warned that B&H might lose this aid, unless entity governments agree on the issue soon.

## **Sarajevo**

The High Representative, [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) imposed the decision on integration of Zepce municipality, abolishing in this way institutions of the former Croat republic Herceg Bosna. "By this decision, the High Representative sent a clear message to everyone that parallel institutions cannot exist in B&H", the OHR Spokesman, Oleg Milisic said. Vedran Persic produced the report.

## **Mostar**

The Association of judges in Hercegovacko-Neretvljanski Canton organised a founding assembly today. Judge Ekrem Insanic was appointed as the Chairman of the Assembly, Misijana Brkic reported.

## **Stolac**

NGO "Malteseri" from Germany realised a project for stimulation of agricultural production in the area of Stolac. [UNHCR](#) will supervise implementation of the project. Reported by Enes Ratkusic.

## **Sport**

Reports on local football and basketball were presented.

A large aid concert "Live for Life" will take place tomorrow evening in the Olympic Hall "Zetra" in Sarajevo. The money from the concert will be used for demining in B&H, Slobodan Maksimovic reported.