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Headlines

- Statute of the Brcko District announced
- After a two month break, the Srebrenica Municipality Assembly continued its work today – attackers on the Municipality Secretary were not yet discovered
- The RS Government awarded support of 100,000 KM and food to the Srebrenica inhabitants
- Owners of private fuel stations in the BiH Federation changed their mind – they will continue selling of fuel
- Mostar factory "Aluminij" signed a contract with the US companies worth between 70 and 80 million dollars
- Convoy with fuel sent by the EU to Serbian towns Nis and Pirot reached its destinations after fourteen days
- The US President said that Russia would pay a high price for their actions in Chechenia

Brcko

The International Supervisor for Brcko, Robert Farrand, announced the Statute of the Brcko District today. The Statute will officially take effect on February 28th 2000. The press conference held today in Brcko was attended by the High Representative in BiH, Wolfgang Petritsch. The Supervisor for Brcko said that the period between now and February 28th would be used for the establishment of the Brcko District institutions, such as the Provisional Government and the Assembly of the Brcko District. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Brcko, Slobodanka Radojkovic.

Srebrenica

Two months after the attack on the Srebrenica Municipality Assembly Secretary, Munib Hasanovic, perpetrators of the

attack have not been yet discovered. The only success of the representatives in the Srebrenica Municipality Assembly is that they have met for the first time after the incident. The representatives discussed the security situation in the municipality for hours. Police claim that the stay of the Bosniak representatives in Srebrenica are safe to stay. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic.

Banja Luka

This was followed by a report on the support of the RS Government to the Srebrenica inhabitants worth 100,000 KM and additional support in food. The decision was made at today's session of the RS Government in Banja Luka because of the difficult economic situation in the Municipality. The Government also discussed the draft budget for next year, OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Dragan Stanimirovic, confirmed.

Sarajevo

The supply of with oil derivatives in some parts of the BiH Federation is still difficult. Most of the private fuel stations do not work for the fifth day in a row because the BiH Federation Government decided not to increase fuel price this year. Although private owners previously announced they would stop paying tax to the state and continue to sell higher price fuel, they brought a different decision today. They ask from the BiH Federation Government to meet again and to try find a solution for the current situation. Representative of the private owners claim that some of them were forced to continue their work and thus lose profit because the price of oil was increased on the global market. The report on the current situation with fuel supping in the BiH Federation was produced by OBN reporter, Sanjin Beciragic.

Mostar

A report on the signing of the contract between the Mostar factory "Aluminij" and two companies from the USA about import

of materials the factory needs for production. The contract is worth 80 million dollars. The companies have had a good business cooperation for the last three years, and the new contract is signed for a five year period. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Mostar, Blazica Kristo.

Zenica

During the second day of his official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Turkish President, Sulejman Demirel, visited the SFOR Turkish Battalion in Zenica. A meeting between the businessmen of the two countries was in practice an exchange of information. Turkish businessmen think that the conditions in BiH are still not satisfactory for investing in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The report was produced by OBN reporter from Zenica, Koraljka Kurcenberger.

Zagreb

The health state of the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, deteriorated last night, the medical team confirmed. New polemics regarding the election of the new Constitutional Court began in Croatia, Gordana Simonovic confirmed from Zagreb for TV INFO.

World

This was followed by a report on the continuation of the Russian offensive in Chechenia. The US President said that Russia would pay a high price for their actions in Chechenia. This was followed by reports on the EU activities, entrance of the EU convoy to Serbia and current events in Germany. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Mladen Maric.

Sarajevo

Legal experts, gathered by the initiative to introduce the Supreme Court at the level of state, agreed that Bosnia and Herzegovina can not exist without legislation unity. They

think that this Court could be established at the beginning of 2000. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Zeljka Lekic.

This was followed by a piece on the promotion of the BiH Presidency member, Alija Izetbegovic book, “My Escape to Freedom”. The book was written during five years Izetbegovic spent in the Foca prison, in the period between 1983 and 1988. The book has 4,000 notes written during that period. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Gordana Frimel.

This was followed by a piece on the visit of French music star, Jane Birkin, to Sarajevo. Jane Birkin was a guest of TV INFO.

This was followed by a report on the return of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Miss, Samra Begovic, who has just come from the Competition for Miss World in London.

Sport

A report on the international football was followed by reports on the last round of the European Chess Championship and basketball.