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Headlines

- Special telephone line for gathering additional information on the murder of the BiH Federation Deputy Interior Minister, Jozo Leutar, 7 months ago established – the reward is 1,000,000 DEM
- Health state of the Srebrenica Municipality Secretary, Munib Hasanovic, who was stabbed yesterday, stable – there was no official reaction in the RS
- Radisic asked for the extraordinary session of the RS Assembly in order to cancel charges raised by BiH against Yugoslavia
- Interior Ministry of the Sarajevo Canton raised business crime charges against six individuals
- In the Hercegovina-Neretva Canton, charges were raised against nine Croat officials due to misuse of their authorities
- Augusto Pinochet will be extradite to Spain upon the request of the Government
- German general new commander of KFOR

Sarajevo

The investigation of Jozo Leutar's murder is currently going on but details on this have not been found yet. This was the reason for opening of a special telephone line, initiated by IPTF. The BiH Federation Government still offers a reward of 1,000,000 DEM for the information about the murder. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Zeljka Lekic.

Tuzla

A special report on yesterday's attack on the Srebrenica

Municipality Secretary, Munib Hasanovic. The Secretary explained what had happened yesterday. The work of the multiethnic administration in Srebrenica has been stopped for the time being. There were no official reactions by the RS authorities. The report on this was produced by OBN journalist, Adis Saranovic, and OBN reporter from the area, Darko Milosevic.

Sarajevo

The Interior Ministry of the Sarajevo Canton continued its work on the cases of business crime in the Canton. The Ministry raised charges against six individuals who took over two million DEM from the SAB Bank which had gone bunkrupt recently. Today, they were arrested.

Mostar

This was followed by a report on the similar event in the Hercegovina-Neretva Canton. The Deputy President of the Canton Assembly raised charges against nine Croat officials due to misuse of their authorities. They allegedly participated in the illegal privatisation of state owned companies. The report was produced by OBN reporter from the area, Mirsad Behram.

Banja Luka

Two days ago, the BiH Presidency reached a decision to proceed with charges against Yugoslavia for aggression and genocide committed in BiH. The decision was reached through the voting of the Croat and Bosniak member of the Council. The RS representative in the Council, Zivko Radisic, disagreed with the decision and asked for the extraordinary session of the RS Assembly on Sunday in order to cancel the decision. The report on this was produced by the OBN reporter from Banja Luka, Tatjana Lajsic.

World

The British Court approved extradition of the ex Chilean leader Pinochet to the Spanish Government. This was followed by a piece on the Chechen leader who called <u>NATO</u> to stop fights in Chechenia. Reports on the current events in Middle East and East Timor followed. The report was produced by OBN journalist, Duska Jurisic.

In Kosovo, the new Commander of KFOR troops is from Germany. The British Foreign Office announced that next week the UK will ask all partners in the European Union to be more active in the fight against organised crime in Kosovo, OBN journalist, Mladen Maric, confirmed.

Bugojno

Delegation of the HDZ party in BiH, headed by the President of the party, Ante Jelavic, visited Bugojno and Prozor-Uskoplje today. The delegation talked with the local officials about position of Croats in these two municipalities. The Delegation visited the first Croat elementary school in Bugojno, OBN reporter from the area, Ana Drmac, produced the report.

Fazlagica Kula

The BiH Council of Ministers donated material worth 90 thousand DEM for the reconstruction of returnees' houses in the Gacko and Nevesinje municipalities. Approximately 25 houses will be reconstructed in the Fazlagica Kula village before the winter, OBN reporter from the area, Alden Kajtaz, confirmed.

Sarajevo

Delegation of the US Institute for Peace visited the Balkans recently. This organisation, founded by the US Congress, is one of the severest critics of the US current administration. The US Institute for Peace criticised the current authorities in BiH and International Community as well for not solving of real problems in BiH. The representative of the Institute, William Stuebner, explains their position in the interview made by the OBN reporter, Bakir Hadziomerovic.

Sarajevo

Publishers and graphics from the BiH Federation, who did not receive their salaries between three and fifteen months, sent their requests to the Prime Minister. They also announced the possibility to go on strike. The report was produced by the OBN reporter, Mirela Pehar.

Mostar A report on the conference about the Millennium Bug held in Mostar today was produced by OBN reporter from the town, Blazica Kristo. The next conference will be held in Tuzla.

Sport

A report on the international football matches was followed by reports on international handball and tennis.

Sarajevo

<u>SFOR</u> and civil control of flights organised an air accident drill at the Sarajevo Airport today. This is the third such drill for <u>SFOR</u> and the first for the civilian staff. The report on this was produced by OBN reporter, Vedran Persic.