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Headlines

- The 55th anniversary of the defeat of fascism was celebrated today
- New arrests in Serbia
- Robert Bicroft, the Special American Adviser for the Dayton Peace Agreement implementation met Zivko Radisic behind closed doors today
- Officials from the two entities signed an agreement on employment of policemen in both entities

Sarajevo

The 55th anniversary of the defeat of fascism was marked today. Participants in World War II visited the War Victims Monument in Vraca, near Sarajevo. Reported by Sanjin Beciragic.

Serbia

The Socialist Party and the Yugoslav Leftist Party celebrated the anniversary of the victory over fascism in the World War II. Opposition parties had announced a protest gathering at the same place. They cancelled it for security reasons. 10 journalists from independent media and several members of opposition parties were arrested. Reported by Danica Ilic from Belgrade.

Zagreb

A protest was organised at "Trg Velikana" in Zagreb, on the victory over fascism anniversary. The protestors demanded restitution of the old name of this square: "Trg zrtava fasizma". Reported by Gordana Simonovic.

Russia

Victory over fascism was celebrated in Moscow as well. The Russian President, Vladimir Putin attended the parade. Reported by Zeljka Lekic.

Hans Jorg Kretschmer, the Head of the [EU](#) office in B&H addressed B&H citizens, on the occasion of the Day of Europe. "I hope that the citizens of this country will overcome ethnically motivated nationalism and work with determination towards integrating B&H into European structures", Mr. Kretschmer said.

Sarajevo

Robert Bicroft, the Special American Adviser for the Dayton Peace Agreement implementation met Zivko Radisic behind closed doors. Thomas Miller, the USA Ambassador in B&H also attended the meeting. As OBN reporter, Damir Kaletovic, unofficially found out, the themes of the conversation were the functioning of joint institutions and refugee return. The American officials concluded that Tihomir Gligoric was not the right person for the Council of Ministers Chairman.

Banja Luka

Darko Savic reported on reactions of RS parties' members to the B&H Parliament's decision not to discuss the Presidency proposal for Tihomir Gligoric to be the Council of Ministers' Chairman.

Sarajevo

The International Community representatives in B&H know that the transitional period until the general elections is convenient for illegal enrichment. They warned that they would not tolerate such behaviour. The [UNHCR](#) is faced with a serious lack of money. They announced a new budget reduction. The report was produced by OBN reporter, Vedran Persic.

Sarajevo

The financial police discovered some irregularities in the "Holiday Inn" Hotel privatisation. They demanded an explanation of the way in which the hotel had been sold. Further Prosecution procedures depend on the Federal Privatisation Agency decision. Reported by Amarildo Gutic.

Sarajevo

The JNA members haven't had the right of restitution of their flats since December 1995. The Defence Ministry representatives from both entities feel that different legal regulations present the main problem in this issue.

In today's meeting, it was suggested that the military flats status should be equal in both entities. The report was produced by Mirna Sadikovic.

Sarajevo

Prime ministers and internal ministers from both entities signed an agreement, according to which policemen from one entity will be able to be employed freely in the other. The Head of the [UN](#) mission in B&H, Jacques Klein also signed the agreement. Reported by Slobodan Maksimovic.

Opatija

Duska Jurisic produced a report on the second day of the International Symposium on the Hague Tribunal in Opatija. The [ICTY](#) Chairman joined the Symposium today. He said that 4 trials are taking place in the Hague at the moment. He also welcomed the political changes in Croatia.

World

Evacuation of British citizens from Sierra Leone started today.

The [EU](#) political co-ordinator, Javier Solana said in Manila that the Philippine authorities can expect help from the [EU](#) in

solving the hostage crisis.

The USA announced that they won't support agricultural reform in Zimbabwe, unless this country's Government stop the violence, said Strobe Talbot, the USA Deputy Secretary General.

The piece on current world events was produced by Gordana Frimel.

Sarajevo

Co-operation between the RS and Federation of B&H Red Cross is quite good. B&H is not an International Red Cross member yet. The only condition for membership is foundation of this organisation at State level. Reported by Anes Alic.

Sport

Reports on local basketball and European Junior Tennis Tournament "Zenica 2000", and NBA league were presented.