

OHR RTRS News Summary, 2 September 1999

News Headlines

- RS Government session on secret ICTY lists, taxes, assistance to companies, green insurance cards and working hours for cafes
- RS Justice Minister Trbojevic presents details on secret ICTY lists
- Dodik meets with Holbrooke
- UN and UNHCR Envoys Klein and Blatter inform Holbrooke on current situation in BiH and UN and UNHCR activities
- Holbrooke visit to Tirana canceled
- RS and German Government delegations discuss cooperation and democratic and economic reforms in RS
- Dodik speaks with Swedish Ambassador about current situation in RS and BiH, Dayton implementation and cooperation
- Special course for instructors concludes in Banja Luka
- Swedish Ambassador and Deputy RS Interior Minister Pecanac participate in celebration at Police Academy in Banja Luka
- Nis experts inspect Serb bodies discovered in mass grave in Ugljare
- Serbs block Pristina-Gnjilane road
- Serbs accuse Kosovo Albanians of kidnapping
- Kosovo Albanians continue blocking roads to Orahovac
- Serb Resistance Movement President Trajkovic and Bishop Artemije want to be informed on mass graves in Kosovo
- Pristina Peace and Tolerance Center President on mass grave in Zlas
- UK police officers discover mass grave in Kosovo
- Cook meets with Thaci
- Thaci wants return of Serb refugees and KLA disarmament in defined time
- Four gypsies killed in Donji Dragicevci – KFOR spokesperson Lavoit
- One injured in Kosovo
- Serb Church Information Center on violence in Kosovo
- Greek and Macedonian Defense Ministers want end to ethnic cleansing in Kosovo
- Belgrade Lawyers Society addresses letter to Kouchner
- Two released 'CARE' workers arrive in Zagreb
- European Union to lift sanctions from Montenegro and Kosovo
- European Union to partially lift sanctions from Yugoslavia
- Serbian Government to be restructured over next ten days – Seselj
- Djindjic on Democratic Party participation in elections
- Civil war not to occur in Yugoslavia – Movement for Democratic Serbia President Perisic
- Montenegro is paradise for Mafia – Socialistic People's Party Vice-president
- Montenegrin Social People's Party Vice-president on Montenegrin leadership
- Montenegrin Serb People's Party supports tribal meetings in Montenegro
- Yugoslav Government on Sandzak status
- School year starts in Doboj
- Dodik cannot avoid CD Coalition participation in RS Government – Izetbegovic
- SPRS Main Board member Radmanovic holds press conference
- RS leaders responsible for situation in RS – Serb Coalition for RS
- Serb Coalition for RS holds press conference
- SDS holds press conference on stabilization of RS economy and privatization

- Roundtable on Sarajevo Declaration
- OHR has names of all members of RTV Service Establishment Board – Ferguson
- International organizations hold press conference
- OSCE information campaign ‘Say what you want in elections’ starts – Domi
- Jelavic receives credentials of newly appointed Bulgarian Ambassador to BiH
- Sarajevo police attempt to arrest Dani Editor-in-Chief Senad Pecanin – Sarajevo Investigation Court
- IMC criticizes attempted Pecanin arrest
- Silajdzic statements on Croatian leadership responsibility for war in BiH destabilize BiH and whole region – Jelavic
- Izetbegovic indirectly confirms Silajdzic claims on war in BiH
- Croat representatives in BiH Council of Ministers on Silajdzic statements
- HDZ BiH Vice-president on possible HDZ BiH request for Silajdzic dismissal
- Silajdzic responsible for ethnic cleansing of Croats – HVIDRA
- World news
- Sports and weather RS Deputy Prime Minister Kremenovic meets with RS inspectors, RS Custom Direction representatives and RS Main Prosecutor
- 56 bodies discovered on Mt. Trebevic – BiH Federation Commission for Missing Persons
- Yugoslav Envoy to UN Jovanovic on Yugoslav property in Kosovo
- German Orthodox Bishops criticize German public for apathy towards violence in Kosovo
- US Senator Bayden on Kosovo reconstruction
- European TV and Radio Union to start broadcast program in Kosovo
- Serbs have perspective in Kosovo – Thaci
- 43 agricultural companies hold session on joint venture

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Dodik meets with Holbrooke

RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik met with US Ambassador to the UN Richard Holbrooke, newly appointed US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller and US General Pit Dayton in Banja Luka on Thursday, after which a press conference was held. Dodik stated that they discussed cooperation. Dodik believes that the return of refugees is a priority. The RS Government has drawn its attention to the return of refugees in coming period. IC assistance will be focused on events related to Annex 7 of the Dayton Agreement. Holbrooke stated that a new, promising spirit could be felt in the Banski Dvor, a building with a tragic history. The US Administration will support everyone wanting a united and multiethnic society. “There are forces that still do not believe in the Dayton Agreement” Holbrooke stated. “In this area, there are separatists and war criminals. These people are trying to destroy the Dayton Agreement and return the Serb people to the dark ages of six years ago. There are still forces here that openly try to destroy the idea of one single country called BiH.” Holbrooke will report that two political parties, the SDS and the SRS, are in open violation of the Dayton Agreement. Holbrooke expressed his pleasure with 21 November, the date the Dayton Agreement was signed, becoming a BiH state holiday. Regarding corruption in BiH, Holbrooke stated that the US has been supporting the fight against corruption. At the end of September, Dodik will visit Washington D.C.

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SPRS Main Board member Radmanovic holds press

SPRS Main Board member Nebojsa Radmanovic held a press conference in Banja Luka on Thursday. “By informing of secret ICTY lists, the BETA news agency wants to destabilize the RS” Radmanovic stated. “Some international organizations and domestic powers want to destabilize the RS.” Commenting CD Coalition requests for participation in the RS Government, Radmanovic stated that the SPRS has been open for talk, but ultimatums were out of question. Radmanovic stated that Banja Luka allotted 49 acres of land to refugees. Commenting on annexes to the Law on SRT, Radmanovic stated that SRT has been under pressure.

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Serb Coalition for RS holds press conference

The Serb Coalition for the RS held a press conference in Banja Luka on Thursday and stated that the current RS leadership is responsible for the current situation in the RS, because it has not reacted properly. President of the Serb Coalition for the RS Predrag Lazarevic believes that the current policy initiated the Talic arrest. Lazarevic also believes that RS Defense Minister Manojlo Milovanovic should have given his resignation after the Talic's arrest. Coalition Vice-president Predrag Radic stated that the fight against crime and corruption has seen no results. Representatives of the Serb Coalition for the RS consider news of ICTY secret list absurd and statements by ICTY Chief Prosecutor Louise Arbour unfounded by law.

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Roundtable on Sarajevo Declaration

Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson and Deputy High Representative Andy Biarpart hosted a roundtable on the Sarajevo Declaration. Twenty-nine representatives of People's Societies were present at the event. It was pointed out in a press release that Sarajevo must play the lead role in the return of pre-war citizens.

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