

# **OHR SRT News Summary, 2 October 1998**

## **Headlines**

- Provisional Election Commission confirmed official election results
- Western countries still threaten to bomb certain areas in the FRY
- Russia and China strongly against use of force
- PM Dodik received general Shinseki in his farewell visit
- Serb parties started informal consultations on the new government

Provisional Election Commission stated official election results and verified mandate distribution and list of candidates.

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Tonight Robert Gelbard is to have talks with newly elected RS President, Nikola Poplasen, and RS PM, Milorad Dodik.

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The RS PM, Milorad Dodik, and Minister of Interior, Milovan Stankovic, received, in separate meetings, general Shinseki in his farewell visit. They talked about further implementation of the Dayton Agreement.

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The SRS President and newly elected RS President, Nikola Poplasen, stated that the PM candidate was his decision and that he would not consult with Zivko Radisic or Slobodan Milosevic. "My proposal will be discussed in the National Assembly" Poplasen said, emphasising that many things in the RS were about to change, but these changes would be decided by the NA.

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"Serb parties in the RS started informal consultations about the new government", Kalinic said. "We have a preference for forming a government in accordance with the election results".- Kalinic said to the BETA agency, expressing hopes that SDS would be able to nominate a PM candidate who would suit other parties in the NA and the international community.

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The SSKP President, Predrag Lazarevic, said that the basic structure of the new government should be made out of SDS and SRS. Commenting on the possible re-election of Milorad Dodik to the PM position, he said his party would not accept that.

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Minister of Finance, Novak Kondic, departed for Washington D.C. for the regular annual session of the IMF and World Bank.

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