

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 14 September 2000

News Headlines:

- Saudi Prince Selman bin Abdul Aziz meets with Bicakcic and they discuss future mutual co-operation between countries
- Saudi Prince meets with Silajdzic who expressed belief that Saudi Arabia will maintain BiH as priority in investments and co-operation
- BiH House of Representatives continues 25th session in Sarajevo, discussing Law on BiH Travel Documents and SDS delegate Mirko Banjac's proposal on amendments to Law on BiH Travel Documents
- Rasim Kadic says Tusevljak is directing BiH Council of Ministers according to "orders from Belgrade regime"
- At BiH House of Representatives session in Sarajevo, Silajdzic calls on international community to proclaim Law on Travel Documents because, as he said, "we have lost five years due to obstructions that are IC competency"
- BiH Federation Government holds session and adopts first conceptual plan for construction of Sarajevo-Zenica highway
- Djokic says RS Government divested of its power by RS National Assembly decision, but will continue to exercise executive authority until new government is elected
- IC representatives hold regular press conference in Sarajevo, OHR spokesman Bird comments on non-adoption of draft pension-disability insurance law
- "You can neither intimidate this democratic authority nor democratic Croatia" – said Croatian Prime Minister Racan, commenting on HVIDR-a threats and condemnations

of Croatian authority following arrest of Croatian general officers

- Parliamentary Summit of Stability Pact countries in Zagreb supports democratically elected authority in Montenegro – TV BiH report from Zagreb
- Fuel price crisis continuing in Europe – World news
- Del Ponte wants to widen indictment against Milosevic to include war crimes in Bosnia and Croatia – News from Yugoslavia
- “It seems that US president and our president [referring to Milosevic] are somehow connected together by something, that is their total lack of feeling” – Kostunica assessment during rally in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Live report from Sydney on atmosphere prior to opening of Summer Olympic Games – BiH PBS to carry out coverage of games for both RS and BiH Federation
- SDA delegate in RS National Assembly did not want to participate in confidence or non-confidence vote on RS Government due to differing reasons for this vote between CD Coalition earlier and SDS now – SDA press conference
- Marko Tokic at HDZ press conference
- Lagumdzija calls on former Mostar University Chancellor Marko Tadic to join SDP, Tadic undecided – ONASA
- SDP holds ‘first event’ under the paroles “Time for Change” and “Time for the SDP” in Gracanica; Lagumdzija addresses citizens concerning SDP party
- Project on construction of water-supply system in Travnik-Zenica area continuing
- RS Government initiates procedure in Constitutional Court concerning constitutionality and legality of RS National Assembly decision divesting RS Government of its powers
- Thanks to engagement of new International Brcko Supervisor Matthews, process of Brcko refugee return sped up – Brcko citizens’ return association Povratak
- West Herzegovina Canton Assembly dismisses Cantonal

Interior Minister and Deputy Minister

- Three families of foreign nationals from Islamic countries evicted from homes in Bocinja village, no incidents reported during operation – Maglaj municipal officials report
- Coal mine Kreka Djurdjevik increases production by 26%
- Announcement and excerpts of TV BiH program Zarista (Crises) that will be broadcast on Thursday

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Marko Tokic at HDZ press conference (01:18) “The gentlemen of the International Community have blocked the institution charged with the preservation of public peace and order” HDZ Vice President Marko Tokic told a press conference. He was commenting on this week’s BiH Federation Interior Ministry arrest action in Mostar. Tokic publicly asked whether the HN Canton Interior Ministry is an “enemy institution” in BiH because it has to be blocked when “other” police business is carried out. “If the one-sided use of force by the Bosniak part of police or political leadership has international community support, regardless of whether persons involved are indicted or not, it is not in the framework of the law and this will lead to anarchy” Tokic explained. He said that the HDZ understands the positions taken by the HVIDR-a concerning the recent arrest operation in Mostar.