OHR BiH TV News Summary, 23 September 1998

SFOR blocked HVO facilities in Mostar, Siroki Brijeg and Vitez, in order to enable the ICTY investigating team to seek for evidence against war criminals, as it was explained at international organisations press conference in Mostar. No further data was published.
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OSCE did not publish the election results, although it was scheduled for today. OSCE Ambassador Barry will publish the results tomorrow.
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US Special Envoy Gelbard met with the RS President Plavsic and Premier Dodik, in Banja Luka today. Gelbard said that the International Community would respect the will of BiH voters, and refuted accusations of some politicians about the electoral engineering. Gelbard said that should Poplasen win the elections, the US will have big problem with the issue of his readiness to implement all aspects of the DPA, and to respect territorial integrity and sovereignty of BiH. Gelbard also expressed his concern with Poplasen's permanent appeals for violence, and added that the US Government will do its utmost to protect the BiH integrity and sovereignty. Gelbard also said that any thought of separatism may be taken as an open violation of the DPA.
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OHR regional head in Mostar, Sir Martin Garrod said that only those leaders who fully support implementation of the DPA will be recognised. Sir Martin Garrod also congratulated Minister and Deputy Minister of Police for enabling the safety conditions during returns of people to their homes. OSCE

regional Director Foley explained the press that firstly, the official non-confirmed election results will be published. Official results might be expected after the appellation term of 72 hours.
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Gacice village in Travnik municipality was unblocked today. At the meeting of cantonal, municipal, International Community representatives and HDZ representatives, it was agreed that blackmails and blockades will not solve the problems, and that the return process, which is still unsatisfying will be assisted.
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Croat people of Uskoplje, Gornji Vakuf municipality, organised a protest meeting. The road to the town from Bugojno direction was blocked from 11:00 to 11:30. The peaceful meeting was organised to protest against construction of barracks in Krupa, municipality HDZ board President Batinic said. Protesters addressed a message to the International Community and SFOR, expressing their dissatisfaction with IC and SFOR attitude regarding this construction and demanded to stop the construction, Batinic said. Batinic said that Croat people would be disabled to return with such a facility in their environment and that there is no room here for the BiH Army.
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Serbian forces commenced heavy offensive in the north regions of Kosovo yesterday. Serbian sources reported that the Pec region has been cleaned from the Kosovo Liberation Army. Serbian President Milutinovic arrived to Kosovo today. BiH TV correspondent from Pristina, Klokoci reported on new 10.000 refugees, produced by the recent increase of conflicts, who fled into mountains.
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Contact Group representatives are having a meeting tonight in New York, at the ministerial level, after passing the

resolution on Kosovo. Before this meeting, the Security Council is supposed to pass the resolution, which regulates putting pressure on Milosevic, and possible applying of military force in Kosovo. NATO has made plans on military operation in Kosovo and the rest of Serbia.
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German Chancellor Kohl did not exclude military intervention in Kosovo without the UN mandate. Asked whether his government is predicting such an intervention, Kohl said this would depend on development of events in Kosovo.
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