OHR RTRS News Summary, 1 October 1999

News Headlines

- Dodik meets with Albright, no details
- Dodik meets with US Advisor for National Issues Samuel Berger
- Only Dayton BiH can persevere – Dodik
- Djokic announces extraordinary RS National Assembly session for first half of October
- Police and demonstrators clash in Belgrade
- France condemns police attack on citizens in Belgrade – French Foreign Ministry
- Several citizens injured in Belgrade
- 21 arrested in Belgrade
- Fischer announces support to G-17 Energy for Democracy program
- KFOR finds bodies of elderly couple in Prizren – KFOR spokesperson Lavoir
- Body of 60-year-old woman found in Pristina
- Russian soldier injured in Kosovska Kamenica
- Milos Nikolic slaughtered near Vitina
- Refugee convoy stoned in Kosovo
- Pristina-Pec route blocked
- Albanians threaten to block Kosovo Polje if Serbs do not remove barricades
- US parachutist dies near Vitina
- RS delegation delivers medicines, shoes and clothes to Pec Patriarchy
- RS delegation to visit Decani Monastery
- 165,000 Serbs left Kosovo in last four months – Pravoslavlje Press
- Italian Ambassador to Yugoslavia visits Pec Patriarchy
- del Ponte meets with FBI Director Free

- ICTY to determine course of war crimes in former Yugoslavia
- Serb National Council in Kosovska Mitrovica accuses UN representative Garrod of creating multinational town damaging to Serbs
- Federation in Yugoslavia not possible – Albanian President Meidani
- Australia to suspend assistance to Albanians in Australia
- German court rejects Albanian requests for political asylum
- German officials agree Dayton has no alternative – BiH House of Representatives official Dokic
- Umicevic opposes reconstruction of Ferhadija Mosque, since it is not national monument, but that of Turkish conquerors
- SDS and SRS discuss Sarovic taking over presidential duty
- Poplasen will not transfer authority to Sarovic – SRS member Djurdjevic
- RS Government responsible for crisis – SRS general Secretary Tadic
- All RS institutions in crisis – Party for Democratic Progress President Ivanic
- Vasic statement not attitude of RS authorities – Haselock
- Special RS Interior Ministry Unit celebrates anniversary in Bijeljina
- RS Commission for Missing Persons identifies 20 bodies in Bijeljina
- 333 incidents caused by mines registered in RS since end of war
- IPTF spokesperson Roberts holds press conference on police academy in Banja Luka
- New German Embassy building opens in Sarajevo on anniversary of unification of Germany
- Corruption and crime negatively influence political and

economic development of BiH – Barry
- Permanent election law does not oppose Dayton Agreement – Barry
- 12,745 RS residents apply for return to Sarajevo
- Zilic asks international representatives to prevent celebration of Croatian Day of Police in BiH Federation
- SDA dissatisfied with HDZ BiH relation towards BiH Federation laws
- 81 criminal acts registered in 1999 in Sarajevo Canton – SRNA
- World News
- Sarovic and RS Traffic Minister Pavic open telecommunication station in Pale
- RTV RS signal available in Srbinje Municipality
- One person dies in Banja Luka car accident
- Opera singer Miroslav Cangalovic dies in Belgrade
- Sports
- Weather
- SDS and Sarovic must show readiness to implement Dayton Agreement – Dodik
- US Government understands RS efforts and actions – Dodik
- US Government grants $2,300,000 for refugee returns – US Embassy
- Serbian police block Topcider Square in Belgrade, place of demonstrations
- Milosevic violates Yugoslav Constitution – Djukanovic
- 250 Albanians set barricade in Kosovo Polje
- Situation in Kosovo tense, regardless of KLA demilitarization – Scharping
- SDS-SRS coalition stronger than ever – acting SRS President Blagojevic
- Use of KM exclusively in effect as of 30 September – BiH Central Bank
- Suspension of HRT broadcasting in BiH to be agreed with Croatian authorities – Riley

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Vasic statement not attitude of RS authorities – Haselock

Deputy High Representative for the Media Simon Haselock stated for SRNA that RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic's statement on the session of the Public Broadcast Service Establishment Board in Banja Luka is not the attitude of the RS authorities. Haselock added that there is no confusion in the RS regarding the Public Broadcast Service of BiH, but only Vasic is confusing. According to Haselock, the Service is not going to lessen the significance of RTV RS, but provide it with an approach to international programs. Commenting on Vasic's statement that the RS National Assembly would discuss the Public Broadcast Service, Haselock stated that the Assembly is not authorized to do so. Haselock said that the Service was formed on the BiH level and is under the authority of the BiH Presidency, BiH Council of Ministers and BiH Parliament. When asked why BiH Federation TV was not formed first, Haselock said that that will be done simultaneously. Commenting on Vasic's statement that there are attempts to give the Establishment Board the authority to form a public corporation for relays and transmission without the consent of the entities, Haselock said that those are two separate issues. The public corporation for transmission should be engaged in RS and BiH Federation cooperation in transmission, including mobile telephone services and other telecommunications. According to him, if the RS and BiH Federation want to have an electronic system of transmission based on the most modern technology, they must create the conditions to attract foreign investors, the best way being through a Public Broadcast Service.

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