

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 10 September 1999

## News Headlines

- Dodik holds press conference
- BiH Council of Ministers adopt decision on prohibition of extra taxes for oil and cigarettes
- RS Customs office holds meeting
- Petritsch requests BiH Parliament discuss free passage from Ploce Port to BiH through Neum
- BiH Foreign Minister Prlic meets with German Government envoy in Berlin
- BiH Parliamentary Assembly representatives fail to adopt agenda for September to December 1999 period
- Djokic meets with [World Bank](#) delegation
- RS Deputy Prime Minister Banjac meets with [World Bank](#) delegation
- Agroprom Bank to have proper credits for small factories in RS
- RS Energy Minister Vladimir Dokic meets with [World Bank](#) Energy Mission
- RS and Italian building factories create new Krabako factory
- RS Commission for missing persons finds 19 bodies in Konjic Municipality
- RS Interior Ministry starts investigation into Gacko incident
- IC organizations in BiH condemn incident in Gacko
- OHR and [SFOR](#) say Gacko incident intimidating Bosniak returnees
- Exhumation of 60 persons in Srebrenica Municipality concluded – [UN](#) spokesperson Kelly Moore
- Several persons injured in conflict between Serbs and Kosovo Albanians in Kosovska Mitrovica – KFOR

- 33 Serbs injured in Kosovska Mitrovica conflict – TANJUG
- Three persons injured taken to KFOR hospital – French KFOR
- Yugoslav Army announcement to return to Kosovo is imprudent – Serb Orthodox Bishop Artemije
- Reasonable Kosovo leaders against restructuring of KLA into Kosovo Corps – Belgian media
- Russian troops should be placed in Orahovac area only, not in Orahovac – German KFOR Commander
- IC to give economic assistance to Kosovo – Stability Pact Deputy Coordinator
- KFOR Commander Jackson rejects [NATO](#) Commander Clark orders to prohibit Russian arrival at Pristina Airport – US Commander General Shelton
- Swedish Government hesitates to send its troops to Kosovo
- German General Klaus Rheinhardt to replace General Jackson as KFOR Commander
- Serbian intellectuals hold protest rally against Milosevic regime in Belgrade
- RS Syndicate Head Volas visits Montenegrin Syndicate in Podgorica
- Dodik violated RS Constitution with decision to prohibit Poplasen from entering presidential offices -SRS press conference
- New Coalition between Sloga Coalition and CD Coalition expected – Coalition for RS Coordinator Predrag Lazarevic
- SDP BiH does not agree with SNSD attitude that now is not time for multiethnic government – SDP BiH Vice-president Sejfudin Tokic
- Farrand to form joint commission for implementation of Brcko arbitration decision
- Petritsch criticizes Izetbegovic regarding statement to stop eviction of refugees and displaced persons
- If negotiations between Sloga Coalition and CD Coalition unsuccessful, CD Coalition will overthrow RS Government

- Izetbegovic
- Croat ministers in Herzegovina Canton dismissed
- Izetbegovic responsible for Croat persecution in BiH – Croat association of former camp inmates
- BiH Republican Party warns of possibility for secession within BiH Federation because of separate education programs
- Unverified contracts for military flats before 6 April 1992 are invalid
- Jewish New Year celebrated
- World news
- Sarovic to speak at 10th Serb Congress of Unity in Cleveland
- Election Officials Association holds first session on Jahorina Mountain
- [UNHCR](#) spokesperson denies Izetbegovic statement that Bosniaks not returning to RS, Pale authority to provide 48 houses for Bosniak returnees
- Violence against Serbs and Romanies increasing – [UNHCR](#) Mission to Kosovo
- Unknown persons attack civilian bus between Strpci and Vranje
- Kosovo separation not examined – Albright
- Preparations for meeting with Clinton – Russian Prime Minister Kutin
- Russian Foreign Ministry condemns Kouchner for violating [UN](#) resolution for Kosovo with planned KLA restructuring
- [UN](#) Mission to intensify control on border between Kosovo and Albania
- KLA leaders promise Solana KLA will be disarmed by 19 September
- Sports and weather

## **News Summary**

### **Dodik holds press conference**

RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik held a press conference in

Banja Luka where he spoke of the RS Government delegation visit to Japan during which they will try to secure a \$ 42 million donation and technical equipment for TV production from the Japanese Government. Restructuring of the RS Government is not possible before the next elections because this would destabilize the current RS Government, Dodik said, adding that the RS Government decision to prohibit Nikola Poplasen from using the presidential offices has been realized. Poplasen agreed with Yugoslav officials to establish a payment system between the RS and Yugoslavia, which the RS Government is not interested in, Dodik said. The BiH Federation is creating secret lists of persons suspected of committing war crimes and these lists can imperil entity relations, considers Dodik. The RS and BiH Federation need to exchange all prisoners added Dodik. Alija Izetbegovic's statement about evictions is out of proportion and the RS will implement its obligation from the [Dayton Agreement](#), Dodik concluded.

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