

OHR RTRS News Summary, 11 Septemb 2000

News Headlines:

- US will continue to cooperate with legitimate RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik – Miller
- RS National Assembly decision to dismiss Government is legitimate – PDP President Mladen Ivanic
- SNS member Milica Markovic Elez announces withdrawal from RS National Assembly
- RS National Assembly decision is constitutional – SPRS Vice President Miroslav Mikes
- SP0 dismissal of its RS National Assembly representative Miko Perkovic from all party duties is final – SP0
- RS National Assembly decision greatly damages RS and its people, and will have negative impact on work of BiH common institutions – Democratic Party for Banja Luka and Krajina President Nikola Spiric
- RS teachers will receive due back salaries by 20 September – RS Education Ministry
- Prnjavor Gradip enterprise sold for KM 15,404,684 to Prnjavor private enterprise Ljubic
- Over 100,000 vouchers invested in investment funds – RS Privatisation Agency
- 600 Lukavica Energoinvest workers go on strike to protest against poor financial situation
- RS Interior Minister and Srpsko Sarajevo authorities discuss local safety situation
- Goran Vlajinic arrested in Mostar by mistake and then released
- Zoran Basic arrested in Posusje
- Leaflets calling for mobilization and referendum appear in Livno Canton – ONASA
- 35 Bosniaks are on sealed [ICTY](#) indictments – RS weekly

Reporter

- [UNHCR](#) convenes conference on humanitarian issues in Geneva
- Miller demands process of issuing permits for construction of Ferhadija Mosque to be sped up
- Peace Implementation Council convenes summit in Zagreb
- DOS continues election rallies in Pomoravlje and East Serbia
- Kostunica could win almost 50% of the vote in upcoming Yugoslav presidential elections – G17 PLUS poll
- DOS aim is to structure Serbia as state – Djindjic
- SRS will not allow Radio Television Serbia (RTS) to cover its rallies – SRS candidate Tomislav Nikolic
- Montenegrin DPS and SNP fail to agree on process of controlling polling stations on 24 September
- World news
- Belgian soldiers serving in Balkan missions are suffering from “Balkan syndrome” lack of will and vivacity, caused by use of depleted uranium shells – Belgian press
- BiH vehicles entering Yugoslavia must possess green cards and Yugoslav vehicles entering BiH must have yellow cards as of 12 September
- Pelican Blue Line announces opening of Podgorica-Banja Luka air route
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US will continue to cooperate with legitimate RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik – Miller (01:06) US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller stated in Banja Luka that the United States would continue to cooperate with Milorad Dodik as the legitimate RS Prime Minister. Miller added that the RS National Assembly had the right to vote non-confidence in the Government, but that the Assembly was also attempting to

deprive the Government of its executive authority. The Ambassador declined to comment on the legality of the Assembly's decision. Miller maintained that a more competent authority should give its judgement on the non-confidence vote. The Ambassador said National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic assured him a month ago that legislative authorities would work on economic issues for the people's benefit and rise above petty political games. He assessed that the RS National Assembly actually did do so for one session, but after that returned to politics, as usual.

RS National Assembly decision is legitimate – PDP President Mladen Ivanic

00:20 PDP President Mladen Ivanic told US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller the PDP's position is that the RS National Assembly decision to dismiss the Government is legitimate and should be accepted. Ivanic added that this decision would not provoke more serious consequences because the Government should continue conducting its regular duties.

Miller demands process of issuing permits for construction of Ferhadija Mosque to be sped up (00:57) US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller demanded from Banja Luka Mayor Dragoljub Davidovic to accelerate the process of issuing permits for the construction of Banja Luka's Ferhadija mosque. Miller said the Islamic Religious Community (IRC) submitted a construction application for Ferhadija on 3 March 1997. Davidovic told Miller that the Banja Luka City Administration is processing the application, which has to undergo the routine legal procedure. When asked whether the IRC had submitted all necessary documents, Davidovic said that the administration received only the application and that the remaining documents will be submitted when it becomes necessary. Miller stated that the United States is interested in the construction of Ferhadija mosque, and added that religious buildings should not be treated as part of politics. He announced assistance to the Serb Orthodox Church and returnees regardless of their

religious background