# OHR RTRS News Summary, 12 October 1999

#### **News Headlines**

- Dodik meets with UK Foreign Secretary Robin Cook in London to discuss situation in BiH
- Dodik to visit France on Wednesday
- RS Finance Ministry makes donation to primary schools and universities in RS
- Street value of one KM is 17 Yugoslav Dinars in Banja Luka( officially is 14 Dinars)
- Annan meets with RS and BiH Federation Governments and envoys of BiH Council of Ministers in Sarajevo
- Annan holds press conference in Sarajevo, says he is satisfied with implementation of <u>Dayton Agreement</u>
- Annan meets with Mihajlovic and Silajdzic
- Mihajlovic rejects Silajdzic claims that RS is responsible for non-implementation of Annex 7 of <u>Dayton</u> <u>Agreement</u>
- BiH Council of Ministers envoys discuss law for Council, do not accept working program
- Radisic meets with UK, Germany and Russian Ambassadors to BiH in Serb Sarajevo to discuss current political situation and RS National Assembly resolution on BiH charges against Yugoslavia
- SNS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SNS supports economic and political cooperation with Yugoslavia, but without Milosevic and his regime — SNS Vice-president Stanko Stanic
- SNSD holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SNSD supports decision of RS National Assembly and supports attitude of RS Government on Radisic and Djokic visit to Belgrade — SNSD General Secretary Slavko Mitrovic

- OHR holds press conference in Sarajevo
- OHR surprised with Radisic and Djokic visit to Belgrade
  Haselock
- OSCE holds press conference in Sarajevo
- Member of UN Civil Mission to Kosovo killed in Pristina
- UN member killed was Bulgarian citizen Valentin Krumov
- Group of Kosovo Albanians killed Krumov <u>UN</u> Mission to Kosovo
- Kouchner sharply condemns murder of <u>UN</u> member in Pristina
- UN police officers investigate murder in Pristina
- Jackson dissatisfied with current security situation in Kosovo
- Murder of Bulgarian member of <u>UN</u> Mission is heinous act
  Bulgarian Foreign Ministry envoy
- Bulgarian President requests more information about murder in Pristina from Kouchner
- Kosovo Albanians must be viewed as European nations were after WWII — Annan
- Serb National Council of northern Kosovo requests Serbian Government check its decision to displace Pristina Rectory (Administration building of Pristina University) in south Serbia
- Russia supports stable and integrated Yugoslavia –
  Ivanov
- Six billionth child, born in Sarajevo's Kosevo Hospital at 00:03 on 12 October, visited by Annan
- Citizens of village Potkraj, near Travnik, send letter of apology to USAID for boycotting visit of USAID envoy in Potkraj
- Joint Croat-Bosniak authority in Prozor not established because Croat side obstructs agreement between Croats and Bosniaks in that municipality — Sarajevo media
- Investigation process against former Mayor of Sanski Most Mehmed Alagic is not yet finished — Sanski Most Municipality Court
- Relations between NATO and Russia still frozen Russian

Foreign Ministry Envoy Vladimir Rahmanjin

- World news
- Sports and weather
- Process of KLA transformation into Kosovo Protection
  Corps has started KFOR spokesperson
- KFOR finds bodies in Gnjilanje, Kosovo
- Bomb attack in Obilic, Kosovo
- French KFOR soldiers find several bombs in south Kosovska Mitrovica
- US condemns murder of <u>UN</u> Kosovo Mission member in Pristina US White House spokesperson Joe Lockhart
- Hashim Thaci condemns murder of <u>UN</u> official in Pristina
- German forensic team finds 15 bodies in mass grave near Orahovac, Kosovo
- Kouchner requests support of European Parliament to hold local elections in Kosovo
- European Council President Romano Prodi requests
  European Parliamentary envoys invite Serbian opposition
  leaders to Brussels
- Twenty mayors of opposition-held cities and towns in Serbia meet in Seged, Hungary with Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach to discuss Stability Pact for Southeast Europe
- Several thousand citizens in Belgrade demonstrate against Milosevic and his regime
- Return of refugees to Brcko is priority of IC and Brcko Supervisor — Farrand
- OSCE holds press conference in Banja Luka
- OSCE spokesperson Pierce McCorley talks about decision of Election Appeals Sub-commission on SRS Srpski Brod
- SFOR holds press conference in Banja Luka
- <u>SFOR</u> to hold military exercise 'Joint Resoluteness' in Manjaca area 17-22 October <u>SFOR</u> spokesperson
- World news

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#### OHR holds press conference in Sarajevo

The OHR held a press conference in Sarajevo. "The OHR is surprised and worried over the fact that BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic and RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic are traveling to Belgrade with Nikola Poplasen, who is an ordinary citizen of the RS" stated Deputy High Representative Simon Haselock. "The OHR is disappointed that high officials of the RS are meeting with Poplasen, who was dismissed by decision of the High Representative for violating the <u>Dayton</u> Agreement" added Haselock. It is hard to understand that high officials of the RS are contacting Milosevic, who is indicted for war crimes. Haselock commented on the fourth extraordinary session of the RS National Assembly, saying that the entities are not authorized to involve themselves in the issue of BiH charges against Yugoslavia, but that it is a matter for the BiH Constitutional Court. "The RS National Assembly is not competent to dispute the decisions of the BiH Presidency" stated Haselock. He said that local and entity authorities should grant monetary resources for reconstruction from their budgets. Haselock called for respect of the decision of the Chamber for Human Rights on the rebuilding of mosques in Banja Luka.

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## OSCE holds press conference in Sarajevo

The OSCE held a press conference in Sarajevo, where spokesperson Tanya Domi informed of a decision of the Election Appeals Sub-committee to dismiss SRS President in Srpski Brod and member of the Srpski Brod Assembly Grujica Kusljic for forging signatures on a resignation tendered in 1997. The Srpski Brod SRS was fined KM 3,000. "If the fine is not paid by the deadline, the Srpski Brod SRS will not participate in the upcoming local elections" concluded Domi.