

OHR RTRS News Summary, 12 September 2000

News Headlines:

- RS Government decides to continue work with full capacity in accordance with constitution and law
- RS Government stops implementing Law on Supplements and Amendments to Law on RS Government
- RS National Assembly Deputy Speaker Jovan Mitrovic says dismissed government cannot stop decisions of RS National Assembly – Tanjug
- SPRS is expecting decision of RS Constitutional Court on dismissal of RS Government
- Petritsch considers latest RS National Assembly attempt to obstruct work of RS Government extremely irresponsible
- Sarovic says he expects crisis of RS institutions to be resolved in upcoming elections
- Radisic meets with Portuguese Ambassador
- DSP member Gordana Dukic says RS National Assembly decision to dismiss Government is deepening crisis in RS
- SNSD holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SNS Vice President Branislav Lolic tells press conference that latest decision of RS National Assembly is creating crisis in RS
- BiH Council of Ministers session scheduled for Tuesday postponed due to lack of quorum – Tusevljak
- Banja Luka hosts seminar on security and cooperation, with participation of representatives of RS and Federation armies, and RS and BiH Federation Defence Ministries
- RS Minister for Issues of War Veterans and Disabled Veterans Slobodan Zupljanin does not support establishment of confederation of entity war veterans

associations

- Election Appeals Sub-Commission rejects candidacy of eight candidates – OSCE spokesperson Luc Zahner
- Vehicle of RS Ministry for Refugee and Displaced Persons blown up in Banja Luka at 01:30 on Tuesday, no casualties reported – RS Interior Ministry spokesperson Zoran Glusac
- RS Commission for Tracing Missing and Arrested Persons starts exhumation on Mt. Ozren
- ICTY investigating Bosniak crimes against Serbs in BiH
- Reporter article on sealed ICTY indictments is false and counterproductive – UN spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- Arrests of certain Serb officials could initiate responsibility on Bosniak and Croat side as well, which would give ICTY its correct function – SNS
- All persons who committed war crimes should be brought before RS and Federation courts – SNSD
- Reporter article on sealed indictments has no connection with ICTY – ICTY Deputy Prosecutor Graham Blewitt
- Mostar-Southwest Municipality Head Ivan Mandic protests against disturbance of residents on Monday during apprehension carried out in Mostar
- UN condemns HVIDR-a protest in Mostar when bridge was blocked for 24 hours – UN spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- NATO Secretary-General George Robertson warns Milosevic not to try to forge election results
- Heads of parliaments of Stability Pact member states hold session in Zagreb
- Permanent stability in region depends on democratic Yugoslavia – Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach
- Session of Montenegrin Assembly interrupted due to disagreement on whether TV should broadcast session, expected to continue on 27 September
- EU External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten and US's Strobe Talbot discuss measures if Milosevic uses force against Montenegro or opposition
- Russian Parliament to send observers to monitor

Yugoslavia elections

- 10,000 citizens participate in Milosevic rally in Negotin
- Signatures on petition supporting Milosevic election candidacy are not valid – Vojvodina Coalition President Dragan Veselinov
- SPO presidential candidate Vojislav Mihailovic says that if he wins elections, he will establish good relations between Serbia and Montenegro
- Regime is obstructing will of citizens to participate in DOS election campaign – DOS presidential candidate Vojislav Kostunica
- 2,000 members of OTPOR resistance movement arrested so far by police – OTPOR official Vukasin Petrovic
- Ivan Stambolic's wife Katarina cannot confirm that Ivan was held in Belgrade prison
- Zvonko Plecic called Pleca shot dead in Belgrade in presumed gang-related showdown
- Director of Pristina Sector for Construction and Reconstruction killed, no further details – UNMIK
- World news
- Dodik meets with RS and Hungarian customs officials to discuss cooperation and possibility of RS Customs Authority membership in international customs association
- RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic and RS Government Vice President Savo Loncar meet with RS and Hungarian custom officials
- Culture
- Sports and weather

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SNSD holds press conference in Banja Luka (00:46) Senior SNSD official Slavko Mitrovic told a press conference that the recent RS National Assembly decision on non-confidence and dismissal of the RS Government is illegal and unconstitutional. Mitrovic said the SDS and SPRS have created

a black-red coalition with the support of the SDA in the RS National Assembly. The SDS-led coalition is carrying out a scenario of disintegration of the RS and drowning it in a unitary BiH, he added. This scenario anticipates the creation of disorder in the RS, which would bring anarchy and chaos. After that, the international community would be forced to introduce a protectorate in the RS and abolish its existence, added Mitrovic. He maintained that the latest events in the RS are in direct connection with events in Yugoslavia.