

OHR RTRS News Summary, 13 June 2000

News Headlines

- Banja Luka Municipal Court rules on SNS Kostic request
- SNS loyal to Dragan Kostic holds press conference to discuss division within the SNS, the situation in the Sloga Coalition and Frowick's support for Plavsic
- SNS loyal to Biljana Plavsic holds press conference to discuss division within the SNS, the situation in the Sloga Coalition and upcoming November elections
- SNS situation is being used for political games in RS National Assembly – SNSD official Mitrovic
- Dodik and Ralph Johnson discuss issues of BiH Public Corporation for Natural Gas Transport, TRANSCO and [World Bank](#) program
- Djokic and RS PTT delegation discuss dismissal of RS Postmaster General, who Dodik dismissed
- Bratunac Remont Institute workers end their strike
- Two division companies of Incel Company start strike
- Deadline for submission of application for return of tenant's in RS is 19 June
- RS and BiH Federation Governments and humanitarian organizations to help refugees return to Glamoc plateau
- Barry to address CSCE in Washington DC on BiH's future under Dayton Peace Agreement umbrella
- International organizations hold press conference to comment Barry's address to CSCE in Washington DC
- RS Intelligence Service to sue Reporter Editor-in-chief Perica Vucinic
- Brcko Mayor and BiH Central Bank Vice Governor sign agreement on opening Central Bank's office in Brcko
- Zenica miners continue with their strike
- Montenegrin Social Democratic Party (SDP) Vice-president

Marovic offers resignation due to poor election results in Herceg Novi local election

- Montenegrin National Democratic Party Vice-president Bulatovic offers resignation due to poor election results in Podgorica local election
- [EU](#) foreign ministers approve humanitarian aid for Montenegro worth 20 million euros
- Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council condemns violence being perpetrated by Kosovo Albanian separatists
- [UN](#) Human Rights Envoy Jiri Dienstbier criticizes IC and Kouchner due to their non-implementation of [UN](#) Resolution on Kosovo
- Roma (Gypsy)-owned house damaged in Orahovac, Kosovo
- Kosovo Serb arrested in northern Kosovo by KFOR for illegal weapons possession
- [ICTY](#) will not investigate [NATO](#) air strikes against Yugoslavia – Del Ponte
- Report on complete visit of Chinese National Congress President Li Peng to Yugoslavia
- World news
- [EU](#) foreign ministers express concern about political situation in Serbia, attacks on independent media and other
- SNSD press conference on formative session of Banja Luka City Assembly
- Banja Luka acting Mayor Crnadak, OHR and [OSCE](#) representatives hold talks on formative session of Banja Luka City Assembly
- Sports and weather
- June 18, 19 and 28 are official state holidays in the RS
- Banja Luka Municipal Court rejects SNS Dragan Kostic request for change of name of SNS authorized representative in court register – SNS Dragan Kostic holds press release
- Annan on [UN](#) mission to BiH and BiH's future
- 432 Bosniak families return to Doboj – OHR

- Council of Europe delegation praises Montenegrin local elections
- Serbian regime releases 19 Kosovo Albanians prisoners
- Union of Independent States requests Council of Europe and [OSCE](#) to review crimes committed against Serbs and other non-Albanians in Kosovo
- Bomb thrown at Serb house in Orahovac, Kosovo
- Directors of RS General Syndicate and RS Chamber of Commerce discuss mutual cooperation
- International Furniture Fair opens in Banja Luka
- Culture
- Problems with Banja Luka water supply

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Banja Luka Municipal Court rules on SNS Kostic request

The SNS RS loyal to President Dragan Kostic issued a press release following a ruling by the Banja Luka Municipal Court. It points out that the Court rejected the SNS request to change the name(s) of authorized SNS officials registered in the court's record that would officially represent the party. It claims that the ruling is scandalous, was politically imposed and absent of fundamental legal principles and that it was rendered under political pressure. Kostic claims that the new SNS leadership was denied its existence by this court ruling. According to the release, Kostic concluded that the ruling of the Banja Luka Municipal Court would not stop the process of democratization and SNS recruitment and growth.

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RS Intelligence Service to sue Reporter Editor-in-chief Perica Vucinic

The RS Intelligence Service announced that it would sue weekly Reporter magazine acting Director and Editor-in-chief Perica Vucinic. Reporter has been publishing articles alleging that the RS Intelligence Service carried out the illegally bugging

and wiretapping of political and public personages in the RS. The latest issue of Reporter even published a list of the persons who had been bugged. Reporter, in its two latest issues, published articles on the Service's secret operations, claiming that, a few month ago, the Service started intensive wiretapping and surveillance of persons from all sectors of public life who did not have a positive opinion of the regime's leaders (referring to the RS). Reporter learnt that the operation, code named 'Black Raven', is especially focused on citizens who frequently have contact with Belgrade. Reporter claims that persons on the list include political leaders, leaders of political parties, certain ministers, delegates in the RS National Assembly, generals of the RS Army and other public persons. It also claims that three 'bugging points' exist in Banja Luka. Reporter says that it knows the locations of these 'points' and the persons doing the bugging (surveillance). Furthermore, according to Reporter, other points exist: one in Bijeljina, two in Srpsko Sarajevo and one in Trebinje. Due to such allegations by Reporter, the RS Intelligence Service stated it was going to sue Perica Vucinic. Deputy Director of the RS Intelligence Service Predrag Ceranic wonders what the motives were that initiated Reporter to cause such a stir during such a difficult and uncertain political/security situation (in the RS). The Service said it would investigate the background behind this entire situation. Ceranic said that the Service has been working in accordance with legal principles and the law. The RT RS requested Vucinic to give more-detailed information, but he was not available for comment. In a press release, Vucinic stated that he would present evidence to confirm the weekly magazine's articles and prove that the RS Intelligence Service did in fact carry out wiretapping and other forms of surveillance.

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