OHR RTRS News Summary, 13 October 1999

News Headlines

- 16 Dinars = 1 KM – RS Bank Union
- Dodik visits France
- RS Defense Minister Milovanovic meets with Austrian military envoy
- BiH Parliamentary House of Representatives fails to adopt draft on joint police
- Radisic meets separately with US, French, Chinese, Greek and Indian Ambassadors to BiH
- Radisic meets with Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson
- Mihajlovic and Indian Ambassador to BiH discuss current political situation in region
- Mihajlovic meets with IMF Director Ansola
- Members of State Border Commission meet in Sarajevo
- Over 15,000 persons returned to RS – RS Minister for Refugees and DPs Dragicevic
- Dragicevic takes part in meeting of Union Refugees and DPs Coordination Board
- Security situation in RS good – RS Interior Minister Novic
- No Serb politician in BiH can rise above collective nationalism – CD Coalition Head of Caucus
- Serb bodies exhumed in Ozren to be transported to Banja Luka
- Exhumation begins in Sarajevo
- Two German KFOR soldiers killed in car accident in Kosare, east Kosovo
- Annan arrives in Pristina
- UN concerned over violence in Kosovo – Annan
- Egyptians are also victims of Shiptar terrorism in

Kosovo – Egyptian Union letter to Annan

- Decision on partial KFOR withdrawal from Kosovo can be brought next spring – NATO
- Situation in Kosovo very difficult and requires decisiveness and patience – Fischer
- OSCE media department ready to support independent media development in Kosovo
- Entity army representatives discuss future action of confiscation of weapons in Brcko
- Decisions on return of housing unsatisfactory – Ferguson
- HN Canton Vice-president informs IC of his charges against Croat representatives
- Sarajevo Canton Interior Ministry pressing charges against ADD Video company director for fraud
- International wanted notice to be sent out for former SAB Bank Director – BiH Federation Interior Ministry
- Questioning of Tuzla Canton officials delayed on transfer of funds – SRNA
- Recently reconstructed house of Bosniak returnee mined in Livno – Tanjug
- World News
- Serb Brod Refinery Director Mujicic arrested for abusing position
- Water delivered to Banja Luka citizens has been chemically tested and can be used – Banja Luka Assembly
- Automobile Fair SAM 99 concludes in Banja Luka
- Sports
- Weather
- Joint Commission for Implementation of Final Brcko Arbitration to submit version of District Statute on 27 October – Farrand
- Sarovic and Ganic discuss two-way returns with UNHCR Head in Travnik
- Union of Refugees and DPs announces conference on two-way returns
- Participation of Serb representatives in talks with Annan does not mean they gave up on boycott – Serb

Resistance Movement Trajkovic
- Norwegian KFOR finds body of Serb woman in Kosovo Polje
- One civilian dies in car accident near Istok
- Vollebaek condemns cold-blooded murder of UN official in Kosovo
- Five persons injured in Belgrade demonstrations
- OHR spokesperson Riley accuses Croat media of discouraging Croat DPs to return

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No Serb politician in BiH can rise above collective nationalism – CD Coalition Head of Caucus

CD Coalition Head of Caucus Safet Bico stated that there is no Bosnian Serb politician who can rise above collective nationalism. In an interview given to the Banja Luka weekly Nezavisne Novine, Bico said that RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik has disappointed the CD Coalition which brought him to power and without whose votes he would not be able to remain in the position of prime minister. Bico announced that the CD Coalition would, through the OHR, require restructuring of the RS Government and dismissal of some ministers, namely the Interior Minister, Minister for Refugees and DPs, Urban Development Minister and Minister of Justice.

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Decisions on return of housing unsatisfactory – Ferguson

At a press conference held in Banja Luka, OHR spokesman James Ferguson stated that the process of issuing certificates for the return of housing law in BiH is unsatisfactory. The OHR believes that BiH leaders who live in flats for which a request for return of housing has been filed, should move out even before the effective court decision. The OHR will, within a working group for return and reconstruction, closely monitor this situation and undertake measures against those who abuse their positions and use flats belonging to someone else.

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