

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 13 September 1999

## News Headlines

- Dodik visits two companies in Japan
- Radisic and Dodik meet with Petritsch, Barry and Meigs, meeting continues
- Farrand cancels order from November 1998 on return of non-Serb members of Brcko Municipality, administration, police and judiciary in Brcko
- BiH Federation representatives obstruct work of BiH Parliamentary Assembly – RS representatives in BiH Parliamentary Assembly
- 50 civilians killed in terrorist attack in Moscow
- US Defense Minister Cohen talks with Russian Defense Minister Sergeyev on Kosovo situation
- Organized campaign exists against Serbs and Gypsies in Kosovo – Hungarian representative in European Council
- Serbs prevent Kosovo Albanian attempt to enter northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica
- French KFOR soldiers find kidnapped Serb civilian and release him
- Serb civilian injured in Gnjilanje
- Unnamed assailants attack Serbs in Cerinica
- KFOR warns small Serb commando groups want to destabilize situation in Kosovo
- Prince Charles visits Kosovo, scheduled to visit humanitarian organizations and British KFOR soldiers
- [NATO](#) bombing of Yugoslavia did not create ecological disaster in Yugoslavia – [UN](#) experts
- [EU](#) Foreign Ministers to expand list of Yugoslav authority forbidden visas
- [EU](#) Foreign Ministers decide to give humanitarian aid to Serbian citizens

- Serb Orthodox Church Congress continues in Belgrade
- Collapse of Yugoslav economy and currency printing in Serbia – G-17 Coordinator Mladjen Djinkic
- 1 KM valued at 13 Yugoslav Dinars on Banja Luka streets
- Petritsch and Meigs visit Panjik and Motovo
- Beginning 30 September, KM to be only currency for payment transactions in BiH – BiH Central Bank
- BiH Federation to be restructured before end of 1999 – BiH Federation Prime Minister Bicakcic
- OHR in Drvar on Croat barracks
- 40 Croat families return to Kakanj Municipality
- If law on flats by High Representative respected, 200 Sarajevo University professors would be homeless – Oslobodjenje
- Ellerkmann to leave position end of September 1999
- [SFOR](#) condolences for [SFOR](#) soldier and civilians killed by land mine near Bugojno
- Body of King Stjepan Tomasevic to be transported from Split to Jajce
- World news
- Radisic and Djokic state RS representative to participate at next session of BiH Permanent Military Committee
- Barry supports Petritsch appeal for BiH authorities to respect property law
- [World Bank](#) will not investigate individual misuse of IC donations in BiH – [World Bank](#)
- [EU](#) Foreign Ministers condemn violence in Kosovo and support return of refugees
- 40 Serbs have disappeared in Kosovo to date – Orthodox Press
- Underground springs partially polluted – [UN](#) ecology expert Pekka Havisto
- Tenth Serb Congress of Unity concludes in Cleveland, Belgrade regime must be dismissed and all Serbs around world should act united
- World news

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- Sports and weather

## **News Summary**

### **Petritsch and Meigs visit Panjik and Motovo**

High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch, [SFOR](#) Commander Montgomery Meigs and the US, Finnish, Dutch and Swedish Ambassadors to BiH visited the villages of Panjik, near Tuzla, and Motovo near Zvornik. Meigs stated that it is ironic that the first Serb returnees to Panjik are elderly men and that success would be achieved if young people return. Meigs said it would be tragic if they could not be supplied with the primary conditions for return. The IC has started projects for establishing water and electric utilities in Panjik. The IC representatives visited the village of Motovo near Zvornik where Bosniaks had started to return. Petritsch stated that the IC should build an electric distribution utility, construct houses and return people to work. Serb and Bosniak returnees have been welcomed by citizens in Motovo and Panjik, but the majority of them do not have jobs.

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### **OHR in Drvar on Croat barracks**

Special OHR Commissioner for Drvar Peter Chapell stated that the OHR is against the construction of barracks for the HVO First Brigade in Drvar. Even if Serbs are a minority at this moment, it does not mean that they do not have rights to authority. Construction of the barracks will be discussed when the joint authority in Drvar starts to function, Chapell said.

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