

OHR RTRS News Summary, 14 October 1999

News Headlines

- Sarovic should take over presidential function – SDS
- Dodik concludes visits to UK and France
- Dodik and Vedrine satisfied with situation in region
- BiH Council of Ministers holds session in Sarajevo
- Mihajlovic and Greek Ambassador to BiH discuss implementation of [Dayton Agreement](#)
- [SFOR](#) and IPTF confiscate illegal weapons in western Mostar – BETA
- HDZ ministers leave BiH Federation Government session and go to Mostar
- Incidents in Mostar necessitate Croat ministers' presence – BiH Federation Deputy Prime Minister Covic
- OHR announces work on laws on information and slander
- US Ambassador to BiH Miller meets with Srebrenica authorities
- RS Oil Industry Steering Board holds session in Serb Brod
- RS Finance Ministry pays final installment to RS Goods Reserve Office for wheat
- Goods worth DM 150,000 confiscated in Trebinje and Bijeljina
- Sarovic and Djokic meet separately with RS and Montenegrin Constitutional Court delegations
- Serbian opposition parties sign agreement on conditions requiring early elections – BETA
- Annan calls on Serbs and Albanians to undertake measures for preventing crime in Kosovo
- Several thousand Kosovska Mitrovica Serbs request cessation of killing and evictions
- German KFOR try to prevent illegal entries from Albania

into Kosovo – KFOR

- In addition to Kosovo Protection Corps, [UN](#) and KFOR responsible for safety in Kosovo – Reinhardt
- World News
- RS Government Vice-president Gligoric and [ICRC](#) Head discuss fate of missing and arrested persons
- Sarovic, RS Government Vice-president Loncar and RS Minister for Refugees and DPs Dragicevic discuss integration of BiH into [EU](#) with European Commission Head Kretchmer
- Meigs informs Jelavic of [SFOR](#) action in Mostar
- Mostar journalists protest [SFOR](#) action due to their being forbidden to make phone calls
- Several radio stations in Mostar called for violence during [SFOR](#) action – Stiglmayer
- Croat ministers had no reason to go to Mostar – Bicakcic
- Achieving peace in Kosovo will be long process – Scharping
- KFOR will accept voluntary surrender of weapons until 30 November
- Kosovo Albanians announce demonstrations in Kosovska Mitrovica for 15 October
- BiH Federation budget for 2000 is 250 million KM
- Sports
- Weather

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According to SRNA, the SDS Main Board held a session and concluded that RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic should take over the RS presidential function. SDS Main Board members told SRNA that talks with the OHR would have to follow now. One issue that remains open is whether former RS President Nikola Poplasen would agree to transfer the presidential duties to Sarovic.

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