

OHR RTRS News Summary, 14 Septemb 2000

News Headlines:

- Djokic convokes 13th session of RS National Assembly for 19 September following Thursday's meeting with parliamentary parties
- BiH Parliament House of Representatives adjourns session without vote on law on supplements and amendments to Law on Passport, Haris Silajdzic says term 'Republika Srpska' should not be abolished from passport only [meaning altogether], and SDS member and Deputy Speaker Mirko Banjac requests RTRS and TV BiH to broadcast entire Silajdzic statement
- OHR says term 'Republika Srpska' has been determined by [Dayton Agreement](#) and is not subject to change
- Dodik categorically rejects statement of Yugoslav Information Minister Goran Matic that RS Government is preparing 1,500 police officers with 140 vehicles and Serbian police uniforms to arrest top Serbian officials after holding of Yugoslav elections
- RS Government denies that it is preparing 1,500 police officers to arrest Serbian top officials
- RS Interior Ministry denies that it is preparing 1,500 police officers to arrest Serbian top officials
- DNS says Matic statement is aimed at compromising RS authorities on eve of elections
- RS Finance Ministry provides funding for state wheat purchase
- RS Finance Ministry says it transferred all funds specified in this year's budget to RS Pension and Insurance (PIO) Fund, denying statement of former PIO Fund Director Svetozar Mihajlovic that it still owes Fund five million KM

- Local associations of pensioners and RS Pensioners Association hold session in Doboj, announce strike if they do not receive second part of April pensions
- OHR requests BiH Federation Parliamentary Assembly to adopt amendments to Law on Pensions
- [World Bank](#) and [IMF](#) criticize failure of BiH Federation Parliamentary Assembly to adopt amendments to Law on Pensions
- SDA says it cannot support proposed amendments to Law on Pensions
- Disability pensions will not be reduced – RS Minister for Issues of War Veterans, Labor and War Invalids Slobodan Zupljanin
- RS Association of War Veterans says investment fund of war veterans should be established to protect their interests
- Sarovic meets with Swedish Ambassador to BiH Nils Eliasson
- Dodik meets with Eliasson; Eliasson says Sweden will support closer ties between BiH and [EU](#) when it takes over rotating [EU](#) chairmanship next year
- Norwegian Organization for Cooperation and Development officials meet with Dodik
- [OSCE](#), OHR, [UN](#) and [UNHCR](#) condemn bomb attack on vehicle of Ljiljana Oreskovic of Banja Luka Office of Refugees and Displaced Persons – OHR spokesperson Chris Bird
- RS Constitutional Court receives Government request to examine constitutionality of recent National Assembly decision to dismiss Government
- SDS will give full contribution to work of RS National Assembly and will respect Constitutional Court decisions – Kalinic
- SDS officials meet with Russian Ambassador to BiH Filip Sidorsky
- Sidorsky meets separately with PDP RS President Mladen Ivanic and SNS Vice President Branislav Lolic
- Latest RS National Assembly decision to dismiss

Government is positive – SRS General Secretary Ognjen Tadic

- SDP tells press conference in Banja Luka that it did not participate in no-confidence vote and dismissal of RS Government
- Stability Pact foreign ministers meet with Albright in New York
- DOS presidential candidate Vojislav Kostunica stoned by SPS supporters during election rally in northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica
- Eight persons injured in Kosovska Mitrovica incident
- DOS had information that SPS supporters would provoke incident in northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica – Civic Association of Serbia President Goran Svilanovic
- DOS pleased with its election campaign so far – DOS Campaign Manager Zoran Djindjic
- SRS (Serbia) President Vojislav Seselj hopes Yugoslav elections will be held in good atmosphere
- SPO (Serbia) presidential candidate Vojislav Mihailovic rejects possibility of coalition with SRS
- Yugoslav United Left (JUL) President Mira Markovic holds election campaign in Pozarevac
- DOS opens election observation office for Yugoslav presidential elections in Montenegro
- Around 300 members of NGOs and DOS detained in past 24 hours in Serbia for distributing election material
- International five-power Contact Group to meet on situation in Balkans in New York on Thursday
- HVO General Ivan Andabak, arrested in Croatia earlier this week, is suspected of smuggling 665 kilograms of cocaine
- Croatian Army officer Ignjac Kostroman was not arrested as reported, but his apartment is being watched by Croatian police – Croatian media
- HVIDR-a confronts with Croatian Government and Ivica Racan following recent arrests, Racan says he is not frightened by threats (no further details given)

- World news
- Companies from BiH Federation and RS to participate jointly in Zagreb International Fair
- KM nine million needed for construction of new building of Banja Luka Psychiatric Clinic
- Workers of Banja Luka dairy Mljekara announce strike on 20 September to protect their social and economic rights
- Collection of outstanding bills electric power industry is meagre – RS Minister for Energy and Mining Vladimir Dokic
- UNICEF Banja Luka Office representative meets with RS Education Minister Suzic and Banja Luka University Chancellor Dragoljub Mirjanic to discuss UNICEF assistance in RS education reform and work of experimental schools
- Sports
- Weather