

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 17 October 1999

## News Headlines

- Dodik statement on Karadzic for French newspaper Figaro
- Yugoslav Prime Minister Bulatovic condemns Dodik and Montenegrin Prime Minister for decreasing value of Yugoslav Dinar
- Meigs suspends BiH Federation Army General Zlatan Jelcic for violating ethics of high officer
- One killed and one injured in Pristina – KFOR spokesperson
- Serb house burned in Kosovo Polje
- Four explosions in northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica
- KFOR condemns former KLA for disrespect of demilitarization agreement because 14 Kosovo Albanians dressed KLA uniforms for funeral in Donje Obrinje
- KFOR confiscates 650 bullets on border near Kacanik
- KFOR arrests Kosovo Albanians on road between Pristina and Prizren
- Kouchner and KFOR Commander Reinhardt meet with Independent Student Union to discuss continuation of work of Pristina University
- BiH Presidency on official visit to Slovenia to discuss political and economic cooperation between BiH and Slovenia
- Multiethnic character of Kosovo lost – Pristina philosopher Skeljzen Malici
- RS Government delegation meets with RS workers in Germany, Switzerland and Austrian cities
- 3,630 families of minority nations have returned to RS from 1 January to 15 October 1999 – RS Deputy Minister for Refugees and Displaced Persons Petar Djodan
- Real Property Commission has received 175,000 requests

- for return of property – Sarajevo media
- Montenegrin Prime Minister Vujanovic to lead Montenegrin Democratic Party of Socialists in negotiations with Yugoslav SRS and its president Seselj on restructuring Yugoslav federation on 25 October
  - Unknown person throws bomb on house of Democratic Party Valjevo Board Head Andric – Yugoslav Democratic Party
  - Belgrade regime plans to hold session of Serbian Assembly to adopt new law of local autonomy – Alliance for Changes Coordinator Vladan Batic
  - [EU](#) to give 850,000 KM for reconstruction of Glamoc Municipality
  - HDZ BiH condemns IC organizations and BiH Federation Interior Ministry for not having strength to resolve security problems in BiH Federation
  - Users of war veterans credit have arrears of 8 million KM in Sarajevo Canton
  - World news
  - Gradiska is most frequent border crossing in BiH
  - Banja Luka heating season
  - RS agriculture
  - Sports and weather
  - New [UN](#) bus line between Gnjilanje and Serb villages in Gnjilanje area
  - Slavonic Orthodox Bishop Savo Juric serves liturgy in Slavenska Pozega, Croatia first time after war
  - World news

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### **Dodik statement on Karadzic for French newspaper Figaro**

RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik gave an interview to French newspaper Le Figaro. Dodik stated that it is possible that former RS President Radovan Karadzic, indicted by the [ICTY](#) for war crimes, is hiding in Serbia. Dodik added that Karadzic is hiding well and it is logical to think that Karadzic is hiding in Serbia because he is in the same position as Yugoslav

President Slobodan Milosevic. "Karadzic should give himself up to the [ICTY](#), because citizens of the RS have problems in their relations with the IC because of his case" considered Dodik. "Karadzic must give himself up to the [ICTY](#) because the [ICTY](#) brought an indictment against him for war crimes. Even if the indictment is unjust, it can only be resolved in The Hague" added Dodik. Dodik believes that nationalistic parties caused the tragedy in BiH and that nationalistic leaders must leave authority structures. Nationalistic leaders, named Tudjman, Milosevic and Izetbegovic, used weapons, and that is their mistake. Dodik believes that the IC did not need to recognize the independence of BiH, because they knew that all Serb nations were against BiH independence. "Karadzic did not know how to agree with the IC and permitted para-military forces to commit war crimes, that is his mistake" stated Dodik. Le Figaro asked Dodik to explain the very difficult position of the Serb nation. "Croat, Muslim and Albanian nationalism is responsible for the current difficult situation of the Serb nation, but Milosevic is the main bearer of guilt for the misfortune of Serbs" said Dodik. "In the beginning, Milosevic did not understand that the West did not have anything against Serbs and that he needed to cooperate with traditional Serb friends, the UK and France, then we would not have had war in Yugoslavia or the one million Serb refugees."

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