OHR RTRS News Summary, 17 October 2000

News Headlines:

- RS National Assembly convenes on Tuesday; delegates fail to adopt agenda (03:15)
- Serb students demonstrate in Brcko; RTRS uncovers reason behind protest of Serb students is protest of Bosniak students on 16 October; Brcko District Government decides classes must continue according to planned schedule (02:40)
- Dodik opens 700m of paved road in Banja Luka quarter of Laus (00:58)
- Sarovic informs Austrian Ambassador to BiH Gerhard Jandl of his talks with Kostunica; they also discuss normalisation of relations between BiH and Yugoslavia (00:45)
- Sarovic abused function of President of Committee for Transport of Last Remains of Serb Poet Jovan Ducic to Trebinje and visited Kostunica in this capacity; Sarovic has privatised this duty because he appeared in Belgrade without Committee's consent- Dodik (00:37)
- Sarovic visited Belgrade in his capacity as President of Committee for Transport of Last Remains of Serb Poet Jovan Ducic to Trebinje – SNSD and SNS joint release (00:08)
- SPRS General Secretary Milutin Pejic expresses regret Dodik did not express support for Sarovic-Kostunica meeting (00:08)
- SDS hopes Kostunica-Sarovic talks will contribute to normalisation of relations between Yugoslavia, RS and BiH and establishment of special and parallel relations (00:20)
- RS citizens express satisfaction over Sarovic-Kostunica

meeting – RSRS President Goran Zmijanjac (00:08)

- OSCE does not want to take responsibility of entity parliaments for implementation of BiH Constitutional Court ruling on constituents of BiH people throughout BiH – Barry (00:54)
- BiH Federation Parliament rejected to adopt draft law on supplements and amendments to Law on PIO (00:15)
- Establishment of provisional Serbian government and scheduling of special Serbian parliamentary elections are good and positive signals because course of democracy in Yugoslavia depends on changes in Serbia – Petritsch (00:47)
- Kostunica assesses his talks with Montenegrin authorities as encouraging
- Montenegro cannot take part in work of interim Yugoslav Government – Djukanovic Office
- Main part of talks in Podgorica devoted to future relations between Serbia and Montenegro – Tanjug
- Kostunica meets with Bishop Anfilohije in Cetinje, Montenegro
- Patriarch Pavle thanks Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff Nebojsa Pavkovic for Army's positive role during election crisis in Yugoslavia
- DOS has mechanism to assist economy of Serbia, regardless of whether it will reach agreement with Montenegrin SNP-party on established of new Yugoslav Government – Djindjic
- DOS expected to finalise list of experts/technocrats that will comprise new Serbian Government – DOS
- DOS leader Goran Svilanovic resigns from DOS Crisis Team for Media, explaining that Belgrade daily Politika strike board rejected decision appointing Aleksandar Tijanic Acting Director of Politika
- Belgrade University of Art Dean Radmila resigns saying she has reached age limit for performing this duty
- Crown Prince Aleksandar Karadjordjevic attends commemoration devoted to Karadjordjevic family in St.

George Church in Oplenac, Serbia
- Founders of SPS demands dismissal of Slobodan Milosevic and his closest confidants
- World News
- Bodies of 420 fallen RS Army soldiers to be relocated from Deumica Hala to mausoleum in Banja Luka city cemetery – RS Veterans Association
- 3,600 RS railway workers go on strike on 18 October because their demands not met – RS Railway Administration
- 96 gas stations closed in RS for failure to install digital measuring instruments – RS Trade and Tourism Minister Nikola Kragulj
- Zepter Invest Fund collects over 3 million privatisation vouchers – Zepter Commerce Bank Director Milenko Vracar
- Banja Luka daily Nezavisne Novine to publish 1000th edition on 18 October
- RS Children's Theatre celebrates 45th anniversary
- Sports
- Weather
- RT RS News Summary:

RS National Assembly convenes on Tuesday; delegates fail to adopt agenda

03:15

The RS National Assembly failed to adopt the agenda for its 14th session

in Banja Luka on Tuesday. At the beginning of the session, the RS Government withdrew 19 proposals, draft laws and other decisions from the Assembly discussion procedure, leaving only the draft laws on labor, employment and labor inspection. RS National Assembly delegates reduced the proposed agenda to 13 points and, although the proposed agenda was harmonized, they did not adopt it. Thirty-six delegates voted for the agenda's adoption, six against and 25 abstained. RS National Assembly

Speaker Petar Djokic said that this was the climax of extremely irresponsible behavior on the part of delegates, who took on great responsibility by not adopting the agenda and, in the end, devaluated the activities of the National Assembly with this action. DNS delegate Dragutin Rodic commented the session's result, saying that the DNS believed the 14th session should have been used to adopt laws of great importance for privatization, labor relations and the status of the RS population. DSP delegate Nebojsa Radmanovic said the Assembly has practically dissolved itself with this kind of behavior. SDS delegate Dragan Cavic said he is convinced the reasons for holding this session were proposals to include a discussion topic concerning the work of a polling group researching activities in customs and in the strategic commodity reserves sector. Cavic is also surprised that the SRS refused to adopt the agenda on proposal. SRS delegate Milan Lazic said the SRS is not satisfied because the Government withdrew a large number of agenda points. This SRS official also expressed dissatisfaction with the behavior of SDS and SPRS officials due to their refusal to elect a new RS Government at the session before when the SRS initiated this proposal. CD Coalition representative Nedzad Sasivarevic assessed that the session was a farce and accused Djokic of being the most responsible for allowing this to happen. SNSD representative Jovo Radic demands Djokic to come to his senses, but believes it to be a very relative matter when someone and something has the majority. Whether the session will be continued or whether this will be the last gathering of the delegates in this composition remains to be decided at a consultative meeting between Djokic and parliamentary caucuses on 18 October.