

OHR RTRS News Summary, 18 September 1999

News Headlines

- Sarovic statement on RS presidential crisis
- Sloga Coalition initiative (if Sarovic does not accept presidential duty, Sloga will request permission from [OSCE](#) for RS presidential elections) positive pressure for ending crisis – SNS Vice-president Stanko Stanic
- SNSD member Krstan Simic invites Sarovic to assume function of RS President or hold new presidential elections
- First SPRS Assembly begins in Brcko, members prepare new strategy
- Petritsch says critical point achieved in implementation of [Dayton Agreement](#) and it is time BiH authorities accept responsibility for BiH problems instead of IC
- Former [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Head Robert Frowick arrives in Sarajevo and will meet with Barry on heading US anti-corruption team – [OSCE](#) spokesperson Tanja Domi
- Izetbegovic greets arrival of US anti-corruption team in BiH
- US anti-corruption team in BiH does not exist – OHR spokesperson Stiglmayer
- 150 Sarajevo Serbs visit their houses in Sarajevo in organized visit
- 17 Serb families decide to return to village of Potkraj, near Luski Palanka
- Slovenian office in Banja Luka on obtaining Slovenian visa
- Serb Orthodox Church Assembly regrets death of all civilians regardless of nationality
- Serb Orthodox Church Assembly appeals for IC to protect non-Albanians and Orthodox churches in Kosovo

- Kosovo Albanians destroy monument to Serb writer Dositej Obradovic in Pristina
- Two civilians dead in Pristina
- Since KFOR arrival in Kosovo, Kosovo Albanians have destroyed 100 graves in Serb cemetery in Pristina
- Kosovo Albanians steal crystal from Stari Grad Museum
- KFOR Commander Jackson hopes KLA leaders will be satisfied with future civilian forces in Kosovo
- Orthodox Bishop Artemije not optimistic for Kosovo future after 19 September, deadline for KLA disarmament
- Raska Serb Orthodox Church requests Yugoslav officials protect Orthodox Church property in Kosovo
- Some Kosovo Albanians do not support current violence in Kosovo – Kosovo Albanian writer Veton Suroi
- Several thousand Kosovo Albanians participate in KLA parade in Pristina
- BiH Federation House of Representatives adopt nine economic laws at suggestion of IC
- 24 Serb civilians exhumed in Livno area
- Situation in Livno Canton bad – OHR Mostar
- Livno Canton HDZ President Josip Peric dissatisfied with dismissal of Drvar officials
- World news
- Day of Second VRS Krajina Brigade denoted in Banja Luka
- Water shortage in Banja Luka
- WHO organizes seminar on health, social and education workers in Doboj
- RS Industry Ministry to hold seminar on anti-explosive protection from 1-3 October in Banja Luka
- Russian KFOR soldiers can come to Orahovac when they condemn crimes of Russian volunteers fighting with Serb troops – Thaci
- KFOR Commander Jackson believes KLA disarmament will be completed on time
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Sarovic statement on RS presidential crisis

RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic stated that he did not shun his responsibility by not taking over the function of RS President and that he respects the demands of the IC. "The problem of the RS President is in the hands of the High Representative, who has frozen the issue of the RS presidential function" added Sarovic. The letter sent to former High Representative Carlos Westendorp at the time of the [NATO](#) aggression blocks Sarovic, because Westendorp requested he remain RS Vice-president and Dodik RS Prime Minister. Following this letter, Sarovic added that nobody from the IC contacted him, but that he was ready to discuss all issues openly. "The function of the RS President is not my private issue, it is a thing for complete agreement in the RS" considers Sarovic. "In the interest of the RS, a permanent strengthening of relations with Serbia, Montenegro and other countries is needed. It is for the welfare of our (Serb) nation from both sides of the Drina River that the connection and cooperation not be misused."

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