

OHR RTRS News Summary, 18 September 2000

News Headlines:

- RS Government at Monday's session supports text of proposed law on pension-disability insurance and draft law on labour, employment and labour inspection
- RS National Assembly to hold session in Banja Luka on 19 September; Government members to participate in session – Djokic
- [EU](#) foreign ministers, in session in Brussels, decide that [EU](#) will lift sanction on Yugoslavia if opposition wins upcoming elections
- Dodik opens new building of RS Interior Ministry in Banja Luka
- Dodik meets with envoys of RS Interior Ministry Syndicate
- BiH Federation Interior Ministry arrests BiH Border Service official Zeljko Cosic
- 250 illegal immigrants arrested in past five months at Doljani border crossing between BiH and Croatia – Brcko District Border Police Commander Slobodan Markovic
- More than one hundred Serb refugees hold protest rally in front of Prijedor Office of RS Ministry for Refugees and DPs, demanding end of evictions until alternative accommodation is provided
- [OSCE](#) Banja Luka Head Roger Bryant visits Kozarac and says he is impressed with construction taking place in that town
- Croatian Parliament delegation meets with representatives of BiH Parliamentary Assembly and Council of Ministers in Sarajevo
- BiH media are obliged to provide equal treatment for all independent candidates, parties and coalitions during

pre-election presentations – IMC

- Kosovo Serb killed in Gnjilane on Sunday – KFOR
- Kosovo Albanian suspected of murdering Gypsy in Piraja village – KFOR
- In reaction to statement of Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff Pavkovic, Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic says Yugoslav Army sees 24 September as special day for protection of Milosevic regime
- Opposition will not allow regime to rig election – DOS presidential candidate Vojislav Kostunica
- Yugoslav Army is ready to protect regime with force of its weapons – Movement for Democratic Serbia President Momcilo Perisic
- Incumbent regime has several scenarios for rigging election results – SPO presidential candidate Vojislav Mihailovic
- Serbian President Milan Milutinovic says upcoming elections in Yugoslavia are agreement between SPS/JUL and Yugoslav people on protection of common interests
- G-17 Group Executive Director Mladjan Dinkic accuses state media of unequal treatment of political parties
- Yugoslav authorities did not send request to IC mission in Kosovo to open 300 polling stations – UNMIK and KFOR
- Main hearing in trial of [NATO](#) leaders for last year's air strikes against Yugoslavia begins at Belgrade Court
- Trial against two UK and Canadian citizens for espionage and illegal entry into country continues in Belgrade military court
- RS Defence Ministry has received no information that [ICTY](#) wants to question several RS Army officers on 4 October, as reported by RS weekly Reporter
- 63 persons suspected of committing war crimes are presently detained in Croatian prisons – Croatian Justice Minister Stjepan Ivanisevic
- 82% of Croatians support recent arrests of persons indicted for war crimes in Gospic – Media Meter Agency
- Trial of Gospic Group, arrested last week, did not start

on Monday as planned

- Arrest action in Gospic is over – Croatian Interior Minister Sime Lucin
- Stipe Mesic denies Vladimir Seks claims that he had received information on situation in Gospic back in 1991
- World news
- Report on privatization process in RS
- RS Transport Minister Marko Pavic presents keys of two garbage disposal vehicles to Prijedor and Banja Luka sanitation companies
- RS Confederation of Syndicates will continue to request that lowest monthly salary of KM 80 be lowest price of labor (minimum guaranteed monthly wage) as well – Syndicate President Cedo Volas
- PDP RS Presidency member Rajko Latinovic comments on situation in RS economy during press conference in Banja Luka
- Sports and weather

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BiH Federation Interior Ministry arrests BiH Border Service official Zeljko Cosic (00:39) Head of the BiH Border Service (SBS) Operations Administration Nedeljko Jandric confirmed to SRNA that the BiH Federation Interior Ministry on Sunday arrested a SBS employee, Zeljko Cosic, at the Doljani border crossing between Croatia and BiH. He emphasized that the arrest was carried out in violation of the BiH Federation Law on Criminal Procedure. Jandric explained that Cosic was arrested by order of the Sarajevo Canton Court and was transported to prison in Sarajevo. The reasons behind the arrest are unknown. Zeljko Cosic was the driver of late BiH Federation Deputy Interior Minister Jozo Leutar who was assassinated in Sarajevo last year.