OHR RTRS News Summary, 2 November 1999

News Headlines

- RS Supreme Defense Council holds session
- Dodik and RS delegation meet with Israeli Bishop Diodoris
- Dodik and RS delegation visit Christ's grave
- Silajdzic asks BiH Foreign Ministry to give full information on Dodik visits to Israel
- Radisic meets with EU Foreign Commissar Patten
- SFOR to be reduced by one third – SFOR Commander Adams
- Adams holds press conference on SFOR restructuring
- Del Ponte holds press conference on justice and ICTY activities in BiH
- DM becomes parallel Montenegrin currency
- Djukanovic praises new Montenegrin monetary policy
- Social Peoples Party condemns new Montenegrin monetary policy
- Alliance for Change, SPO and Social Democratic Party praise new Montenegrin monetary policy
- Serbian opposition discusses sanctions on Yugoslavia with European Union delegation
- Alliance for Change asks for lifting of sanctions against Yugoslavia after elections
- US administration supports European petrol program for Yugoslavia
- Bishop Pavle discusses with Belgrade Bishop Perko on current situation in Kosovo
- Belgrade students protest against actual Yugoslav and Serbian regimes
- One Serb and one Kosovo Albanians killed in Kosovo
- Two persons injured in Kosovo
- Kosovo Albanian UN police officer attacked in Kosovska

Mitrovica
- Vollebaek condemns attack on Trajkovic
- Attack on Trajkovic isolated incident – KFOR spokesperson Jirgens
- Kosovo Serb National Council condemns attack on Trajkovic
- 173 Kosovo police officers start duty
- Kosovo reconstruction should be more rapid – Stability Pact Coordinator Hombach
- Canada to donate $67 million for Kosovo and Balkans reconstruction
- Japanese Government donates $5.5 million for RS road maintenance
- BiH House of Peoples session
- SPRS City Board Brcko asks RS officials to visit Brcko
- SNS press conference on eighth RS Assembly session, RS Government reconstruction, Petritsch decision and attack on Trajkovic
- SNSD press conference on RS Assembly session, Petritsch decision
- Ombudsmen send cases to RS and BiH Federation Governments
- BiH Civil Affairs Minister Asanin discusses establishing BiH Red Cross with ICRC
- Zvornik police investigate attack on IPTF and SFOR representatives
- Shots fired at house of HDZ official Zovko
- Three BiH Central Bank leaders accused of misusing of authority and duty
- Trial of former Head of Tuzla Canton Vikalo prolonged
- Two persons suspected of committing criminal acts in SAB Bank released
- 267,000 persons unemployed in BiH Federation
- Yugoslav Army Inspection Team enters Croatia
- BiH, Croatia, Slovenia and Macedonia ask UN to cancel Yugoslav membership
- World news

- Sports and weather
- Dodik returns to Banja Luka
- RS to send experts and students to training in Israel
- All indictees must be arrested – Del Ponte
- Del Ponte to ask RS to cooperate with ICTY
- Petritsch speaks with Izetbegovic on implementation of housing and property laws
- Mihajlovic speaks with UK Ambassador Hand on BiH Council of Ministers activities and current situation in RS
- Standing Military Committee to hold session in Sarajevo on Wednesday
- On 15 November, sanctions on Yugoslav flights will likely be canceled – Draskovic
- Culture

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Radisic meets with EU Foreign Affairs Commissioner Patten

BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic met with EU Foreign Affairs Commissar Chris Patten in Sarajevo on Tuesday. Patten said that BiH membership in the European Union depends on BiH and that conditions defined for membership are not threats. The European Union will focus attention on Southeastern Europe, especially on BiH. The BiH Presidency informed Patten of the refugee return process, trade integration and citizens' rights. The need for the intensified work of the BiH institutions, peace stability, democratization and cooperation within BiH were also discussed.

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SNS press conference on eighth RS Assembly session, RS Government reconstruction, Petritsch decision and attack on Trajkovic

On Tuesday in Banja Luka, Chief of SNS Club in the RS Assembly Dragutin Rodic and Head of the SNS Information service Ostoja Barasin held a press conference. Rodic stated that a crisis in

political relations exists in the RS. The Constitutional Law Commission started a process on ways to unblock the presidential office. Rodic added that RS Assembly had adopted two laws that will be supported by the SNS. The new RS Government could be adopted only when the presidential crisis is resolved. Rodic considers that only the Prime Minister can restructure his government. Speaking on the decision of High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch, Barasin stated that some obstacles would follow implementation of these new laws. The SNS condemned the attack on Serb Resistance Movement President Momcilo Trajkovic. Barasin asked the International Community to take measures against persons who obstruct the return of Serbs to Kosovo.

01:33

SNSD press conference on RS Assembly session, Petritsch decision

On Tuesday in Banja Luka, SNSD Executive Board member Slavko Mitrovic held a press conference and said that the personal and party interests are being promoted through live broadcasts of RS National Assembly sessions. Mitrovic informed journalists that the Assembly had adopted two laws. The SNSD believes that High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch, with his decisions, speeds the return of refugees and displaced persons. Both the OHR and RS Refugee Ministry should be responsible for return and that he expects these bodies to implement laws on abandoned property. SNSD asked authorized institutions not to evict the families of fallen soldiers and missing persons. The party also stated that they consider BiH to be a joint country.

01:29

Zovko attacked

According to ONASA, on Monday at 22:00 unknown persons fired on the house of Zepce Mayor Mate Zovko in Donja Papratnica.

Nobody was injured. Local police are searching for the attackers.

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