OHR RTRS News Summary, 2 October 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- RS Government expresses dissatisfaction with tempo of RS privatisation process in Banja Luka session
    - Milosevic calls on citizens to defend country from invasion
    - Kostunica signals opposition to second round of presidential elections
    - Mass protests throughout Serbia: schools, institutions and companies stop work
    - Belgrade Executive Council calls on citizens to protest against fraudulent election
    - 5,000 Belgrade pupils hold protest rally
    - 28 journalists at Belgrade state-run daily Vecernje Novosti strike against editorial policies
    - 40,000 protest in Novi Sad
    - G17PLUS visits Yugoslav Institute for Statistics
    - 30 police officers temporarily detain Kostunica and then allow him to visit Kolubara mine where workers on strike to protest electoral fraud
    - DOS to organise huge protest rally in Belgrade on 5 October – DOS Election Chief Cedomir Jovanovic
    - SNP President Momir Bulatovic ready to support will of majority in Yugoslav election
    - Yugoslav Embassy in Skopje denies that Ambassador to Skopje, Zoran Janackovic, was dismissed
    - 60 TANJUG news agency journalists call on their editorial office to correctly inform public
    - 140 RTV Studio B employees strike against electoral fraud
    - Vecernje Novosti Computer Center employees organise strike to stop preparation of newspaper

- Traffic between RS and Yugoslavia slows due to road blockades in Serbia
- Russian President Putin invites Milosevic and Kostunica to come to Moscow and discuss solution to the crisis
- Yugoslav Ambassador to Moscow Borislav Milosevic (Slobodan's brother) comments on Putin offer saying he hasn't heard anything about it
- State Election Commission (SIK) decision on runoff legal – Russian Foreign Ministry
- Albright and French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine reserved regarding Putin's offer to Milosevic and Kostunica
- Yugoslav people voted for change – German Ambassador to BiH Hans Jochen Peters
- Mesic congratulates Kostunica on victory
- Croatia announces its representatives will not participate in international conference on implementation of Dayton agreement in Vienna because Yugoslav delegation has also been invited
- Austrian Foreign Minister Benita Ferrero-Waldner at meeting with BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic: Kostunica winner of Yugoslav elections
- Ferrero-Waldner meets Petritsch to discuss upcoming BiH general election and possibility for early BiH presidential elections
- German Ambassador to BiH Peters holds press conference on 10th anniversary of German unification
- PDP RS press conference
- SNS President Biljana Plavsic criticises RS National Assembly and its speaker, Djokic
- Jacques Klein and IPTF Commissioner congratulate RS Interior Ministry and Customs Office for successful drug bust
- Derventa police uncover 38 illegal immigrants near Derventa
- Four KFOR soldiers and two women injured in Prizren explosion – KFOR

- Kosovo Albanian extremist group ‘Leopard’ destroys two Kosovar Serb houses near Vitina
- World news
- Banja Luka firm Integra-Inzenjering and VB Banka sign agreement on credit for construction of new apartments in RS
- RS Ministry for Traffic and Communication announces reconstruction of Sarajevo-Ljubogosta road at Lapisnica landslide
- Sports and weather

News Summary:

PDP RS holds press conference (00:48)

At a press conference in Banja Luka, the PDP RS called on High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch to re-examine his decision to impose a common BiH passport and requested that he reinstate the previously passed legislation. Over the past few months the common passport has been imposed as a topic for discussion in BiH common institutions, stated PDP RS Vice President and BiH House of Representatives member Branko Dokic. It is the PDP RS’s position that the High Representative has lost his neutrality, overstepped his mandate and become the instrument of a single side in BiH politics. Dokic announced that in lieu of the law’s imposition, the PDP RS would seek arbitration from the Council of Europe as well as the opinion of the Venice Commission.