OHR RTRS News Summary, 2 Septembe 2000

News Headlines:

- Sarovic sends telegram of condolence to family of late RS Minister Jovo Basic following death after long illness
- RS Confederation of Syndicates President Cedo Volas sends telegram of condolence to Basic family
- SDA sends telegram of condolence to Basic family and RS Government
- Sarovic meets with Russian Ambassador to BiH Sidorsky in Serb Sarajevo to discuss BiH Constitutional Court ruling on constituents of all three nations in BiH, implementation of <u>Dayton Agreement</u> and return of refugees to pre-war homes
- RS Minister for War Veteran Issues, Labor and War Victims Slobodan Zupljanin announces payment of June pensions to veterans, adding his dissatisfaction over realization of housing issue for disabled war veterans
- 12 delegates of RS National Assembly receive total of 302,100 KM from RS budget as return aid, RS Government plans KM one million in funding to assist return of National Assembly delegates to pre-war homes; majority of delegates-recipients are Bosniaks and Croats returning to RS from BiH Federation
- Sarajevo police on Friday arrest two Croats suspected of war crimes in Stupni Do village, Tibor Pralj and Vlatko Buzak – UN spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- Several Croat officials in BiH Federation authority tender resignations from government posts because they were not consulted prior to arrest of Dominik Ilijasevic – HDZ BiH
- Croat officials did not receive Information prior to

arrest of Dominik Ilijasevic so information would not be leaked (spread further) – \underline{UN} Mission to BiH

- <u>EU</u> foreign ministers meet in France and discuss revision of sanctions against Yugoslavia
- Deadline for official registration of presidential candidates in Yugoslavia is Sunday midnight
- DOS presidential candidate Vojislav Kostunica announces better life in Yugoslavia, better relations with World and RS (in accordance with <u>Dayton Agreement</u>) and better cooperation between Serbia and Montenegro
- DOS candidate Kostunica has larger percentage of support than Milosevic – Belgrade Institute for Social Sciences
- DOS is guilty of rejecting agreement on joint list SPO-DOS for local elections in Serbia – SPO
- JUL does not accept <u>OSCE</u> observers for Yugoslav elections – JUL President Ljubisa Ristic
- Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic to meet with <u>UN</u> General Secretary Special Envoy Carl Bildt in Podgorica on Sunday
- US Special Balkans Envoy Robert Frowick comments on possibility of holding Yugoslav elections in Kosovo
- <u>OSCE</u> Mission to Kosovo Head Dan Everts states that Yugoslav elections are farce and most likely not a single Kosovo Albanians will participate in them
- New <u>UN</u> Envoy for Issue of Kidnapped Persons in Kosovo is Swedish diplomat Henry Harmens
- KFOR arrests several persons in Kosovo in past 24 hours
 KFOR spokesperson Scott Slaten
- KFOR on 1 September rejected to escort and protect 50 Kosovo Serb pupils from one village near Gnjilane to another village near Gnjilane where their school is – Kosovo Serb source
- Croatian President Stjepan Mesic says that he received threatening message on his fax machine from 'Croatian Revolutionary Brotherhood' organization
- World news
- Report on drought damage in RS

- Direct damage from drought in RS climbs to 106 million
 KM RS Deputy Agriculture Minister Nenad Kesic
- Preparation for winter heating season in RS begins
- Culture
- Sports and weather