OHR RTRS News Summary, 20 September 2000

News Headlines:

- RS Government supports signing of Memorandum of Understanding between RS Government and BiH Federation on assistance to Brcko District regarding return of refugees, economy and mine clearance
- RS National Assembly (RS NA) adopts Law on RS Pension and Disability Insurance (PIO), draft Law on Labor, and draft Law on Labor Inspection
- 13th session of RS NA was very productive Djokic
- RS NA showed that it presents factor of stabilization in RS NA Vice-President Jovan Mitrovic
- Adoption of laws by RS NA is important step in establishing legal framework in RS — RS Vice-President Ostoja Kremenovic
- RS NA adopts several laws in 13th session despite different political positions — SNSD member Krstan Simic
- Adopted Law on PIO will face obstacles during implementation — DSP Vice-President Momir Malic
- DNS is pleased with work of 13th session of RS NA DNS spokesperson Ostoja Barasin
- Second part of April pensions will be paid out in five days — RS PIO Fund Deputy Director Jovo Kosmajac
- RS education workers will receive June salaries on 22
 September Finance Minister Novak Kondic
- SPS-JUL holds central election rally in new Arena hall in Belgrade
- DOS holds central election rally in front of Yugoslav Assembly building in Belgrade
- SPS-JUL presidential candidate Slobodan Milosevic participates in election rally in Berane and tells Montenegrins to think about where they want to live

- 32.5% citizens will vote for Kostunica, 26.6% for Milosevic, 7.2% for SRS presidential candidate Tomislav Nikolic, and 5.4% for SPO candidate Vojislav Kostunica – Strategic Marketing agency poll
- Prince Aleksandar Karadjordjevic calls on Yugoslav citizens to participate in Sunday's elections and to vote for DOS
- If Milosevic stages elections, IC must be ready to cancel his legality — Clinton
- Romanian Defense Ministry denies statement of Yugoslav Government that international military exercise held in Romania is related to elections in Yugoslavia
- HVO General Ivan Andabak is main suspect in murder of BiH Federation Deputy Interior Minister Jozo Leutar — Jacques Klein
- Croatian Interior Ministry spokesperson rejects Klein's statement, saying that Andabak is suspected of drug trafficking
- Petritsch supports preliminary results of investigation into Leutar's murder
- HDZ Vice President Ivic Pasalic's bag containing documents related to <u>ICTY</u> investigation stolen from his car, no further details given
- Recent arrest actions in BiH Federation would have taken less time if there had not been obstruction from Croat side in BiH Federation Interior Ministry — <u>UN</u> spokesperson Stefo Lehmann
- <u>UN</u> Mission is concerned that 90 Serb houses in Bocinja were robbed after mujahedins were evicted from them <u>UN</u> spokesperson Alun Roberts
- Hand grenade explodes in northern Kosovska Mitrovica, no casualties reported — KFOR
- Unknown person throws hand grenade at Kosovo Serb house in Kosovo Polje, no casualties reported
- UNMIK is interrogating six Serbs arrested recently in Gracanica to see if they are members of Yugoslav Army special forces UK KFOR

- World news
- RS Defense Minister Manojlo Milovanovic meets separately with US and Chinese Military Attachés to explain why RS does not support establishment of joint army in BiH
- IMC presents campaign called 'How to Make a Complaint' explaining how citizens can lodge complaints concerning programming content of broadcasting media
- 430 workers of Stanari coal mine go on general strike in protest against difficult social and economic position
- Culture
- Wreaths laid in Banja Luka in memory of unidentified Serbs exhumed after exodus from 13 Krajina municipalities
- Dodik requests BiH Public Broadcast Service to provide live broadcasts from Sydney of matches played by Yugoslavia and Croatia, saying that RS Government received many such requests from citizens
- Sports and weather