OHR RTRS News Summary, 21 August 2000

News Headlines:

- New fires in RS, Doboj Mayor Nikola Gavric proclaims state of emergency in Doboj region due to large numbers of fires in this region
- RS National Assembly will discuss RS Government economic measures only — Djokic, after consultative meeting with parliamentary political parties, <u>IMF</u>, <u>World Bank</u> and RS Government officials
- Croat and Serb justices in BiH Constitutional Court session voted against ruling of BiH Constitutional Court on provisions in entity constitutions — RS Justices Vitomir Popovic and Snjezana Savic
- BiH Border Service issues press release on implementation of green card insurance fee regulation, and says entities are obliged to implement this regulation immediately
- Association of Serbian Insurance Companies adopts 40-DM tax for trailers that is added onto DM 350 insurance fee for trucks
- Sarovic criticizes decision of BiH Border Service on introduction of green card insurance fee for vehicles from Yugoslavia
- Imprudent decision (of BiH Border Service) that will hit ordinary citizens and should not be adopted — RS National Assembly Deputy Speaker Jovan Mitrovic
- Radisic passes lightly and silently over adoption of decision (of BiH Border Service) — SNS delegate in RS National Assembly Milica Markovic-Elez
- PDP RS President Mladen Ivanic calls on Radisic and Serb representatives in BiH Council of Ministers to do everything in their power to nullify BiH Border Police

decision on insurance fee for Yugoslav vehicles

- RS Association of Pensioners holds protest rally in Banja Luka, and announces holding of protest rallies in several other RS cities
- SDA condemns statement of Dodik
- US Government supports Mostar University Chancellor
 Marko Tadic US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller
- United opposition of Serbia promotes symbol and logo for upcoming Yugoslav elections
- Milosevic and SPS are guilty of ten-year catastrophe (ruination) of Serbia — DSS President Vojislav Kostunica
- SPO presidential candidate Vojislav Mihajlovic says that if he does not reach second round of Yugoslav presidential election, SPO will caste in its lot with Kostunica
- Montenegrin police uncover Yugoslav Army truck carrying
 25 Chinese nationals, who were attempting to enter Italy
 illegally
- Three bomb attacks on Kosovo villages of Stimlje, Obilic and Prizren KFOR
- KFOR arrests Kosovo Albanian who attacked IC police patrol in Urosevac
- Kosovo Albanian man rapes Kosovo Albanian woman in Djakovica — UNMIK reports
- Germany Defense Minister Rudolph Scharping concerned about security situation in period running up to local elections in Kosovo
- Marek Novicki is new Kosovo Ombudsman
- World news
- Sports and weather
- RS Pension-Insurance Fund (PIO) to disburse first part of June pension on Wednesday

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SDA condemns statement of Dodik (00:20) The SDA issued a press release. It condemned the statement of RS Prime Minister

Milorad Dodik, in which he said he was against the construction of tent settlements in Banja Luka to accommodate displaced Bosniaks. It is high time the IC started taking punitive measures against its favorite, Milorad Dodik, concluded the SDA press release.