

OHR RTRS News Summary, 21 Septemb 2000

News Headlines:

- Slobodan, it is time to leave! – Dodik open letter to Milosevic
- Media election blackout in Yugoslavia begins on Thursday at midnight
- SDS expects Yugoslav people to elect those who can develop relations among Serbs in Serbia, Montenegro and RS – Sarovic
- Procedure for RS journalists in elections will be same as for foreign correspondents – Yugoslav Information Minister Goran Matic
- Over 210 foreign election monitors arrive in Yugoslavia
- Serbia should be free democratic country – Kostunica at Belgrade rally
- Milosevic criticizes DOS Belgrade rally for destroying the state
- As far as Yugoslav Army is concerned, elections will pass peacefully – Army Chief of Staff Nebojsa Pavkovic
- DPS Montenegro shocked by Milosevic's insults at Berane rally
- Djukanovic accuses Milosevic of attempting to introduce discord among Serbs
- If DOS wins, relations between Yugoslavia and BiH should normalize – Jadranko Prlic
- DNS expects Yugoslavs to elect authorities that will take them out of crisis
- Whoever wins in Yugoslavia must develop relations with RS – SNS
- SNSD expects DOS victory in Yugoslav elections
- It is difficult to say which presidential candidate is best solution – DSP

- Whoever the people choose is the best solution – SPRS
- Milosevic is capable of election fraud – Clinton
- If Milosevic remains in power, extension of sanctions against Yugoslavia cannot be excluded – Robertson
- If Milosevic falsifies election results, Serbia will never be same again – Hombach
- [EU](#) promises to lift sanctions if DOS wins Yugoslav elections
- US supports [EU](#) promises concerning lifting sanctions against Yugoslavia if DOS wins
- [World Bank](#) may renew financial assistance to Yugoslavia if DOS wins elections
- Mesic says he would be happy to visit democratic Serbia
- Fourteen western politicians sentenced in absentia to 20 years imprisonment each for last year's air strikes against Yugoslavia – Belgrade Court
- Government should specify lowest monthly salary in RS to be KM 80 – RS Confederation of Syndicates
- RS Confederation of Syndicates representatives meet with Government Deputy Premier Ostoja Kremenovic to discuss workers' problems
- Dodik requests Sarovic and Djokic opinion on his intention to dismiss RS Energy Minister Vladimir Dokic for not carrying his duties out well
- Sarovic and Djokic respond to Dodik, saying Government should continue to work in same composition until next elections, and should work in accordance with RS Constitution and laws
- Dodik reacts to Sarovic and Djokic letter saying they should have looked deeper into the problem
- Plavsic accuses Djokic of contributing to Silajdzic demand on suspending of RS by collaborating with Belgrade regime
- Sarovic meets with Visegrad authorities and says he will oppose any revision of RS constitutional status
- Japanese Government grants \$17,390,000 to [UNHCR](#) for BiH projects

- OHR welcomes Dutch Government donation worth \$20 million for refugee return
- Milovanovic and [NATO](#) Sub-Committee for Civilian Issues discuss [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation and political situation in RS following no-confidence vote to Government
- Ten foreign military envoys observe RS Army training on Mt. Manjaca
- Law on human rights should be introduced into BiH institutions – BiH Minister for Civilian Affairs and Communications Tihomir Gligoric during meeting with BiH Ombudsman for Human Rights Frank Ortar
- Klein announces new arrests in Jozo Leutar case
- Klein presented information concerning Andabak case – Bicakcic
- HDZ BiH rejects Klein claims on recent arrests of Croats
- SDA supports arrests of war criminals
- [OSCE](#) reproaches Jelavic for not mentioning current BiH problems during celebration of 10th anniversary of HDZ
- Problems of Serb and Bosniak high school students in Brcko District – feature story
- World news
- BiH Public Broadcasting Service responds to Dodik criticism by saying it will broadcast all matches played by Yugoslav and Croatian teams if they enter higher levels of competition in Sydney Olympics
- Sports
- Weather

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Slobodan, it is time to leave – Dodik letter to Milosevic (04:30) RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik sent an open letter to incumbent Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on the eve of Sunday's elections in Yugoslavia. Dodik says that it is time for Milosevic to leave the post of president. Dodik adds that Serbs from Krajina and Kosovo do not want to remember him any

longer and that Serbs in Montenegro want him out. Dodik also says that Serbs in Serbia have turned their backs on Milosevic. He adds that sanctions on Serbia mean nothing to Milosevic, his threats to Montenegrins mean nothing to him, as well as closure of media, arrests in Serbia, draconian laws, etc. Dodik mentioned that Milosevic made his people perish in order to save humanity from the New World Order. He said it is time for Milosevic to draw the line on his reign. The RS Prime Minister added that the Serbs would only remember Milosevic by wars, sanctions, hyperinflation, the loss of Kosovo, and turning Serbs into a refugee tribe living on tractors. Dodik asked Milosevic if Patriarch Pavle could forgive him for the sin of betraying the Serb people. Dodik says that Milosevic can claim all he wants, that 1,400 RS police officers are going to invade Serbia, and that he can accuse Dodik and the RS Government of everything that he has been accusing them of. But what effect do these accusations have on the Serbs, asks Dodik. The RS Prime Minister said that Milosevic made the Serbs live better everywhere, except for in Serbia. "Did anyone tell you that Communism collapsed when you began your speech with 'Dear Comrades' at the SPS-JUL rally in Belgrade? Has anyone told you that Russia has better relations with the US than you have with Russia?" "What is the future of people who choose isolation?" Dodik concludes that his wish and the wish of Serbs from the RS would be for Serbia to become a prosperous country and a motherland to all Serbs. "Why that is not so, you know best" Dodik concluded in his letter.