

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 21 September 1999

## News Headlines

- Earthquake in Taiwan
- Dodik holds press conference in Banja Luka, commenting on visit to Japan and presidential crisis in RS
- Sloga Coalition expects Sarovic and SDS to give opinion on presidential function in next seven or eight days – Mihajlovic
- If Sarovic does not accept presidential function, permission from [OSCE](#) for new presidential elections should be requested – SNS Vice president Stanko Stanic
- SNSD no longer supports Sarovic taking over presidential function – SNSD member Slavko Mitrovic
- SDA does not support Sloga demand for new presidential elections in RS – SDA Vice-president Sulejman Tihic
- Radisic meets with Frowick, Pardew and Miler
- Dodik meets with Pardew, Frowick and Miler
- RS Information Minister Vasic statement on Silajdzic
- Meeting of RS Government envoys, Banja Luka officials and Association 'Ostanak' in Banja Luka
- RS Deputy Prime Minister Banjac opens third fair of small companies in Doboj
- Commission for Revision of BiH nationalism established in Serb Sarajevo
- Ferguson announces new strategy of High Representative for implementation of peace in BiH
- 27 September deadline for registration of voters, parties and independent candidates for elections, BiH Radio Net promoted in Sarajevo – [OSCE](#) spokesperson Alexander Nitsche
- [UN](#) spokesperson Douglas Hoffman says Sarajevo Canton police successfully protected Serb visit to Vraca,

## Sarajevo

- [NATO](#) and KLA sign agreement on demilitarization and transformation of KLA into Protection Force of Kosovo
- Clark participates in negotiations between [NATO](#) and KFOR – Kouchner
- New Kosovo forces will be civil and weapons to be strictly controlled – Jackson and Kouchner
- Solana supports agreement between [NATO](#) and KLA
- Last chance for rule-of-law in Kosovo – Annan
- Five KLA soldiers attack workers of Subcommittee for Management Matters in Pristina
- Alliance for Changes organizes protest rallies against Milosevic regime in 19 Serbian cities
- Milosevic and other Serbian officials must leave – Alliance for Changes Coordinator Vladan Batic
- Serbian border police confiscate 8,000 copies of Reporter magazine and arrests driver at border – Reporter Director Perica Vucinic
- Orthodox Bishop Mitropolit Nikolaj serves liturgy in Sarajevo orthodox church for first time since war
- Return of refugees one of most difficult humanitarian, economic and political problems in BiH – Prlic
- Sarajevo Canton police issued passport to Mehrez Amdouni on 14 September 1998
- [SFOR](#) blocks Mostar streets during visit of Frowick, Pardew and Miler
- BiH Federation privatization
- Problems with Banja Luka waterworks
- World news
- Sports and weather
- Petritsch to present new strategy for implementing peace in BiH
- [OSCE](#) and Internews finance establishment of BiH Radio Net, 24 local radio stations from RS and BiH Federation – [OSCE](#) spokesperson McCorley
- [SFOR](#) helps open new veterinary station in Celinac on Wednesday – [SFOR](#) spokesperson

- 50,000 [NATO](#) soldiers to remain in Kosovo – [NATO](#) defense ministers
- Agreement on KLA demilitarization and transformation endangers Yugoslav integrity and sovereignty – Yugoslav Justice Ministry
- European Council President and General Secretary support agreement on KLA demilitarization and transformation
- Djukanovic to participate in session of European Council Parliamentary Assembly
- 30,000 Belgrade citizens participate in protest rally against Milosevic regime
- World news

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### **RS Information Minister Vasic statement on Silajdzic**

RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic stated that Co-chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers Haris Silajdzic tried to hide the unwillingness of BiH Federation officials to remedy the longtime corruptive syndrome conceived before the signing of the [Dayton Agreement](#). “With recent statements about corruption and the formation of the anti-corruption team, Silajdzic continues to manipulate the political public and IC” claims Vasic. He warned that, according to Silajdzic’s attitude, BiH entities, especially the RS, and the equality of three nations are the result of genocide, and the [Dayton Agreement](#) accepted that. Vasic added that, with this attitude, Silajdzic placed himself in the circle of those openly opposed to the [Dayton Agreement](#).

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### **Meeting of RS Government envoys, Banja Luka officials and Association ‘Ostanak’ in Banja Luka**

Envoys of the RS Government, Banja Luka Assembly and Association Ostanak (remainder) discussed resolving the problems of refugees and displaced persons in and around Banja

Luka. They decided that the process of evictions should be executed in accordance with the judicial authorities regulating this problem, but that those without adequate accommodation could not be evicted. They also agreed to respect judicial matters, property laws, the [Dayton Agreement](#) and Annex 7. Minister for Issues of War Veterans, Victims of War and Employment Tihomir Gligoric stated that they truly wish to implement the [Dayton Agreement](#) and Annex 7 and find a just decision for all refugees and displaced persons, without discrimination. Envoy of the Banja Luka Mayor Djordje Umicevic and Envoy of the Association Ostanak supported holding this meeting and announced intense steps to resolve these problems of refugees and displaced persons.

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