

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 22 September 1999

## News Headlines

- According to RS Constitution, Sarovic must assume presidential duty – Domi
- Mitrovic on resolving RS crisis
- Izetbegovic visit to Arab countries, without agreement of other BiH Presidency members, one more strike against BiH Foreign Policy – Jelavic
- Action 'Stop Black Market' starts in Banja Luka and Sarajevo
- Petritsch meets with Peace Implementation Council Executive Board
- Serb representatives in Srebrenica local institutions hold press conference on difficult situation in Srebrenica and return of refugees
- Serb refugees accommodated in Tarevci discuss reconstruction of houses with Bosniak refugees from Tarevci
- [UN](#) and IPTF spokesperson Roberts holds press conference on two explosions in Gradiska, incident in Prijedor and Popovic trial at Canton Ten Court
- Gradiska police to investigate two explosions – Gradiska Police Chief
- Earthquake in Taiwan, 2,000 dead, 5,200 injured, 2,800 buried under rubble
- Rescue teams search for earthquake survivors
- Another earthquake hits Taiwan
- Serb Resistance Movement President Trajkovic and Bishop Artemije resign from Temporary Kosovo Council
- Kouchner expects Trajkovic and Artemije to continue work despite resignations
- [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo holds press conference on market in

## Kosovska Mitrovica

- Serbs hold protest rally in Kosovska Mitrovica North
- KFOR press conference on explosions and shooting in Pristina
- KFOR confiscates weapons in Pirane, Tamjane and Gornji Livoc
- Kosovo Corps to continue KLA mission – Kosovo Corps Chief of Staff Cheku
- Clark concerned by Serb paramilitary infiltration in Kosovo
- [ICTY](#) has information that many mass graves exist in Kosovo
- HN Canton Governor Maslesa criticizes police and customs in Mostar
- Pardew and Frowick ask Croat officials in Mostar to enable return of Muslims before 1 January 2000
- Luzanski does not support Petritsch decision to cancel appointment of Justice and Deputy Interior Ministers
- BiH Federation Customs on black market operation
- SDP Vice-president Gojer on BiH and terrorism
- Amduoni arrest shows BiH as base for terrorists – BiH Democratic Peoples Union
- BiH Democratic Peoples Union requests revision of nationalization legislation
- Former BiH Army Commander Halilovic says Mujahedin were arranged from Islamic community in Zagreb to fight in BiH
- Blocking roads in Mostar on 21 September was support to [ICTY](#) team investigation – IPTF
- 75 families returned to Sarajevo in last seven days
- 2,446 families in total have returned to Sarajevo
- Closing arguments heard in Sakic trial in Zagreb
- World news
- Earthquake in Banja Luka
- Water supply reductions in Banja Luka
- RS Customs asks citizens to report information on black market

- RS Custom holds press conference on action 'Stop Black Market'
- RS War Veterans Society holds session on privatization
- [NATO](#) Defense Ministers focus on situation in Kosovo and BiH
- Difficult position of Serbs in Zenice, Kosovo
- So-called Kosovo Prime Minister Thaci calls for banishment of Serb enemy
- Montenegrin proposal for restructuring Yugoslav federation not ultimatum – Djukanovic
- Agriculture
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## **News Summary**

### **According to RS Constitution, Sarovic must assume presidential duty – Domi**

OSCE spokesperson Tanja Domi stated that RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic has violated the RS Constitution, according to which Sarovic must assume the presidential duty. At this moment, the [OSCE](#) is not ready for early presidential elections. Domi said that the Sloga Coalition had been informed that respecting the RS Constitution could resolve the presidential crisis. On Thursday, [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Head Robert Barry will meet with Sloga leaders.

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### **Mitrovic on resolving RS crisis**

Deputy RS National Assembly Speaker Jovan Mitrovic considers that the crisis in the RS could be resolved by a decision of High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) to appoint an RS President. In an interview given to Banja Luka magazine Nezavisne Novine, Mitrovic presented the view that, at this time, all conditions for nominating a candidate for RS Prime Minister and a new RS Government could be fulfilled. Mitrovic

asked the RS Government to accept the [ICTY](#) proposal on secret indictment lists.

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