## OHR RTRS News Summary, 23 August 2000

## **News Headlines:**

- Dodik accepts resignation of RS Refugee Minister
  Dragicevic
- Dodik meets with Tusevljak in Banja Luka
- Tusevljak holds press conference in Banja Luka and says that BiH Council of Ministers will discuss decision of BiH Border Service on green cards and RS Government request to dismiss BiH Border Service Director
- Djokic comments on agenda of special session of RS National Assembly, and presents proposed RS Government measures for economic recovery
- RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic explains proposed of RS Government measures for special session of RS National Assembly
- Dodik meets with Governor of BiH Central Bank Peter
  Nicholl
- RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic meets with Nicholl and they discuss privatization of banks and establishment of RS Clearing House
- Payment of second part of June pension to begin throughout RS on Thursday — RS Postal Service
- RS pensioners hold protest rally in front of RS Government building in Banja Luka, representatives of RS pensioners meet with Djokic
- RS pensioners from Sarajevo-Romanija region dissatisfied with latest decisions of RS Government and work of RS Pension-Insurance Fund
- Prijedor pensioners hold protest rally, they are also dissatisfied with latest decisions of RS Government on pensions
- Srpska Ilidza War Invalids Association meets with Dodik

- in Banja Luka and discusses housing problems of war invalids in Srpska Ilidza
- Decision of RS Government to reduce lowest price of work (minimum wage) from KM 80 to 68 is illegal RS Confederation of Syndicates
- Radisic meets with Klein for talks on decision of BiH
  Border Service on green card insurance fee
- US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller visits returnee settlements in Janja and Zvornik
- Srpsko Sarajevo Refugee Association Povratak announces that it will build tent settlements in Sarajevo
- RS and BiH Federation Interior Ministers Novic and Zilic hold meeting in <u>UN</u> office in Sarajevo and discuss employment of minority police officers in both entities, in the municipalities they worked before the war — Coffman
- Derventa Public Prosecutor brings criminal charges against BiH Council of Ministers Minister Tihomir Gligoric because he hit-and-run Veso Latinovic on Prnjavor-Derventa road on 19 March 2000
- RS Deputy Premier Ostoja Kremenovic visits Doboj region due to large number of uncontrolled fires in that region
- Fires raging in several RS municipalities
- More than 50 fires raging in BiH Federation
- Yugoslav Army blocks road between Pljevlja and RS –
  Montenegro Radio reports
- Bookies in Belgrade organizing themselves for upcoming Yugoslav presidential election, currents odds most favor Kostunica and least favor Mihailovic: 1:1.8 Kostunica, 1:2.2 Milosevic, 1:3.3 Nikolic, 1:10 Mihailovic
- Negotiations between Kosovo Serbs and Albanians continuing in Pristina
- Kosovo Albanian injured by KFOR soldier dies in KFOR hospital
- Three Kosovo Albanians attack Kosovo Serb
- World news
- •Omer Visic elected Deputy Mayor of Banja Luka and

Slobodanka Obradovic elected Secretary of Banja Luka Assembly — Banja Luka Assembly

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