

OHR RTRS News Summary, 23 October 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- Petritsch adopts second decision on reconstruction of PBS BiH establishing framework for broadcasting in BiH in accordance with western practices (01:43)
- Principal Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnston comments on OHR decision on PBS BiH, saying OHR is attempting to provide survival of PBS, its objective reporting and its broadcasting abroad (00:50)
- Johnson says he is satisfied with positive changes in RT RS (00:10)
- Johnston and Radisic discuss current situation in BiH, work of BiH common institutions and BiH's relation toward region (01:50)
- BiH Presidency and Prlic adopt platform for BiH delegation participation in summit of countries neighbouring Yugoslav in Skopje on 29 October (00:15)
- Radisic meets with [UN](#) Assistant Secretary General (00:10)
- RS Syndicate of Education, Culture and Science workers start general strike after failing to reach agreement with RS Government on payment of overdue salaries
- Brcko District teachers do not go on general strike because they are paid and financed by Brcko District Government
- BiH Parliament House of Peoples holds session and adopts legislation on BiH budget and external debt in 2000 (01:15)
- Kostunica's visit to Sarajevo has advanced peace process in region – Petritsch (00:29)
- Any contact between BiH and Yugoslavia is welcome – Dodik reaction to Kostunica visit to BiH (01:02)

- Kostunica's visit to Sarajevo and meeting with BiH Presidency represents radical turnabout that will benefit both BiH and Yugoslav people – Zivko Radisic (01:23)
- Kostunica visit to BiH is great step forward in normalisation of BiH-Yugoslav relations – Sarovic (00:15)
- Kostunica's visit to BiH removes unneeded frustrations occurring in official Sarajevo – Kalinic (00:13)
- Kostunica's visit to BiH is important step for regional stabilisation – DSP (00:15)
- SRS believes Kostunica's visit to BiH is unfavourable for RS because he did not meet with RS authorities first (00:10)
- Kostunica made good move by visiting BiH and is not Nazi – Radic
- Kostunica's visit is continuation of Yugoslavia's active participation in [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation – SNS Mirjana Markovic-Elez
- Holding of inter-state meetings [referring to Kostunica meeting at Sarajevo airport] under [UN](#) auspices suggests BiH's dependency in foreign policy – Party for BiH (00:12)
- Klein expresses satisfaction he participated in organisation of Kostunica's visit to Sarajevo (00:15)
- Democratic change in Serbia will have positive impact on RS – Italian Deputy Foreign Minister Umberto Ranieri after talks with Dodik in Laktasi (00:28)
- Dodik has shown will for positive change in RS and BiH – US Congressional Committee for Foreign Policy official William Gillman
- Djokic schedules continuation of RS National Assembly session for 24 October when representatives should discuss draft laws on labor relations, judiciary, and RS customs (00:36)
- If RS adopts law on healthcare, financial status of workers in healthcare sector could improve rapidly – RS

Health Minister Zeljko Rodic after talks with BiH Federation Health Ministry delegation

- RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic and [IMF](#) Director for BiH Franciszek Rozwadowski discuss final preparations for conclusion of fourth and fifth stand-by arrangements for BiH
- Stability Pact for Southeast Europe will be first international organisation Yugoslavia joins following democratic change in that country – Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach
- Serbian Parliamentary Assembly session adjourns in afternoon following SRS Serbia demand for live coverage of this session on RTS
- Serbian Parliamentary Assembly accepts resignation of Serbian Prime Minister Mirko Marjanovic and his entire cabinet
- Kostunica tells EC External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten that Yugoslav Government will be established next week
- Kostunica and Patten discuss distribution of winter aid to Serbian citizens
- Kostunica due to meet with Czech and Bulgarian foreign ministers in Belgrade
- Kostunica meets with northern Kosovo Serb representatives to discuss situation in Kosovo following democratic change in Yugoslavia, as well as continued existence of Serbs in Kosovo and return of 200,000 Kosovo Serbs to their homes
- Kosovo Serb representative Oliver Ivanovic hopes Kosovo Serbs will be able to return to Kosovo
- Electricity rationing in Serbia to end on 24 October – G-17 Executive Director Mladjan Dinkic
- Putin says he will meet with Kostunica in the Kremlin this week
- Albright opposes Bush's proposal to withdraw US troops from BiH and Kosovo, saying it could only happen after talks with [NATO](#) allies in Europe

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Kostunica made good move by visiting BiH and is not Nazi – Radic (00:30)

DPS President Predrag Radic told a press conference in Banja Luka that Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica made a good move by visiting BiH, regardless of comments made in certain Belgrade circles following his visit. He added that the visit is the prelude to a meeting on establishing diplomatic relations between BiH and Yugoslavia. Radic in the strongest possible terms criticized the Sarajevo weekly Dani and OBN TV for “giving the space to those orators that criticized Kostunica’s good intentions and labeled him a Nazi beforehand.”