OHR RTRS News Summary, 23 Septemb 2000

News Headlines:

- Election blackout period in effect in Yugoslavia
- Belgrade peaceful one day before elections
- Yugoslav State Election Commission does not allow work of domestic controllers in elections
- Foreign factors are preparing election fraud by throwing in extra ballots along with regular ballots – State Election Commission
- <u>EU</u> condemns Yugoslav authorities' decision banning 20 foreign reporters entry to Yugoslavia
- Danish reporter arrested in Belgrade for illegal work
- Yugoslav authorities turn back 55 Romanian election monitors from border
- Polling station in Pristina will not open following receipt of information that Albanians plan to attack voters – Center for Peace and Tolerance
- 500 $\underline{\text{UN}}$ monitors to monitor elections in Kosovo
- Yugoslav Foreign Ministry accuses Serbian opposition leaders of intending to declare election victory on evening of 24 September, before official results are announced, and then going to Montenegro and declaring establishment of new Yugoslav Government with Montenegrin authorities
- Djindjic rejects claims that DOS and Montenegrin authorities will declare election victory before official announcement of results
- Momir Bulatovic invites citizens to vote, while Milo Djukanovic calls for boycott
- Yugoslav elections are Milosevic trick Montenegrin DPS
- Montenegrin Interior Ministry says it will provide security at polling stations there, reacting to Yugoslav

Army intention to provide security

- Yugoslav Army special units for nine hours block building of Herceg Novi Municipality where polling material is located, no further details given – Montenegrin media
- Yugoslav Olympic athletes vote in Sydney
- State Election Commission presents statistical data regarding elections
- Control of vehicles at Sremska Raca and Badovinci border crossings stepped up due to Yugoslav elections
- Tusevljak departure for Olympic Games is not blocking work of BiH Council of Ministers – BiH House of Representatives Co-chairman Mirko Banjac
- Tusevljak is not in Australia presently BiH Embassy in Canberra
- Tusevljak is now in Belgrade RT RS unofficially uncovers
- It is still uncertain whether Bosniaks will set up tent settlement in Kastel area in Banja Luka
- Announced construction of tent settlement presents protest gathering – Banja Luka Mayor Dragoljub Davidovic
- RS Refugee and DP Association will not allow construction of tent settlements for Bosniaks if tents are also not provided for Serb refugees and DPs who want to remain in RS
- Roundtable on refugee issues held in Dobrinja, Sarajevo
- RS Confederation of Syndicates demands employers to pay winter food stock and firewood expenses to workers – SRNA
- RS control organs have lately been tightening control of black market
- World news
- Ivan Stambolic's wife Katarina believes her husband is alive – Blic
- Mesic says he will ask for international help in Stambolic case
- Zilic accepts resignations of five Croat officials in

BiH Federation Interior Ministry following recent arrests of Croat suspects

- RS has 8,500 police officers at present RS Interior Ministry
- Seminar for RS pharmaceutical workers held in Jahorina
- RS Institute for Protection of Cultural and Historical Monuments identifies monuments in eastern RS and adds them to list of protected monuments – SRNA
- Sports
- Weather