

OHR RTRS News Summary, 24 September 2000

News Headlines:

- Polling stations for Yugoslav election will be opened from 07:00 till 20:00, till 16:00 in Kosovo
- Milosevic votes in Dedinje, Belgrade, and states that he expects Yugoslav election to be good for people and country
- Regime is conscious that it will lose election – DOS presidential candidate Kostunica after casting his vote in Belgrade polling station
- Citizens will immediately recognize my democratic program for Serbia – SPO presidential candidate Vojislav Mihailovic
- If I become Yugoslav President, Seselj will be Yugoslav Prime Minister – SRS presidential candidate Tomislav Nikolic
- Milosevic term in office will end on June 2001, regardless of election results – Yugoslav Prime Minister Momir Bulatovic
- Wife of Vuk Draskovic, Danica Draskovic, votes in Belgrade
- Democratic Party and Social Democratic Union Presidents Zoran Djindjic and Zarko Korac reject allegation of Yugoslav regime that DOS will commit ballot fraud
- 53.6% of registered voters voted by 15:30 – CESID Center for Free Elections and Democracy
- DOS and CESID observers stopped from observing elections in several municipalities in Serbia – CESID
- Unknown persons construct platform (stage) and video-screen at Republic Square in Belgrade
- DOS confirms equipment at Republic Square is not DOS equipment

- If regime constructed stage in Republic Square, DOS will organise rally to await election results in Terazije, Belgrade – DOS spokesperson Cedomir Jovanovic
- SDU President Zarko Korac states that Belgrade SPS erected stage at Republic Square in Belgrade
- Serbian police confiscate DOS sound equipment and DOS video screen in Leskovac
- 21,873 voters voted in Kosovo – UNMIK
- 220 UNMIK teams observe voting in 22 municipalities in Kosovo – Kouchner
- Serbian Resistance Movement President Momcilo Trajkovic and around one hundred Kosovo Serbs prevented from voting in Pristina
- Only 15 voters voted in Pavlovo village in Kosovo: nine for Kostunica, three for SRS candidate Nikolic, two for Milosevic and one for Mihailovic
- Less than 50% of citizens voted on average in all Montenegrin municipalities, no incidents reported – Yugoslav Election Commission for Montenegro Official Neven Basovic
- 69,482 citizens, or 19.45% of registered voters, voted by 18:00 in Montenegro – DOS HQ in Montenegro
- Clash between SRS and SPS members in polling station Revinac in Prokuplje
- SRS member smashes ballot box in Grocka polling station
- Ballot box was stuffed full in Negotin even before voting in Negotin started – DOS Negotin envoy Bosko Micic
- CESID observed irregularity in Leskovac polling station
- President of Polling Committee in Knjazevac caught stuffing ballots in the box – DOS
- US State Department denies claim of Yugoslav officials concerning existence of foreign conspiracy against Yugoslav election – Richard Boutcher
- Banja Luka Refugee Association from Sanski Most President Azra Nedarevic says that Banja Luka refugees to hold session in Zenica on Tuesday to decide whether

- they will erect tent settlement in Banja Luka downtown
- RS High Court Council will examine work of justices in RS during next 15 months and will establish dossiers for all justices
 - BiH Foreign Ministry and US will organise seminar for employees in diplomatic service in Neum on 1 October
 - Increased number of illegal crossings over BiH-Croatia border in Brcko region – Border Service Police Chief Novo Blagojevic
 - World news
 - New RS authorities must be democratic and open to world and must respect human rights – PDP RS President Mladen Ivanic during PDP Main Board in Banja Luka held on occasion of party's first anniversary
 - World Day of Heart denoted in Banja Luka
 - Culture
 - Sports and weather