

OHR RTRS News Summary, 25 September 2000

News Headlines:

- Kostunica wins – DOS
- Milosevic is leading in polls – SPS-JUL
- State Election Commission (STC) has not announced any election results yet
- According to information DOS has, Kostunica won 55,31% of 60% of ballots counted thus far, Milosevic 34,19%
- SRS Serbia information gives Kostunica 54,57% and Milosevic 36,20% of the vote
- SPS General Secretary Gorica Gajevic concedes local election defeat of SPS-JUL Coalition, and stresses that Milosevic leads with 45% of the vote, while Kostunica has only 40%
- CESID controllers have processed 20% of ballots, Kostunica has 58,48% of the vote, Milosevic 36,60%
- State Election Commission announces holding of first press conference, but is still uncertain when it would be held
- State Election Commission already dissolved because DOS member ejected – Djindjic
- SPS-JUL Coalition does not comment whether DOS members of STC were ejected from that body on Monday
- Opposition concert scheduled for 20:00 in Belgrade
- SNP Montenegro denies Montenegrin TV news that Bulatovic resigned positions as Yugoslav Prime Minister and SNP President
- Seselj and Nikolic resign from all positions in SRS due to poor results of SRS in elections – SRS Serbia HQ Head Dragan Todorovic
- Draskovic says he will offer resignation to SPO due to dissatisfaction over party's poor election results

- Draskovic admits SPO made mistake in not joining DOS, congratulates Kostunica on election victory
- Kostunica announces holding of talks in future with Montenegrin authorities on relations between Serbia and Montenegro
- Kostunica tells RT RS that DOS has won elections, says he is satisfied with behaviour of voters and assesses that "Serbia created a miracle"
- Of 3,021,323 ballots processed, Milosevic won 45%, Kostunica 40% – SPS official Gajevic
- RT RS polls Yugoslav citizens who expressed satisfaction with course elections had run
- SPS-JUL begging for second round of elections – Djindjic comments, reacting to SPS-JUL election results
- SPS Serbia Executive Board member Nikola Sainovic says that Milosevic is still leading
- JUL Information Secretary Ivan Markovic says SPS-JUL Coalition have won
- SNP Montenegro Vice Presidents Predrag Bulatovic and Zoran Zizic express satisfaction with party's results
- Kosovo Serb Resistance Movement (SPOT) leader Momir Trajkovic accuses ruling Serbian parties of impeding DOS monitoring of voting process in Kosovo
- In spite of DOS victory, no conflict will occur in Vojvodina and Serbia – Vojvodina League of Social Democrats leader Nenad Canak
- OHR closely monitoring election results in Yugoslavia – OHR spokesman Chris Bird
- SNSD applauds Yugoslavs voting for Kostunica
- SDS Main Board member Mirko Banjac refuses to comment on preliminary election results in Yugoslavia
- SNS encouraged by opposition success – SNS representative Mirjana Markovic-Elez
- Kostunica has achieved excellent result – PDP President Mladen Ivanic
- Huge political change will occur if Milosevic leaves power – DSP

- SPO RS is overwhelmed by preliminary results indicating DOS victory in Yugoslav polls
- RS Radical Party believes Serbs will achieve democratic victory
- Yugoslav Prince Aleksandar Karadjordjevic congratulates Kostunica on victory and tells Milosevic to transfer power peacefully
- Schroeder and Putin agree that Yugoslavs chose democratic change
- Any claim by Milosevic that he won would be falsehood – EU
- US congratulates Serbian citizens for turning out en masse to vote
- There is evidence that Milosevic has been defeated – Foreign Secretary Cook
- All information indicates Kostunica is leading – [OSCE](#) Head Benita Ferrero-Waldner
- Council of Europe believes elections were ‘staged’ even before polling stations opened
- Milosevic has met his debacle and this is end of his era – Hombach
- Victory of Milosevic’s opponents is unstoppable trend – French Foreign Minister Vedrine
- If Milosevic declares victory, it will lead to destructive consequences – Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini
- Greek Foreign Ministry believes elections were conducted in orderly and democratic manner
- In spite of difficult circumstances, elections showed will of citizens for change – Croatian Foreign Ministry
- US and Croatian armies start military exercise in south Adriatic Sea
- Second part of April pensions paid in RS – RS PIO Fund
- BiH common institutions did not decide anything on common BiH travel documents at 22 September session – Radisic reaction to Patten and Izetbegovic statement on BiH Presidency adoption of Law on Travel Documents

- Tusevljak schedules BiH Council of Ministers session on 26 September to discuss amendments to Law on Amendments to BiH Law on Travel Documents
- Work of BiH Council of Ministers was not blocked during Tusevljak visit to Sydney – Tusevljak office press release
- Parties that voted for Tusevljak as Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers showed they were against RS interests – SNSD
- Tusevljak intentionally obstructed work of BiH Council of Ministers – LDS reaction to BiH Presidency initiative on dismissal of Tusevljak
- Bijeljina police confirm they investigated case of dynamiting two Bosniak houses in Trnovo area on 22/23 September
- Brcko District Government takes responsibility for return of refugees to district's territory
- Zlatko Aleksovski and Anto Furundzija transferred to Finnish prison to serve out their sentences – [ICTY](#)
- World news
- Knut Vollebaek, former Norwegian Foreign Minister, confirms his nomination for [UNHCR](#) top post
- PDP believes privatisation process in RS should be halted until after November general elections
- RS Privatisation Agency expects 850 public enterprises to be on offer in voucher privatisation process
- Sports
- Weather
- Earthquake measuring 2.8 degrees on Richter Scale registered in Banja Luka area early on Monday