

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 26 October 1999

## News Headlines

- RS Government holds session in Banja Luka
- Radisic, Djokic, Mihajlovic and Serb representatives in BiH institutions participate in RS Government session, no press release available
- BiH Management Board for payment system holds session, members discuss proposal of law on payment transactions
- Radisic sends support of letter to Director of Nezavisne Novine Zeljko Kopanja
- OHR greets RS journalists' solidarity with Kopanja following car bombing incident – OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer
- [UN](#) Mission to BiH expects RS Interior Ministry to publish current findings in Kopanja case- [UN](#) Spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- [OSCE](#) commends media action to support independent journalism – [OSCE](#) spokesperson Alexander Nitzche
- RS Journalist Association comments on action 'We Demand'
- Perpetrators of Kopanja assassination attempt should be discovered as soon as possible – Banja Luka Mayor Umicevic
- SPRS condemns terrorist attack on Kopanja
- SDP BiH condemns attempted murder of Kopanja
- News of assassination on Kopanja shocking – Montenegrin Information Minister Jaredic
- SPS condemns assassination attempt on Kopanja – SPS spokesperson Ivica Dacic
- Alliance for Change Coordinator Vladan Batic does not eliminate possibility of involving Serbian authority in Kopanja case
- Director of Belgrade TV station Studio B Dragan

Kojadinovic says newspapers should publish more articles about Kopanja and support 'We Demand' action

- Nezavisne Novine editorial office issues press release
- SNS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SNS does not support election or restructuring of RS Government o before resolving RS presidential crisis – SNS Vice-president Stanko Stanic
- SNSD supports action of RS Independent Journalist Association – SNSD Executive Board member Slavko Mitrovic
- SDP BiH does not support proposed election law – SDP BiH member Mirsad Djapo
- SRS states Temporary Election Commission rejects SRS registration for local election
- Bishop Vasilije meets with Tuzla Canton Governor to discuss returns in Tuzla Canton
- [UNHCR](#) meeting with RS officials focused on return of refugees and Stability Pact – [UNHCR](#) Mission to BiH Head Werner Blatter
- System for establishing united ID documents in BiH is late – OHR spokesperson Stiglmayer
- Chairman of BiH Public Radio Founding Board Tadej Labernik informs High Representative on preparations for starting BiH Public Radio and TV service – Stiglmayer
- KFOR arrests three Yugoslav soldiers in Kosovo territory on Monday – KFOR spokesperson Jirgens
- KFOR releases three Yugoslav soldiers on Tuesday – Jirgens
- Three Kosovo Albanians bodies discovered in east Kosovo – Jirgens
- Kosovo Albanian envoys accept Kouchner as Co-Chairman of Kosovo Government
- Kouchner opens separate Kosovo Albanian school in Obilic because he failed to reach agreement with Serbse
- Leaders of Kosovo Serb National Council protest KFOR closure of school in Plemetina, near Obilic
- Montenegrin Democratic Party of Socialists and SPS to

continue negotiations on new relations in Yugoslav federation

- International symposium on Banja Luka earthquake opens
- Culture
- People from BiH Federation now living in Yugoslavia can send property demands before 11 November to Belgrade Commission for Property Requests
- World news
- Monument for dead soldiers unveiled in Ugljevik
- RS Custom workers and RS police confiscate 23 kg of gold and three kg of silver since launch of action 'Stop Blackmarket'
- Dodik gives statement to SRNA
- RS Government considers security situation in RS stable except terrorist attack on Kopanja – Dodik
- Solana and Robertson to discuss Kosovo situation in Brussels on Wednesday
- Kosovo Albanian refugees can return from Switzerland to Kosovo across Macedonian territory – Swiss Foreign Minister
- Evidence found in investigation of Kosovo mass graves could expand [ICTY](#) accusations against Milosevic – [ICTY](#) for Kosovo spokesperson Kelly Moore
- Continuation of eighth session of BiH Federation Parliament to be held in Sarajevo on Wednesday
- Plan for election law is in accordance to BiH Constitution – [OSCE](#) Regional Director Garry Mathews
- Human rights of Muslims in Stolac and Capljina area catastrophic – SDA Herzegovina Canton President as reported by Sarajevo media
- World news
- Sports and weather

## **News Summary**

### **RS Journalist Association comments on action 'We Demand'**

RS Journalist Association President Branislav Bozic,

commenting on the 'We Demand' action said the Association supports protest but in different forms. The Association considers frequent broadcast of a TV video spot is more effective than two-hours of broadcasting silence on national TV and radio, concluded Bozic.

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### **Nezavisne Novine editorial office issues press release**

The Editorial Office of Nezavisne Novine disassociates itself from texts and statements in which other speculate as to who stands behind the assassination attempt on Nezavisne Novine Director Zeljko Kopanja.

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