

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 27 June 2000

## News Headlines

- RS Supreme Defense Council holds session in Banja Luka and appoints General Novica Simic new Chief of RS Army HQ Staff
- Dodik, Radisic and Sarovic send greetings to RS Army on its Patron Saint's Day of Vidovdan
- RS Defense Minister Milovanovic sends greetings to RS Army on its Patron Saint's Day of Vidovdan
- RS War Veterans Association send greetings to RS Army on Day of its Patron Saint Vidovdan
- SPRS, SNS and RS local officials send greetings to RS Army on Day of its Patron Saint Vidovdan
- It is RS Interest to strengthen BiH common institutions and return refugees to their homes – High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#)
- Petritsch meets with RS Refugee Minister Dragicevic, new Banja Luka Mayor Davidovic and Mufti of Banja Luka Edhem Camdzic
- BiH Council of Ministers confirms priorities, legal projects that are precondition for BiH membership in Council of Europe, development projects and putting the administration in order – Tusevljak
- RS Government ready for constructive cooperation with BiH Council of Ministers – RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik
- RS Syndicate of Trade Unions President Cedo Volas confirms that all companies in RS will support general entity-wide warning strike in RS on 30 June
- RS Postal Service and RS Government should resolve their internal dispute – RS Postal Service Board of Directors
- RS pensioners to receive March pensions next week

- Japanese Government presents \$1.5 million donation to RS Agriculture Ministry
- Deadline for registration of independent candidates for general election is 20 July – [OSCE](#) spokesperson Domi
- Dusko Sikirica is receiving “proper” medical treatment at [ICTY](#)
- SNS, SNSD and RS Defense Minister Milovanovic against method used to arrest Sikirica
- Zvonimir Cabrajic is still at large – IPTF spokesman Alun Roberts
- IC organizations hold press conference in Sarajevo and condemn (bombing) incidents in Derventa and Janja
- Klein condemns incidents in Derventa and Janja – [UN](#) spokesperson Douglas Coffman
- Conference on International Trade and Transportation starts in Sarajevo
- US condemns measures undertaken by BiH Federation against Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz – US State Department
- EC approves 61 million euros for refugees in Yugoslavia
- Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic comments on his apology to Croat people for bombardment of Dubrovnik
- Meeting between Carla del Ponte and Djukanovic, and Djukanovic’s apology to Mesic and Croats are dark blemish on Montenegrin nation – Montenegrin Socialist National Party (SNP)
- Djukanovic’s apology is Djukanovic’s thing – Milorad Dodik
- Croatia is also responsible for events that occurred in former Yugoslavia – SNS-loyal-to-Biljana-Plavsic Executive Board President Radoslav Grbic
- [NATO](#) Permanent Council and Russia discuss situation in Kosovo
- Kosovo Serb National Council starts initiative on unification of all Kosovo Serbs in Kosovo
- Clinton’s National Security Adviser Samuel Berger comments on Kosovo’s future
- Kouchner comments on situation and reconstruction in

Kosovo at session of Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg

- Some Kosovo war crimes trials should be held in Kosovo courts – former [ICTY](#) Chief Prosecutor Louise Arbor
- [ICTY](#) forensic team has exhumed 500 bodies in Kosovo since the start of 2000
- Serbian Renewal Movement (SP0) condemns Belgrade regime's participation in crime because it does not want to "extradite" two suspects in Draskovic shooting to Montenegrin court
- Trial of Pauk (spider) group, charged with attempting to assassinate Slobodan Milosevic, starts behind closed doors in Belgrade County Court
- World news
- Croatia's House of Representatives requests Croatian Government to draft and publish report on property assets of richest families in Croatia
- World news
- SDS will run independently in upcoming BiH November elections – SDS Main Board
- SNSD to negotiate cooperation with political parties for upcoming election, SNSD President Milorad Dodik publicly calls on PDP for cooperation
- Culture
- Sports and weather
- RS Vice-president Sarovic satisfied with arrangements for transport of last remains of poet Jovan Ducic from US to Trebinje, his hometown
- [NATO](#) Commander for Europe Joseph Ralston to visit BiH on Wednesday
- BiH Constitutional Court to hold public discussion on 29 June on Izetbegovic request to harmonize entity constitutions with BiH Constitution
- US to give favorable loan credits to companies in HN Canton – US Ambassador Thomas Miller after meeting with Mostar Mayor Orucevic and Deputy Mayor Neven Tomic
- Montenegro is ready to pay war reparations if this

decided – Djukanovic

- Serbian Patriarch Pavle to serve liturgy in Gracanica, Kosovo, on Wednesday
- World news

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