

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 28 August 2000

## News Headlines:

- International Commission for Missing Persons Chairman Bob Dole opens Institute for Missing Persons in Sarajevo
- Dole, Radisic and Jelavic discuss establishment of Institute for Missing Persons – Jelavic advisor Veso Vegar
- BiH Foreign Ministry representatives and Dole sign declaration of support to Institute for Missing Persons
- RS Government will respect RS National Assembly decision on harmonizing pensions with average salaries until new law on pension-disability insurance (PIO) is adopted – RS Pensioners' Association during meeting with Dodik
- June pensions not yet paid in Brcko due to Brcko District debts to RS PIO Fund
- 50-KM electricity coupons for pensioners are reportedly sold for cash money; power to pensioners could be turned off if they sell their coupons – Elektrokraina Banja Luka power utility
- US Government sets aside additional \$5.1 million for minority returns in BiH
- Dodik opens newly constructed 18-km road from Donji Vrbaljani to Gornji Ribnik
- Decision on green cards expected to be suspended within 48 hours – RS Insurance Bureau and Association of Yugoslav Insurance Agents
- Three new fires reported on Mt. Ozren; Doboj authorities mobilize population older than 16 to fight fires
- Fire spreading onto Mt. Leotar
- Fire in Zvornik still burning, but under control
- Fires raging around Srebrenica region
- Srbac firefighters put out six fires

- 10 firefighters injured on Mt. Vlasic
- BiH Central Bank opens branch office in Brcko
- BiH Central Bank decides to establish clearing houses in BiH – Bank Governor Nicholl
- RS Privatization Agency will soon announce completion of privatization voucher distribution
- Of 637 criminal charges in RS this year, only 313 resolved – RS Prosecutor Vojislav Dimitrijevic
- SPRS supports Serbian Government intention to suspend entry visas for RS citizens
- PDP initiates examination of constitutionality of BiH Federation Law on Purchase of Apartments – Party Vice President Branko Dokic
- BiH Federation Interior Ministry arrests Dominik Ilijasevic on war crimes charges
- Five Serbs indicted for war crimes and being tried by [ICTY](#), deny all charges
- Sarajevo hosts conference on illegal migration across BiH borders
- Three boys injured in hit and run in Skulanovo out of danger – Kosovska Mitrovica doctors
- Ortu=Flo assesses incident in Skulanovo as tragedy
- KFOR announces it will increase number of mobile patrols in central Kosovo
- Trepca workers peacefully protest KFOR takeover of plant in Zvecani, Kosovo
- No information on mysterious disappearance of former Serbian Presidency President Ivan Stambolic
- Stambolic's lawyer Nikola Barovic denies reports that Stambolic was found dead
- Yugoslav pro-regime (Milosevic's) media have not reported on Stambolic disappearance – Barovic
- Democratic Opposition of Serbia (DOS) to officially start election campaign on 1 September
- Yugoslavia and Russia sign free trade agreement
- World news
- Patriarch Pavle serves Assumption Day liturgy in Umcari,

## Serbia

- Orthodox faithful in RS celebrate Assumption Day
- St. Ilija Church in Bistrica near Prijedor celebrates 100th anniversary of founding
- Sports
- Weather