

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 29 September 1999

## News Headlines

- New exchange rate: 14 Dinars = 1 KM – RS Banking Association
- RS Goods Reserve supplies seeds for sowing wheat
- RS Customs workers confiscate 27,300 audiocassettes near Brcko
- RS Customs inspectors arrest RS customs worker Dusko Konjokrad
- BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and Communications Asanin meets with BiH Ombudsman Gret Haller to discuss postponing contract for foreign Ombudsmen in BiH another three years
- Barry visits Trebinje Municipality and talks with Trebinje officials about refugee return and return of properties
- SDS Presidency session in Bijeljina Tuesday
- Position of SDS Presidency contributes to un-blocking RS Presidential function – Radisic
- Leaders of three communities in BiH not ready to lead economic reforms – Former High Representative Carl Bildt
- Two civilians dead and 47 injured in Bresja market, Kosovo on Tuesday
- Kouchner visits injured civilians in Kosovo Polje hospital – [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo spokesperson
- Six civilians injured in Gnjilanje bombing – Gnjilanje Church National Board
- Two Kosovo Albanian boys toss grenades in Gnjilanje
- Several hundreds Serbs block roads in Strpci over disappearance of two Serbs from Strpci
- [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo requests Yugoslav officials release three [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo workers arrested in north-

east Kosovo

- Car registration to start on 15 October – Kosovo Transitional Council
- Kosovo Transitional Council sharply condemns bomb attack in Bresja near Kosovo Polje
- [UN](#) Security Council does not accept Russian suggestion for rejecting Kosovo Protection Force – Russian Ambassador to [UN](#) Sergey Lavrov
- Yugoslav Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic criticizes work of [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo, especially work of Kouchner
- IC organizations in Kosovo appeal to Kosovo citizens to show restraint
- France officially condemns attack on civilians in Bresja
- Difficult situation for non-Albanians in Kosovo – Greek Foreign Minister
- US supports only Kosovo autonomy, not independence – Clinton
- Main focus of [ICTY](#) investigation in Kosovo is Milosevic, four Yugoslav high officials and direct executors of crimes – [ICTY](#) Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte
- Joint military exercise of RS Army “Strike ’99” on Mt. Manjaca
- New building for RS Government and National Assembly to be completed in 20 months, majority of politicians and Banja Luka citizens support construction, IC will provide 50% of cost
- IPTF transports 94 bodies exhumed in Prijedor Municipality to Luski Palanka and meets with Glamoc Refugee Association where 400 refugees have returned – [UN](#) spokesperson Alun Roberts
- IPTF to investigate explosion in western part of Mostar – [UN](#) Envoy
- Ellerkmann to leave BiH on 1 October
- Commission for property demands of refugees and displaced persons expects BiH Federation Assembly to discuss Plan of Law for implementation of Commission

decisions

- Petritsch should bring law for rights of war veterans in BiH Federation because of privatization and other issues – SDP Vice-president Sead Avdic
- Serb Association “Prosveta” sends letter to Petritsch asking him to expedite return of its property in Sarajevo
- Distribution of 600,000 corrected certificates for BiH Federation privatization
- World news
- Cosmetics and medical equipment fair opens in Banja Luka
- Dodik meets with [World Bank](#) envoys in Washington Sarovic states SDS leadership to discuss on presidential crisis with Petritsch and all RS parties on Thursday
- Laktasi police find marijuana field
- Serb delegation from Bresja village meets with Kouchner and KFOR Commander Jackson
- Three detained [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo members return to Kosovo
- Yugoslav Mission to [EU](#) invites [EU](#) to help in respect of [UN](#) resolution for Kosovo
- KLA demilitarization was farce – Serb National Council of Kosovo
- Europe and US to come face to face with Tachi who is new terrorist Bin Laden – Serb National Assembly Member Rada Trajkovic
- Former KFOR Commander John Kredak against forming Serb enclaves in Kosovo
- BiH Federation pensioners to hold peaceful protest rally
- High Representative Deputy Ralph Johnson holds roundtable on reconstruction of current education system
- Yugoslav Constitutional Court does not accept demand of Yugoslav Democratic Party that Court rule on possibility that Milosevic perform duty of Yugoslav President
- Group G-17 appeals for [EU](#) to lift oil embargo against Serbian cities where opposition rules
- [EU](#) lifts oil embargo against Montenegro and Kosovo

- Sports and weather

## **News Summary**

### **SDS session in Bijeljina Tuesday**

The SDS Presidency held a session in Bijeljina on Tuesday, when the Presidency stated that crises exist in several RS democratically elected institutions and there is no possibility of adopting a new legal RS Government. It is also a fact that the institution of the RS President does not function. In this regard, the SDS will immediately start negotiations with all RS parliamentary parties and IC envoys, especially with the SRS. A meeting was announced between the SDS leadership and High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) for Thursday.

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