

OHR RTRS News Summary, 30 August 2000

News Headlines:

- Dodik visits parts of Doboj municipality on Mt. Ozren where 270 hectares of forest were destroyed by fire
- Fire put out in Kraljica (Ozren), but still raging in Federation part of Ozren
- Dodik promises government assistance for reconstruction of burnt forests on Mt. Ozren
- Decision on insurance fees for entering Yugoslavia expires at 18:00 on Wednesday – RS Insurance Fund and Yugoslav Insurance Bureaus
- Dodik meets with Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson, no public statements issued
- Significant steps made in [Dayton Agreement](#) implementation – Sarovic and Austrian Ambassador to BiH Gerhardt Jandl
- RS National Assembly speaker's platform is used for promotion of certain parties – DSP General Secretary Igor Radojicic
- DNS supports economic measures package made by RS Government
- RS National Assembly representatives did not receive complete information on IC credit for structural adjustment – DPS President Predrag Radic
- Sarovic statement on catastrophic position of RS economy cannot be proven – Dodik
- SDS rejects Government claims on Sarovic
- [World Bank](#) programs for BiH in next three years to be worth \$300 million – [World Bank](#) Director Christian Poortman
- Tusevljak and Miller agree that BiH Council of Ministers made significant progress

- OHR stunned by BiH House of Representatives utter irresponsibility at Tuesday's session during which law on common passport was to have been discussed
- Issue of common BiH passport publicized too early – DNS spokesman Ostoja Barasin
- Single BiH passport should contain entity names – DSP General Secretary Igor Radojicic
- Brcko District policemen take oath, receive badges
- [UN](#) congratulates RS police for providing safe environment during mosque opening in Kozarusa near Prijedor – Coffman
- Kostunica starts election campaign in Petrovac na Mlavi
- Final election rally to be held in Belgrade on 21 September – Djindjic
- Pro-government print media Vecernje Novosti and Politika write about Stambolic case for first time five days after his disappearance
- Explosion in Pec damages building, no injuries – KFOR
- Two men killed in Orahovac identified as Gypsies, not Albanians as initially announced by KFOR – [UN](#) police
- KFOR warns Albanians to avoid movement in Skulanovo
- Dole visits Pristina, meets with Kouchner
- Biggest problem faced in work of International Commission for Missing Persons' is Milosevic – Dole
- Dole meets with Montenegrin Prime Minister Filip Vujanovic who explains why Montenegro is refraining from elections
- Milan Levar, recently killed in Gospic, was [ICTY](#) witness but did not request its protection – Graham Blewitt
- US refuses to grant visas to Cuban and Yugoslav representatives
- World news
- RS Government will sell 80,000 tons of corn and soy bean on market – RS Agriculture Ministry
- Banja Luka's Crkvena River contains toxic substances and refuse – RT RS research
- Privatization Investment Fund announces that citizens

- may transfer vouchers to VB Fund AD until end of 2000
- Actor Marko Todorovic dies in Belgrade on 29 August
- Sports
- Weather

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SDS rejects Government claims on Sarovic (00:35)

The SDS issued a press release rejecting RS Government criticism addressed to RS Vice-President Mirko Sarovic, who said that the state of RS economy is catastrophic. The SDS supports Sarovic's claims of a huge budget deficit, low purchasing power of the population, high crime rate, and tax evasion. The party adds that one-half of all employed receive relatively high salaries while the rest are either unemployed or on 'stand by' awaiting a call from their companies to return to work. The SDS also denies Government information on increased production, adding that a significant number of industrial branches have registered a decline in the physical scope of production.