

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 30 September 1999

## News Headlines

- USAID ready to invest \$100 million in RS – Dodik
- KM 150,000 worth of goods confiscated in Trebinje and KM 90,000 in Novi Grad in action 'Stop Smuggling'
- Goods valued at KM 1,220,500 confiscated in RS since 22 September, beginning of 'Stop Smuggling' action
- RS Constitutional Court not authorized to state its position on current political issues
- OHR condemns Umicevic statement on Ferhadija – Stiglmeier
- PEC suspends use polling stations by DPs at pre-war place of residence – Domi
- BiH Public Broadcast Service Establishment Board adopts working plan – OHR
- Formation of BiH Public Broadcast Service Establishment Board mistake – Vasic
- SDS officials meet with Petritsch in Sarajevo
- SPRS to request early elections
- CD Coalition to insist on restructuring of RS Government – SDA spokesperson Jahic
- Auction of agricultural machinery held in Banja Luka
- Mihajlovic meets separately with Bulgarian and French Ambassadors
- 14-year-old girl killed and four children injured in explosion in Djakovica – KFOR spokesperson Lavoie
- KFOR finds two Albanian bodies near Istok
- Albanians pommel Muslims in Pec
- Serbs release German KFOR soldiers they arrested for stealing herd of sheep
- Cernice village attacked by Albanian terrorists – Gnjilane Church Board

- Doctors and patients leave Kosovska Mitrovica hospital – Serbian National Council
- Former Swiss TV Director to become Chief of Kosovo TV
- Jackson condemns attack on marketplace in Bresje
- Holbrooke worried over control of demilitarization in Kosovo
- Latest attacks on Serbs in Kosovo prove KLA will not abandon terrorism – Serb Resistance Movement leader Trajkovic
- Three [UN](#) officials arrested by Serbian police arrive in Kosovska Mitrovica – [UN](#) spokesperson
- Bosniak Commission for Missing Persons hides facts about missing persons – RS Commission for Missing Persons member Avlijas
- BiH Federation Supreme Court to resume Vasic case
- International Community unequal in treatment of Bugojno citizens
- Return of refugees to Drvar very difficult – President of Drvar Council for Return Boris Delic
- Russia worried over clash between police and demonstrators in Belgrade – Rahmanyin
- Police and demonstrators clash in Belgrade
- World News
- Dodik to meet with Albright – SRNA
- OHR will follow situation in RS – Petritsch
- OHR demands SDS respect [Dayton Agreement](#)
- Prlic asks for [World Bank](#) assistance in fight against corruption in BiH
- Chinese Ambassador arranges reception in Sarajevo on 50th anniversary of Chinese Revolution
- Milorad Nikolic killed near Vitina, his brother injured
- Telecommunication system in Kosovo usurped – Tanjug
- Postal workers in Kosovo will not work according to unified system – Serbian Telecom Director for Kosovo
- US opposes independent Kosovo – US Ambassador Berger
- Serbian National Library protests to UNESCO against Albanians burning books in Serbian language

- RS Commission for Missing Persons finds graves on Mt. Ozren
- OHR ready to act according to authorities, but citizens must do same – Deputy High Representative Johnson
- US State Department warns US citizens not to travel to Serbia and Kosovo
- Solana condemns Yugoslav authorities for police attack on Alliance for Changes
- Police and demonstrators clash again in Belgrade
- Fischer to meet with G-17 representatives
- Sports
- Weather

## **News Summary**

### **OHR condemns Umicevic statement on Ferhadija – Stiglmayer**

OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer stated at a press conference in Banja Luka that the OHR condemns the statement by Banja Luka Mayor Djordje Umicevic on the reconstruction of the Ferhadija Mosque in Banja Luka. “Umicevic has violated the [Dayton Agreement](#), European conventions on human rights and the House of Peoples with these statements” Stiglmayer stated. She added that the RS authorities were, according to the House of Peoples decision, obliged to allow the reconstruction of the mosque by 11 September.

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### **Formation of BiH Public Broadcast Service Establishment Board mistake – Vasic**

RS Information Minister Rajko Vasic stated for SRNA that the session of the BiH Public Broadcast Service Establishment Board in Banja Luka is a déjré vu-type theater set, comparing it with former Yugoslav meetings between destructive leaders. He believes that the formation of the Board is a mistake, since BiH Federation TV was supposed to be formed first. Vasic thinks that BiH Federation TV was envisioned as a society with

limited authorities and a starting capital of KM 100,000, an amount every BiH black market proprietor has in his pocket. The background is that the present TV BiH wants to assume the title of BiH Public Broadcast Service and authorize the Establishment Board to form a public corporation for relays and transmission in BiH without the consent of the entities. Members of the Board from the RS do not have any authority to accept everything that is passed to them, but know the clear attitudes of the RS officials and Government.

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### **SPRS to request early elections**

SPRS Executive Board member Momir Malic stated at a press conference that the party would request early presidential elections in the RS should the presidential crisis not be resolved within ten days. He added that the SDS and SRS, as partners and as parties with candidates for president and vice-president, are not able to resolve this problem. The SPRS demands that the SDS and SRS agree on who would take over the presidential duties and continue inter-party talks on this with Sloga. Malic concluded that the SPRS would be satisfied if RS Vice-president Mirko Sarovic takes over the presidential duty within ten days.

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