

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 4 November 1999

## News Headlines

- Sarovic sends letter to Petritsch, who supports demand of Association of Western Krajina Refugees and DPs to stop construction of military training complex in Glamoc
- Radisic meets with US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller in Banja Luka
- Members of BiH Presidency to participate in special session of [UN](#) Security Council in New York – Radisic
- Dodik meets with US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller to discuss economic situation in RS and problems of refugees
- Dodik meets with BiH Central Bank Governor Peter Nicholl
- Dodik meets with Bishop Nikolaj in Banja Luka
- BiH Council of Ministers discusses draft Permanent Election Law
- Dodik office misinforms public, Israeli Foreign Ministry did not invite Dodik for official visit – Silajdzic
- Serb officials in BiH House of Representatives organize discussion on draft Permanent Election Law
- Ivanov meets with Barry
- OHR holds press conference in Sarajevo
- Haselock disappointed that BiH Presidency members did not adopt law of BiH Border Services at Wednesday's session
- [SFOR](#) holds press conference in Sarajevo
- [SFOR](#) spokesperson Gordon Welsh discusses reduction of [SFOR](#) forces in BiH
- European Council to continue to work on stabilization of situation in Kosovo
- Three Serb civilians injured in Gnjilanje – Gnjilanje Church National Board

- KFOR finds body of former teacher from Donji Obilic – KFOR spokesperson Major Jirgens
- Kosovo Albanian injured in Djakovica – Jirgens
- KFOR arrests two civilians in Pristina for illegal possession of weapons – Jirgens
- Unknown persons attack house in Glogovac – Jirgens
- Kosovska Mitrovica hospital workers continue protest rally in front of Kosovska Mitrovica hospital
- Gnjilanje Church National Board with [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo start with action for return of refugees in Gnjilanje area
- Former Head of [OSCE](#) Verification Mission William Walker visits village of Racak in Kosovo
- SPS spokesperson Ivica Dacic condemns Montenegrin authorities for legalization of DM
- Montenegrin Prime Minister Vujanovic talks with Yugoslav Army Headquarters Commander General Dragoljub Ojdanic about security situation in Montenegro and Yugoslavia
- Regional offices of IC organizations hold meeting with envoys of eastern Herzegovina Mayors, Herzegovina Canton and Mostar City officials, Croat officials did not attend
- Head of BiH parliamentary delegation Edhem Bicakcic on session of European Council Parliamentary Assembly on BiH membership in European Council
- Bosniaks begin returning to Illici, west Mostar with help of [SFOR](#)
- Herzegovina Canton ministers do not agree on work of Herzegovina Canton Privatization Agency
- World news
- SDS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- Sloga Coalition must decide between SDS and CD Coalition for new coalition in RS National Assembly – Kalinic
- SDS supports BiH Permanent Election Law – Cavic
- SPRS holds press conference in Banja Luka
- SPRS supports Law on BiH Border Service – Malic
- Provisions of Permanent Election Law must be coordinated

with [Dayton Agreement](#) – SPRS envoy Momir Malic

- Sports and weather
- Deputy BiH Foreign Minister Dragan Bozanic considers Silajdzic demand that BiH Foreign Ministry get full information on Dodik visit to Israel to be unnecessary
- Mihajlovic to participate in Conference on Regional Organization of Southeast Europe in Prague
- [EU](#) condemns attack on Kosovo Serb leader Momcilo Trajkovic
- Yugoslav Government adopts Memorandum on Implementation of [UN](#) Resolution for Kosovo; KFOR and [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo must implement all obligations from resolution
- Aid for Yugoslav reconstruction should not be stipulated – Russian Foreign Ministry envoy Rahmanjin
- Parliamentary Assembly of Russia and Belarus invites Russian Prime Minister to help cancel international isolation of Yugoslavia
- World news
- RS Helsinki Board for Human Rights condemns Doboj Mayor Mirko Stojcinovic attack on Doboj journalist Mirko Srdic
- Building of orthodox church in Drakulic, near Banja Luka

## **News Summary**

### **Serb officials in BiH House of Representatives organize discussion on draft Permanent Election Law**

Serb officials in the BiH House of Representatives organized discussion on the draft BiH Permanent Election law in Banja Luka. RS, international and judicial experts also participated in the discussion, the goal of which was to decide who will be represented by RS representatives at sessions of the BiH House of Representatives, stated Speaker Mirko Banjac. Banjac said that the final text of the election law should be adopted within three months by the House of Representatives. “Then, BiH will have a permanent and valuable election law in the interest of the citizens, nations, governments, assemblies and entities” added Banjac. Deputy RS Prime Minister Ostoja

Kremenovic stated that the text of the election law is a solid base, but does not take into account the complexity of BiH and the specific quality of the entities. "Some of the jurisdiction given to the entities by the [Dayton Agreement](#) are tainted, especially in the area of local autonomy" added Kremenovic. Judicial experts Pero Kunic, Jovo Rosic and Snjezana Savic stated that some provisions of the draft election law oppose the RS and BiH Constitutions. RS representatives in the BiH House of Representatives will request some exchanges and additions to the existing draft law.

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### **Ivanov meets with Barry**

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov met with Head of the [OSCE Mission to BiH](#) Robert Barry. Ivanov stated that it is very important that elections at all levels be held in BiH in October 2000. Ivanov also said that the elections would be an important stage in BiH statehood and implementation of the [Dayton Agreement](#). Ivanov commented positively on the draft Permanent Election Law and.

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