

OHR RTRS News Summary, 4 October 2000

News Headlines:

- BiH and Croatia sign agreement on social insurance in Zagreb; Izetbegovic and Mesic put signatures on agreement at third session of BiH-Croatia Interstate Council for Cooperation
- Dodik meets with US State Department Special Envoy for Elections in the Balkans Robert Frowick and discusses upcoming elections, Frowick hopes people in BiH will vote like Croatian people did
- Frowick meets separately with PDP RS President Mladen Ivanic and SNS President Biljana Plavsic
- Dodik letter to Petritsch calling on OHR to decide on amendments and supplements to Law on Privatisation of State-owned Apartments in RS
- 10,000 workers and citizens breakthrough police cordon near Kolubara mine and join protesting miners
- Kostunica visits Kolubara mine
- Yugoslav Constitutional Court begins discussion on DOS complaint concerning electoral fraud committed by State Election Commission (SIK)
- Serb Patriarch Pavle calls on police, army and all sides to maintain peace in Yugoslavia
- Belgrade students and citizens hold protest rallies in Belgrade streets
- DOS Crisis HQ press release warning that regime's repression will provoke newer and bigger protests; it calls on regime to release all arrested citizens
- Serbian Electric Power Industry Union supports demands of DOS and citizens
- 3,000 workers in Majdanpek mine strike against electoral fraud – Majdanpek Mine Independent Union

- Opposition supporters attempt to press charges against Milosevic with police in Belgrade Municipality Stari Grad, who refuse to accept charges of electoral fraud against Milosevic and SIK members – G17PLUS Executive Director Mladjan Dinkic
- Protest rallies held throughout Serbia
- 700 Novi Sad residents “unofficially open” bridge Varadinska duga, beating Milosevic to punch since it was announced he would inaugurate bridge
- Mladjan Dinkic holds talks with Yugoslav National Bank Vice Governor Zarko Trbojevic on current situation in Yugoslav National Bank
- SPS-JUL Coalition and SNP nominate Momir Bulatovic to remain as Yugoslav Prime Minister
- Yugoslav Information Minister Goran Matic condemns DOS for paralysis that has taken hold of country and carried out under [NATO](#) orders
- Montenegrin SNP Vice President Pavle Bulatovic denies making any contacts with DOS officials
- Kostunica only has legality in Serbia because 80% of Montenegrin citizens did not participate in Yugoslav elections – Montenegrin Foreign Minister Branko Lukovac
- Disrespect of electoral procedure does not contribute to stabilisation of situation in Yugoslavia – Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff General Pavkovic
- “Demand to initiate criminal charges against me is expression of political impotence of incumbent regime” – Democratic Alternative President Nebojsa Covic
- SPO Caucus in Serbian Parliamentary Assembly requests dismissal of Serbian Government
- SRS Serbia requests abolishment of Yugoslav Law on Public Information
- 34 workers of Radio Belgrade request change in editorial policy and reporting
- RTV Novi Sad continues to broadcast program using old archive material in protest of electoral fraud
- Novi Sad daily Dnevnik has new editorial policy for news

reporting

- DSP RS considers that final election results will contribute to stabilisation of situation in Serbia
- DNS RS is concerned about current situation in Yugoslavia and adds will of people must be respected
- Election of Kostunica for president means opening of Yugoslavia to the world – BiH Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic
- Time of Slobodan Milosevic is nearing its end – Frowick
- Milosevic should receive immunity if he leaves power – [UN](#) Special Envoy for Human Rights in former Yugoslavia Jiri Dienstbier
- Dienstbier position on Milosevic immunity is disturbing and conflicting with [ICTY](#) position – [ICTY](#) spokesperson Jim Lansdale
- Russia should extradite Milosevic to The Hague if he sets foot in Moscow – US State Department
- Russia will not extradite Milosevic – official of Duma Foreign Policy Commission
- Milosevic must leave power – Republican and Democratic Party Presidential Candidates Al Gore and George Bush agree during first debate in US presidential election race
- Serbs voted for change – Greek Prime Minister Simitis
- Stability Pact door is open to democratic Yugoslavia – Stability Pact Coordinator Bodo Hombach
- Tusevljak meets with UK Ambassador to BiH Graham Hand in Sarajevo to discuss economic problems and ways to resolve them
- Tusevljak meets with delegation of BiH Federation Government to discuss cooperation
- Five persons suspected in drug smuggling arrested – RS Interior Ministry spokesperson Zoran Glusac
- All confiscated drugs in RS police operation will be destroyed – [UN](#) spokesperson Alun Roberts
- Graham Blewitt and Carla Del Ponte hold press conference in Sarajevo and say all war crimes suspects must be

arrested – Carla Del Ponte

- US Ambassador to BiH Thomas Miller says he will do everything in his power to stop US investments in RS if SDS wins upcoming November elections
- BiH Federation House of Representative session adjourned due to lack of quorum
- Ten Kosovo Serbs injured in attack near Brezovica, Kosovo
- World news