OHR RTRS News Summary, 4 Septembe 2000

News Headlines:

- RS Minister Jovo Basic buried in Banja Luka, commemoration held at Banski Dvor
- New school year begins in RS
- Director of RS Buffer Stock Agency Mirko Nozica says Serbian police did not allow him to cross into Serbia without stating reason for his visit
- Radisic calls on Petritsch to withdraw decision annulling restitution laws
- BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and Communication Gligoric meets with Swedish Ambassador to BiH Nils Eliasson
- PDP RS tells press conference in Banja Luka that if incumbent officials remain in power in RS, two political blocs will again engage in conflict – PDP RS President Mladen Ivanic
- RS Ministry for Refugees and Displaced Persons reopens Janja office
- Public Broadcasting Service should be structured in accordance with principle of three channels for three nations – Jelavic adviser Tihomir Begic
- Ivan Bacak confirms resignation from post of Federation Deputy Interior Minister in protest over last week's arrest of Croat indicted war criminal Dominik Ilijasevic
- Patriarch Pavle appeals to all political subjects in Serbia and Montenegro to do everything to prevent war in Montenegro
- EU foreign ministers decide to maintain Yugoslavia sanctions until 24 September (election day in Yugoslavia); they say, if opposition wins elections they will reexamine possibility of lifting sanctions against

Yugoslavia

- Five presidential candidates officially registered for Yugoslav elections are Milosevic (SPS-JUL-SNP), Vojislav Kostunica (DOS), Vojislav Mihailovic (SPO), Tomislav Nikolic (SRS), and Miodrag Vidojkovic (Group of Citizens)
- 'Revival of Serbia Party' supports DOS and its presidential candidate Vojislav Kostunica – Revival of Serbia President Predrag Drecun
- Kostunica comments on pre-election situation in Serbia and impact of <u>ICTY</u> indictment against Milosevic on Serbian opposition
- Serbian police confiscate OTPOR election material and equipment in Belgrade
- Stambolic attorney Nikola Barovic says he has no information of possible kidnapping of his client
- UNMIK will not prevent holding of Yugoslav elections in Kosovo – Kouchner
- Escape of Serb convicts from Kosovska Mitrovica prison damages IC reputation in Kosovo – UNMIK spokesperson Susan Manuel
- Five escapees from Kosovska Mitrovica prison are hiding in Serbia – Kosovska Mitrovica Serb National Council President Oliver Ivanovic
- Kosovo Albanians dynamite 14th-Century Serb Orthodox church in Mustikovo village near Prizren
- <u>ICRC</u> calls for moratorium on global use of cluster bombs
- Izetbegovic to lead BiH delegation to <u>UN</u> Millennium Summit in New York
- World news
- Banja Luka Clinical Center workers announce general strike for 11 September in protest against poor economic situation
- Workers of Energoinvest Division Company for Airconditioning Equipment announced general strike for 11 September
- RS Privatization Agency accepts registration of three

new investment funds: InvestNova, BLBFondAD, and Kristal
Invest AD BL

- Kristal Invest AD BL holds press conference in Banja Luka to invite citizens to invest vouchers
- New telephone area codes in use in both entities in BiH
- Pre-payment system for RS Mobile Telecom Company starts on 4 September
- Sports and weather