

OHR RTRS News Summary, 5 October 2000

News Headlines:

- Dead and injured reported in Belgrade
- Demonstrators enter Yugoslav Parliament building
- Demonstrators enter RTS building; RTS building set on fire
- 1.5 million people gather in Belgrade to demonstrate against Milosevic regime
- After talks with former Yugoslav Army General Momcilo Perisic, Yugoslav Army soldiers withdraw to barracks
- Studio B broadcasting its program live from Belgrade
- Democratic Opposition of Serbia (DOS) representatives tell demonstrators they want peace and not violation in Serbia
- Demonstrators held RTS Director Milorad Komrakov as hostage for certain period of time
- US asks Milosevic to recognise Kostunica victory – CNN
- Vojislav Kostunica calls for reconciliation between Serbia and Montenegro, and Serbia and rest of world
- September elections showed will of people and we want everyone to acknowledge this – Serb Orthodox Church Patriarch Pavle
- Presidential runoff will be held – Yugoslav Constitutional Court President Milutin Srdic
- Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision shows that Milosevic wants to remain in power another 2-3 months – Djindjic
- DOS leaders Nebojsa Bakarec, Vuk Obradovic and Milan Protic criticise decision of Yugoslav Constitutional Court
- Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision gives Milosevic legal justification to use force – G17PLUS

- Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision dishonest and unclear – Montenegrin Deputy Premier and SDP Montenegro member Dragisa Burzan
- Prior to dispatching Russian parliamentarians to Yugoslavia, Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision must be considered – Duma Foreign Policy Committee President Dmitry Rogozin
- Russian Supreme Defence Council Secretary Sergey Ivanov believes that Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision provided breathing room for talks between Belgrade leadership and opposition
- Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision could be beginning of end of current system – Vedrine
- Presidential runoff following Yugoslav Constitutional Court decision is illogical – Stability Pact Coordinator Hombach
- Kostunica addresses demonstrators in Belgrade, addressing them as “liberated Serbia” adding that “not even one vote can be lost, not even one vote can be stolen”
- Putin says his offer for mediation in Yugoslav post-election crisis still stands
- [ICTY](#) will allow certain number of trials of indicted war criminals in RS – Del Ponte (00:15)
- Dodik, Milovanovic, Vrzina and Strbac meet with Del Ponte in Banja Luka (03:05)
- BiH Council of Ministers adopts Law on BiH Customs Tariffs, draft decision extending visa-free regime between BiH-Croatia border (with ID cards only) and supports signing of BiH-Croatia agreement on social insurance
- Milisic comments on Dodik request to Petritsch to bring decision on amendments to RS Privatisation Law (00:32)
- Petritsch could impose draft law on BiH ombudsman if BiH Parliamentary Assembly does not – BiH Ombudsman for Human Rights Frank Orton
- BiH Border Service and BiH Ministry for Civil Affairs

and Communications sign working regulations for BiH Border Service employees

- It is necessary to reduce bureaucracy and administration at all levels in BiH – OSCE's Barry (00:15)
- PEC removes mandates of five officials, one SDP, two SDS and two SDA, who lived illegally on refugee property – SRNA
- Sarovic, Djokic, Dodik and Davidovic meet separately with Chinese Ambassador to BiH (00:42)
- Djokic schedules RS National Assembly session for 6 October to discuss amendments and supplements to RS Pension-Disability (PIO) Law and laws on labour relations (00:42)
- DPS RS says it will again vote for PIO Law according to which pensions will be harmonised with monthly salaries in RS – DPS President Predrag Radic (00:15)
- SRS RS will not support [IMF](#) request harmonising pensions with influx of funds into pension-disability (PIO) fund – SRS official Dane Brankovic
- Coalition for King and Fatherland senior official Dubravko Prstojevic says he will propose amendment for RS Government to pay pensions in frame of its financial possibilities, and out of unpaid funds create state debt to pensioners (00:17)
- SDP BiH delegate in RS National Assembly Zekerijah Osmic hopes Assembly will adopt pension law according to which pensions would be paid on basis of influx of funds into pension fund (00:24)
- OHR and [OSCE](#) present four amendments to BiH Information Law at press conference in Sarajevo (00:53)
- [SFOR](#) inspects public buildings in search for documentation on anti-Dayton activities in Vitez on Thursday at 3:00 am (00:28)
- BiH Federation Government adopts measures to encourage exports to [EU](#) countries – ONASA
- Two Albanians killed in clash between Thaci and Rugova supporters in Mramor village, Gracanica-Gnjilane area –

SRNA

- Albanian extremists open fire on Serbs in Klokot village, near Vitina, no casualties reported
- World News
- 5 October, International Day of Child, denoted in RS from 2 to 6 October
- Actor Slobodan Velimirovic dies in Banja Luka
- Weather
- Dead and injured reported in Belgrade
- Radio B2-92 reports that fire in Yugoslav Parliament building has been put out
- BK TV and Studio B broadcasting events from Belgrade live
- Military vehicles withdraw from downtown Belgrade towards Banjica airbase
- US supports demonstrators who are fighting for their freedom – Clinton
- Blair calls on Milosevic to withdraw from power and avoid further bloodshed

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Milisic comments on Dodik request to Petritsch to bring decision on amendments to RS Privatization Law (00:32)

OHR spokesman Oleg Milisic commented on RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik's 4 October request addressed to High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) concerning amendments and supplements to the Law on Privatization. Milisic said that Petritsch supports the purchase of apartments but added it must be done in an undiscriminating and fiscally correct framework. Milisic said the imposition of this law has not been excluded and the law, which is very important for the RS, should be put into effect as soon as possible.