

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 6 October 1999

## News Headlines

- BiH Presidency holds session in Sarajevo
- Radisic vetoes BiH charges against Yugoslavia at [ICTY](#)
- Dodik, Djokic and RS Interior Minister Novic meet with Klein
- Klein holds press conference in Banja Luka
- Establishing multiethnic border police should be priority – Klein
- IPTF Commissioner Buwitt on multiethnic police academy in Banja Luka
- BiH Parliamentary Assembly of House of Peoples holds session in Sarajevo
- Some SDP and CD Coalition politicians want to discuss items that have not gone through adequate procedure – Banjac
- SRS rejects OHR and [OSCE](#) decision on re-registering without Tadic, Blagojevic and Poplasen on its list for election
- Action to stop blackmarket conducted in Mrkonjic Grad and Bijeljina
- RS Financial Police request Brod Oil Refinery pay taxes to RS
- [EU](#) officials invite Serb Orthodox Church, Serbian opposition and Montenegrin President Djukanovic to participate at [EU](#) session in Luxembourg
- Kosovo Albanians attack Serb convoy near Kosovska Mitrovica, Serb civilian killed, 17 civilians and 18 KFOR soldiers injured in incident
- Kouchner condemns Kosovo Albanian attack near Kosovska Mitrovica
- [UN](#) Mission to Kosovo Regional Administrator for Kosovska

Mitrovica Martin Garrod sharply condemns incident near Kosovska Mitrovica

- Two Serbs injured on road between Raska and Kosovska Mitrovica – Pristina Center for Peace and Tolerance
- Two missiles fall on Kosovska Mitrovica hospital
- Official Envoy of Muslim Refugees from BiH in Kosovo Numan Balic states that 30,000 Muslims have left Kosovo since KFOR arrival
- Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergejev states that [UN](#) resolution for Kosovo must be respected
- [OSCE](#) Head Knut Vollebaek visits Kosovo
- Kouchner meets with three Albanian political block representatives in Pristina to discuss establishing Kosovo executive body
- US does not support Montenegrin independence – US State Department spokesperson James Rubin
- Salaries paid for RS pensioners
- Banja Luka Assembly session
- RTV RS technical team repair TV transmitter in Djurdjevic in Srbinje Municipality
- RTV RS Information-Technical Center in Srpsko Sarajevo opens
- BiH Minister for Civil Affairs and Communications Asanin meets with Slovenian Ambassador to BiH Drago Mirosic
- BiH Federation Representative Council discusses law on pensioners
- 20,000 peoples return to RS from Tuzla Canton – Tuzla Canton Office for Return
- Return of Bosniaks in Stolac having problems – Herzegovina Canton Governor Hamo Maslesa
- [UNHCR](#) and OHR request from Mayor of Mostar Municipality Southwest Maric to enable return of Bosniaks to municipality
- BiH HDZ interested in Croats from BiH voting in December Croatian elections
- Croatian side to insist on right to elect education program – Luzanski

- 50,000 Serbs temporarily living in East Slavonia, Croatia
- Croatian Supreme Court rejects BiH demand for extradition of Fikret Abdic to BiH because Abdic has Croatian citizenship
- World news
- BiH Standing Military Committee holds session in Sarajevo, RS and BiH Federation Ministers expected to suggest military reductions
- Radisic meets with Canadian Ambassador to BiH
- RS ready to participate in building of BiH institutions, but some political circles in BiH Federation create unfavorable atmosphere for function of BiH institutions – Djokic
- Dodik opens secondary school in Kostajnica
- 5 injured in bomb attack in Kosovska Vitina
- Civilian Djordje Cvijanovic kidnapped in Pristina
- Several thousand Belgrade citizens protest against Milosevic regime
- Culture
- Sports and weather

## **News Summary**

### **Banja Luka Assembly session**

The Banja Luka City Assembly has adopted information on realization of Annex 7 of the [Dayton Agreement](#) and an operation plan for return of refugees and displaced persons to the Banja Luka region. According to the Banja Luka Commission for Refugees and Displaced Persons, 61,816 refugees and displaced persons are temporarily living in Banja Luka and 12,000 refugees came from Croatia. According to the Ostanak Association data, 94% of Serb refugees do not want to return to their pre-war towns. 128 Bosniak and 141 Croat families have returned as of 20 July 1999. Two-way returns are planned for 1,252 families in Banja Luka. Realization of this plan will start when the RS Government adopts this decision.

Assembly representatives consider that main problem for refugees is property justice, and not political questions, and that both entities should solve this problem together. The SDA representatives believe that the IC should solve the problems of caring for refugees and displaced persons from Croatia.

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