

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 6 September 1999

## News Headlines

- Meigs meets with Radisic
- Radisic, Djokic and Dodik meet separately with Farrand
- RS Defense Ministry does not acknowledge secret [ICTY](#) lists – Milovanovic
- BiH Border Commission holds session in Sarajevo
- RS Government Vice-president Loncar and Chinese delegation discuss agricultural and trade cooperation
- European Bank follows changes in privatization of banks in BiH
- Nicole and Bijeljina authorities discuss monetary politics in BiH
- Russian KFOR kills three Serbs in Kormiljane while trying to disrupt conflict between Serbs and Albanians – KFOR spokesperson Lavoit
- Six Albanians injure one Serb in Milosevo – SRNA
- Bomb thrown at Serb apartment in Pristina
- 11 projectiles launched at Serb village of Pasjane – Gnjilane Church Board
- KFOR prevents Kosovo Polje Albanians from forcibly entering school inhabited by Serb refugees
- 1,000 Kosovo Albanians try to forcibly enter northern Kosovska Mitrovica
- Pristina-Gnjilane route blocked for sixth day – BETA
- Albanians have killed almost 300 Serbs since KFOR arrived – BETA
- Solana and Finnish Foreign Minister meet with Serb Resistance Movement Leader Trajkovic and Bishop Artemije
- Situation in Kosovo catastrophic – Trajkovic and Bishop Artemije in talks with Solana
- Cantonization of Kosovo only solution – Trajkovic and

Bishop Artemije

- KFOR and [UN](#) will do everything to protect Serbs – Solana
- Solana to visit Pristina in several weeks
- President of Yugoslav Government Committee for Cooperation with [UN](#) Vukicevic demands Jackson and KFOR prevent further attacks on Serbs
- Yugoslav State Prosecutor Jokanovic demands Kouchner and Jackson publish data on genocide of non-Albanian population in Kosovo
- Trajkovic and Bishop Artemije not provided KFOR escort for meeting in Gracanica
- Balkan population needs time to heal – De Mello
- [EU](#) Council of Ministers to lift petrol and air traffic sanctions from Kosovo and Montenegro
- Yugoslav Foreign Minister Jovanovic and Avdeyev discuss situation in Kosovo and Yugoslav-Russian cooperation
- Avdeyev meets with Social Democratic Party leader Obradovic
- Silajdzic accusations against Tudjman pure fabrication – Soljic
- Bosniaks believe Tudjman responsible for what happened in BiH – Bicakcic
- BiH Federation Government must reorganize – Finance Minister Covic
- HN Canton Governor Maslesa and his Deputy Bosnjak discuss return process with [UNHCR](#) Head
- 230 Croat students boycott classes in Vares – BiH Federation media
- Bugojno representatives refuse OHR demand for building Croat school
- Serb representatives in Croatian Parliament point to difficult position of Serbs in Croatia
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- RS and BiH Federation police jointly patrol Brcko – IPTF

- RS Government Vice-president Gligoric departs for Sofia to establish cooperation regarding privatization and social status of workers
- Additional number of privatization certificates to be issued according to time spent in war – RS Privatization Director Obradovic
- Russian Defense Ministry confirms Russian KFOR killed three Serbs near Gnjilane
- Impossible for Serbs to leave Orahovac impossible – Peace and Tolerance Center
- KFOR reinforcements arrive at Pec Patriarchy – Orthodox Church
- Albanians destroy Orthodox Church bibles in Kosovo – Orthodox Church
- Solana wants KLA transformed into civilian structure
- It is worrying that KFOR easily decides on actions against Serbs – Pravoslavlje (Orthodox) Press
- Transformation of KLA supported by Kouchner as step towards secession of Kosovo from Yugoslavia – Kosovo Provisional Executive Council member Haliti
- Kouchner could file draft on KLA transformation with [UN](#) Security Council by Thursday – AFP
- Yugoslav economists support cooperation with RS

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### Meigs meets with Radisic

[SFOR](#) Commander General Montgomery Meigs met with BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic, afterwards stating that they had an honest conversation about the necessity to preserve institutions in the RS. As Radisic's advisor Zeljko Mirjanic stated, Meigs and Radisic discussed establishing conditions for the normal functioning of RS and BiH institutions. Meigs also met with RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik, but no announcement was issued.

## **Radisic, Djokic and Dodik meet separately with Farrand**

BiH Presidency Member Zivko Radisic, RS National Assembly Speaker Petar Djokic and RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik met with Brcko Supervisor Robert Farrand in Banja Luka to discuss the annexes to the final Brcko arbitration decision. According to Djokic's office, they discussed the establishment of a commission for the revision of the laws that would be applied in the Brcko area. Djokic emphasized the role of the Supervisor, by which Farrand should take over many responsibilities. As the announcement reads, the future of Brcko depends on the protection of the basic rights of refugees, which is why Djokic supports the process of granting sites to refugees living in Brcko. According to a press release issued by Dodik's office, a positive atmosphere in which the RS Government contributes to a stabile and peaceful situation in Brcko was pointed out. Farrand expressed satisfaction with the talks and added that the RS officials made good proposals for implementation of the annexes. According to him, 20,000 refugees in Brcko present the essence of the problem. Serbs living in other people's houses will not be evicted if they have no place to go. However, the [Dayton Agreement](#) does not allow refugees to live in someone else's apartment. Farrand has already discussed two-way return with local authorities in Jajce, Tuzla and Travnik, as well as with BiH Federation Government representatives. Farrand said that demilitarization in the Brcko area must be done very cautiously. The next great task will be the creation and adoption of a Brcko statute, which would establish authority in the District.

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## **RS Defense Ministry does not acknowledge secret [ICTY](#) lists – Milovanovic**

RS Defense Minister Manojlo Milovanovic met with RS Army HQ representatives in Bijeljina and stated that the RS Defense

Ministry and RS Army HQ would not accept secret indictments of the [ICTY](#) and that [SFOR](#) will be demanded to accomplish its tasks as defined by the [Dayton Agreement](#). They believe that the manner of arrests causes insecurity and obstructs freedom of movement. They took measures of protection, meaning that officers would be forbidden to travel outside the RS or Yugoslavia and those engaged in joint organs on military issues would organize meetings on RS territory. According to Milovanovic, one exception would be that the [SFOR](#) commander guarantee that a person would return to the RS after meetings abroad. Regarding travel to third countries, no officer would go, since no country can guarantee security. If the [ICTY](#) President personally guarantees the security, then the RS Defense Council would decide whether an officer would take part in a certain event. They pointed out the difficult material status of the RS Army, as well as unresolved housing issues, which complicate the work of officers. They agreed on technical issues surrounding the transfer of the HQ from Bijeljina to Banja Luka.

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### **SDS holds press conference**

SDS Vice-president Dragan Cavic stated at a press conference in Banja Luka that dismissed RS President Nikola Poplasen's initiative to dissolve the RS National Assembly is constitutionally and legitimately founded. Explaining the SDS position, Cavic added that the reality in which Poplasen acts is complex and that the SRS must take care of the issue. That is why SDS legal experts are studying the possible consequences of Poplasen's move. The SDS believes that the RS Constitutional Court should state their preliminary position on this issue. Cavic reacted to RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik's statement that there is a plot within the SRS to relocate Poplasen from Banja Luka to Bijeljina, where he would form his government. Cavic said that he believes this would mean the creation of an atmosphere that would justify chasing

Poplasen out of his cabinet. The SDS would not support the establishment of any alternative institutions, no matter who initiated them. Cavic added that official statements of the RS Government on the economic situation in RS conflict with data from the BiH Central Bank. He supported this by stating the fact that production in the RS has decreased by 5.6% in comparison to 1998, salaries are lower by 10.6% and the foreign trade deficit is KM 478 million.

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