

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 7 September 1999

## News Headlines

- Dodik holds press conference on RS Government decision on Poplasen and current affairs
- RS Interior Ministry to deny Poplasen security
- Phone lines in Poplasen's cabinet disconnected on Monday night
- Radisic speaks with RS representatives in BiH institutions on their work
- Radisic meets with Holland Ambassador to BiH Valerie Slojter
- Dodik meets with Slojter
- Workers employed in education no longer striking – RS Education Trade Union
- BiH Civil Affairs Minister Asanin speaks with RS and BiH Federation Refugee Ministries on law on refugees and displaced persons in BiH
- Srpska Kostajnica Main Board wants Dodik to form special group for borders
- Mico Stanic becomes new head of multiethnic Brcko police
- Farrand office praises Stanic appointment
- Croat Cardinal Kuharic speaks with Modrica officials on return of Croats to Modrica
- 337,000 refugees have returned to BiH – [UNHCR](#)
- 265,000 displaced persons have returned in BiH – [UNHCR](#)
- In Kosovo, voter registration to begin end of September
- Mass grave discovered in Cernad Cesma
- Seven dead, 16 kidnapped in Prizren in last seven days
- Chapel destroyed in Prizren – KFOR spokesperson Lavoir
- Pec monastery residences upset
- 70 KFOR soldiers protect Pec monastery
- Police Academy opens in Vucitrn

- Ivanov speaks with Vollebaek on [OSCE](#) summit and current situation in Kosovo
- Ivanov worried by situation in Kosovo
- Schools in northern Kosovska Mitrovica to become mixed – [UN](#) Mission decision
- Fischer requests Thaci to stop violence against Serbs in Kosovo
- KLA must be disarmed by end of September – Fischer
- Albanian terrorists banish 60,000 gypsies from Kosovo
- Milosevic speaks with Russian Defense Minister Avdejev on resolving Kosovo crisis
- Avdejev meets with Seselj
- Avdejev to meet with Democratic Initiative President Covic
- Conference on justice independence and reform held in Laktasi
- Five inquest projects to be realized at BiH Universities
- Inter-university session on security policy in BiH
- Petritsch appoints eight members of RTV BiH service establishment board – Stiglmayer
- International organizations hold press conference
- Jelavic meets with Slovenian Ambassador to BiH Mirosevic
- Mirosevic invites BiH Presidency members to visit Slovenia
- Newly appointed Canadian Ambassador to BiH presents credentials to Jelavic
- Murder in Blazuj can have repercussions in security situation in Ilidza – Democratic Initiative of Sarajevo Serbs Human Right Board member
- Croat officials from Sarajevo Canton inform Luzanski of position of Croats in Sarajevo Canton
- Problems in BiH Federation education
- Ganic criticizes existence of two school curriculums in BiH Federation
- Una-Sana Cantonal police discover five marihuana plantations in last six months
- World news

- Problems in Serbian electrical system initiate power outage in RS Sports and weather
- RS Deputy Prime Minister discusses cooperation with Bulgarian Social Minister
- Russian soldiers discover Serb body in Lavionici
- Albanians threaten Serbs in Kosovo
- One Serb kidnapped
- One Serb arrested
- Albanians throw grenades at Gracanica monastery
- Albanians terrorists attack KFOR in Vucitrn, KFOR soldier injured
- Serbs block road in Kosovska Mitrovica
- Italian Prime Minister visits Pec and Decani monastery
- KLA to respect deadline on demilitarization – Italian Prime Minister
- Milosevic wants return of Yugoslav forces in Kosovo
- SPS on Serb position in Kosovo
- Trajkovic on KLA transformation
- European Radio and TV Association representative Laman to become RTV Kosovo Director
- International organizations hold press conference on appointment of members of RTV service forming board and mobile hospitals
- Economy
- Earthquake in Athens, 25 dead, more than 100 injured

## **News Summary**

### **Dodik holds press conference on RS Government decision on Poplasen and current affairs**

RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik held a press conference in Banja Luka on Tuesday and stated that the RS Government decided that dismissed RS President Nikola Poplasen would be deprived of the right to use the presidential cabinet and official vehicles and to perform his previous duties. Dodik added that each move by Poplasen after his dismissal has been an abuse. Poplasen has been a destabilizing influence on the

RS. Responding to a journalist's question on Poplasen entering the RS Government and presidential building Banski Dvor, Dodik stated that Poplasen would be able to enter the Banski Dvor only if the Prime Minister invites him. The political/security situation in the RS is good, Dodik claims, adding that restructuring the RS Government is not possible at the time. The SNSD will participate in the upcoming local elections in the BiH Federation. Regarding economy, Dodik stated that cooperation with neighbors was necessary. The RS Government wants to normalize relations with Yugoslavia and advocates implementation of the special relation agreement. Commenting on relations between the RS and Yugoslavia, Dodik stated that relations could be normalized only when the current regime, meaning Milosevic and Seselj, leave. Dodik stated that he respect the will of refugees and displaced persons to return.

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### **Srpska Kostajnica Main Board wants Dodik to form special group for borders**

The Serb Kostajnica Main Board requested that RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik immediately form a working group for RS borders. The group would have the aim of defining the further activities of RS representatives in the BiH Border Commission. This request comes as a reaction to statements of President of the Commission and RS Deputy Prime Minister Ostoja Kremenovic, by which work on establishing borders between BiH and Croatia would continue.

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### **International organizations hold press conference**

International organizations held a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday. OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer stated that High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch appointed eight members of the establishment board of the BiH RTV service. The members will be OHR representative Daniel de

Luce, European Commission representative Antonio Riva, international supervisor for media expertise Tadeo Labernik, High Representative candidates Zlatko Prlenda, Plamenko Custovic and Milos Babic, Jelavic's candidate Vlatko Menix and Radisic's candidate Bosko Budisa. Stiglmayer added that the ninth member would be a candidate proposed by Alija Izetbegovic. [UN](#) spokesperson Hoffman praised joint police patrols in Brcko. [SFOR](#) spokesperson Poirtas stated that the next session of the BiH Standing Military Committee would be held in Ilidza on Wednesday. Commenting on the statement by RS Defense Minister Manojlo Milovanovic on the participation of RS Army and Defense Ministry representatives in conferences abroad, Poirtas stated that [SFOR](#) respects [ICTY](#) authority.

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### **Murder in Blazuj can have repercussions in security situation in Ilidza – Democratic Initiative of Sarajevo Serbs Human Right Board member**

Member of the Human Rights Board of the Democratic Initiative of Sarajevo Serbs Goran Kapor stated that the murder of two elderly Serb women in the Ilidza settlement of Blazuj could influence the political and security situations in the BiH Federation part of Ilidza. Kapor believes that Serb citizens of that region are wondering who will be next. According to Kapor, only 3,500 Serbs remained to live in Ilidza.

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