

OHR RTRS News Summary, 8 October 2000

News Headlines:

- Kostunica lifts economic blockade of Montenegro by dismantling customs checkpoints between these two Yugoslav republics
- Djukanovic still considers elections in Yugoslavia to be illegitimate
- Kostunica meets with Yugoslav Army General Staff
- [OSCE](#) Chairperson's Special Envoy for South-eastern Europe Albert Rohan meets with Kostunica in Belgrade on Sunday for talks on [Dayton Agreement](#) and reintegration of Yugoslavia into [UN](#) and OSCE
- Norwegian Government to do everything to help eliminate economic sanctions against Yugoslavia – Norwegian Foreign Minister meets with representatives of Serbian NGO G17PLUS
- SPO parliamentary caucus holds session prior to Monday's session of Yugoslav parliament
- First time in nine years that Yugoslav dinar is mentioned in British media in economic context
- New Belgrade City Assembly attempts to normalise situation in city following recent large-scale demonstrations
- Small turnout of voters in second round of parliamentary elections in Vojvodina, Yugoslavia
- It is unacceptable to allow an indicted war criminal, Milosevic, to continue in Serbia's political life – [EU](#) High Representative for Security Issues and Foreign Policy Javier Solana
- [ICTY](#) Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte expands indictment against Milosevic to include genocide charges for BiH and Croatia

- [ICTY](#) Court President Claud Jorda has not ruled out possibility of Milosevic trial in Serbia, but only with approval of The Hague Tribunal first
- US Government to back Yugoslav application for admission to [UN](#) as new member state – US Ambassador to [UN](#) Richard Holbrooke
- German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer congratulates Kostunica on his election victory
- Slovenia to offer assistance to Serbia to meet European criteria and standard – Slovenian President Milan Kucan
- There will be more political turbulence in Serbia soon – Military Advisor to Croatian President Mesic, General Imre Agotic
- Serb refugees from Kosovo ask Kostunica to help them return to their homes in that province
- News from Kosovo
- BiH Foreign Ministry offer of diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia not premature – BiH Deputy Foreign Minister Husein Zivalj (00:52)
- Roundtable on implementation of Stability Pact for Southeast Europe concludes in Sarajevo; Dodik says BiH one country composed of two entities
- Patriarch Pavle officiates at holy mass in Tuzla
- Kljuc Municipality achieves significant improvement in property law implementation, but returnees still living in difficult conditions due to lack of employment – OHR
- BiH Federation police arrest Bosniak suspected of murdering three Italian humanitarian workers in Central Bosnia during war in BiH [in 1993]
- World news
- Latin and Cyrillic alphabets will be taught in all schools throughout BiH starting this year
- Cultural festival 'Visegradska Staza' concludes in Visegrad on Sunday
- Fire-fighters Camp 'Operation Florian' opens in Banja Luka on Sunday
- Hunting season opens in RS

- Sports
- Weather

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RS Prime Minister Milorad Dodik assessed in Sarajevo on Sunday at a roundtable on European Social Democracy that lifting sanctions against Yugoslavia would be significant encouragement for the newly-elected Yugoslav leadership and President Vojislav Kostunica. The two-day roundtable that concluded on Sunday dealt with the implementation of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe, the [Dayton Agreement](#) and human rights in BiH. During the session, SDP BiH General Secretary Karlo Filipovic accused the ruling nationalist parties in BiH of the catastrophic situation the country is in. Once again, Filipovic reiterated the SDP BiH request for the modification of BiH Constitution in order to harmonize it with the European Conventions on Human Rights. Dodik agreed that nationalist political parties are responsible for all of BiH's problems but stressed the BiH Constitution should not be amended because BiH is a single state composed of two equal entities.