

OHR RTRS News Summary, 9 September 2000

News Headlines:

- Djokic expresses surprise over RS Constitutional Court statement
- RS Constitutional Court reaction to Djokic statement
- RS National Assembly acted irresponsibly and contrary to interests of RS people – Petritsch
- Milosevic profits most from RS crisis – Stiglmeier
- SPO RS representative in RS National Assembly Niko Perkovic violated SPO program by voting non-confidence in RS Government – SPO RS
- Result of RS National Assembly decision is logical dispute between two blocs in National Assembly – PDP
- RS National Assembly decision on dismissal (dissolution) of RS Government legal and legitimate – Yugoslav media
- Crisis of RS Government unnecessary – Serbian opposition
- RS teachers will be paid on 11 September – RS Finance Minister Novak Kondic
- Pensioners suppose to be paid by Croatian Pension Fund will receive only April pensions from RS Pension Fund, and will later be paid by Croatian PIO, as was agreed – RS PIO Director Svetozar Mihajlovic
- SRS member Marko Spajic buried in Zubci, Trebinje
- Drvar returnees not afforded equal treatment like Croats – Drvar Serb authorities, returnee associations and [UNHCR](#)
- Jelavic demands that Klein and Bosniak leadership stop operations to arrest Croat war crimes suspects – SRNA
- Democratic Opposition of Serbia (DOS) holds rallies in Banat as part of pre-electoral campaign
- Djukanovic, Kucan, Mesic, Trajkovski and Izetbegovic agree to support Serbian opposition if it wins elections

– TV Crna Gora

- Kostunica meets with Montenegrin ruling coalition “To Live Better” to discuss current events in Yugoslavia
- SRS (Serbia) will not support Milosevic if its candidate fails to reach second round of presidential elections – SRS candidate Tomislav Nikolic
- SP0 and OTP0R activists plaster posters “Where is Ivan Stambolic?” throughout Belgrade
- Draskovic’s advisor Ognjen Pribicevic claims that Stambolic was kidnapped due to elections because he would have been Milosevic biggest rival in presidential race
- Stambolic taken from Belgrade central Prison seven days ago and his present whereabouts are unknown – Belgrade daily Danas quotes anonymous phone call as saying
- Impartiality of Serbian media cannot be spoken of – DOS leader Dragoljub Micunovic
- Nis-based OTP0R activists severely tortured in Vladicin Han – B2-92
- Pristina Albanians hold rally at which Kouchner speaks in Albanian and they cheered, and shouted in disapproval when he spoke in Serb
- Three Albanians killed in Loznica near Pristina – UN
- KFOR confiscates 17,640 rounds of 7.62 mm munitions Kosovo, driver escapes
- Five bales of marijuana found in car near Kosovo Polje – KFOR
- Three Albanians stone ambulance, no injuries reported – Tanjug
- Banja Luka Serb Orthodox Eparchy celebrates 100th anniversary
- Damage caused by drought in RS estimated at KM 160 million – news topic
- Croatian Government and Del Ponte decide that [ICTY](#) processes in progress should be accelerated – [ICTY](#)
- World news
- Agros 2000 Agricultural Fair ends in Banja Luka

- Commemoration for fallen soldiers of 16th Krajina Motorised Brigade held in Banja Luka
- Footrace of soldiers held on occasion of 16th Krajina Brigade Day in Banja Luka
- Sports
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Djokic expresses surprise over RS Constitutional Court statement (00:37) RS National Assembly speaker Petar Djokic said he was taken by surprise with the RS Constitutional statement that SRNA reported on 8 September. According to the statement, the Court said it does not know anything about the issue of dissolving the Government or dismissing its members. Djokic added that it would be important for those who made such a statement to once again read through the RS Constitution, Article 94, Point 6, which clearly presents information concerning the dismissal of the RS Government and its members. He hopes that the Court will be objective and not fall into the trap of political requests and expectations.

RS Constitutional Court reaction to Djokic statement (00:41) The RS Constitutional Court issued an announcement following Djokic's statement on a Court statement supposedly issued to SRNA on 8 September. It said that neither the Court President nor any of the court justices gave official or unofficial statements regarding the RS National Assembly non-confidence vote in the RS Government. It added that, should an initiative be raised on the constitutionality of certain legislative acts of the RS National Assembly, the Court would discuss them and decide on them

in accordance with the procedure defined in the RS Constitution and laws. The RS Constitutional Court has no need to issue any kind of official statements as were mentioned in this instance, reads the announcement.