

OHR SRT News Summary, 16 September 1998

Headlines

- OSCE Denied Rumours of Taking Some Candidates off Electoral Lists and Called for Patience Until Next Week When Electoral Results are Expected
- RS Member of BiH Presidency, Momcilo Krajisnik, Expressed Concern About Stalling of Release of Electoral Results
- Minister of Internal Affairs Suspended Ljubisa Savic Mauzer and Another 6 Police Officers Due to Knezevic Case
- President Plavsic and Hungarian Ambassador Kocsis Met in Banja Luka
- No Relief in Albanian Tensions

"The OSCE informed the public that preliminary electoral results will not be released, but only the final official results, by the end of next week. The release of preliminary results announced for yesterday and then postponed raised tensions in the RS. There is no doubt that the greatest attention will be drawn by the latest news that the presidential candidate of the SDS and SRS, Nikola Poplasen, will have to appear before the Appeals Court, as he is accused of violating the electoral silence. That is the decision of the Media Experts Commission from a meeting lasting several hours today in Sarajevo. " (quote of the news editorial) The Commission concluded that as Vojislav Seselj violated the electoral silence on September 11th, the PEC rules were practically violated by Poplasen in his interview on September 12th on TV Palma (Belgrade TV Station), transmitted by Radio TV Serbia and its satellite programme. The Commission rejected the letters from Dragan Kalinic and Poplasen that arrived

during the meeting, considering those to be without argument. The same happened with the letter from Serbian Minister of Information, Aleksandar Vucic, which came at the same time and the comment of the Commission was that he is the Secretary of the Radical Party of Serbia. Both letters are of about the same content, trying to explain that Mr. Poplasen had no influence on transmitting the interview. The judges of the Appeals Court will announce their decision on Friday.

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The OSCE warned today in a press release that citizens should consider the party releases of electoral results with caution. The OSCE wants to mention that votes for all levels are still in the process of being counted and deny rumours of taking some candidates off the list.

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RS Member of the BiH Presidency, Momcilo Krajisnik, expressed concern about a large number of invalid ballots and stalling of release of electoral results. "The Serb people decided and they gave their votes to the SDS and the SRS, Coalition and its candidates. I hope that the Serb vote will be respected and that the OSCE and international forces will not allow that will to be disrespected" said Krajisnik. He said that it would be a pity if the elections were annulled, as there is no justified reason for such a step. "One cannot be called a Serb representative if he/she got his/her votes from the bags" said Krajisnik.

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The RS Minister of Internal Affairs, Milovan Stankovic decided on removing Ljubisa Savic Mauzer and six more employees of the MUP after receiving information on the illegal activities of some employees of the RS MUP and a report on the results of an investigation by the Inspectorate for Internal Control, as well as a letter from the IPTF Commissioner, Richard Monk of September 14th.

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A [UNHCR](#) information centre was opened today in Brcko, in order to provide the necessary information for refugees and DPs on property repossession, personal documents and reconstruction.

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The RS President, Biljana Plavsic, today in Banja Luka received the Ambassador of Hungary, Kalman Kocsis. The meeting was held behind closed doors and there were no press statements.

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Both President Plavsic and PM Dodik talked today with the State Secretary of the Foreign Ministry of Norway, Janne Haardvalt Metlarii, in separate meetings. Mrs Metlarii gave a lecture in Banja Luka today on the introduction of human rights and democracy into international politics.

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