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**PRESS RELEASE**
Džaferović, Dodik and Komšić Win the Race for the Presidency

*At tonight’s press conference in Sarajevo, the Coalition for free and fair elections „Pod lupom“, which implements citizen, non-partisan observations of the 2018 General Elections in BiH, reported to the public about the voting process, the close of the polls and the incidents registered by 9:30 pm.*

According to the preliminary findings of the Coalition, the highest number of votes for the Bosniak member of the Presidency of BiH has Šefik Džaferović (37.9%) with a margin of error +- 1.7%, followed by Denis Bećirović with 32.5 % of votes with a margin of error +- 1.4%, and Fahrudin Radončić with 12.9% of votes with a margin of error +- 1.1%. The other candidates for the Bosniak member of the Presidency have total 16.7% of the votes with a margin of error +- 0.8%. Zeljko Komsšić wins the highest number of votes for the Croat member of the Presidency of BiH, 54.7% of the votes with a margin of error +- 2.1 %, while Dragan Čović has 34.1% of votes with a margin of error +- 1.9%, and Diana Zelenika 5.9% of votes with a margin of error +- 0.8%. Other candidates for the Croat member of the Presidency of BiH have total 5.3% of votes with a margin of error +- 0.8%.

Milorad Dodik won the highest number of votes in the race for the Serb member of the Presidency of BiH, 54.1% of votes with a margin of error +- 1,1%; Mladen Ivanić is behind with 42.6 % of votes and a margin of error +- 1,1%. Other candidates for the Serb member of the Presidency of BiH have total 3.3% of the votes with a margin of error +- 0,4%. The Coalition “Pod lupom” carries out assessment of the election results based on random, representative sample of polling stations. The data refers to 95% of the processed sample

Voter turnout at the national level is 53.6% with a margin of error of +-1%. Voter turnout at the level of the Federation of BiH was 51.2 % and a +-1,2 % margin of error and 55.2% for Republika Srpska with a +-1,4% margin of error. Margin of error is calculated with 95% confidence interval.

The Coalition Pod lupom collected and processed the election results for the members of the Presidency of BiH by collecting the official results from the polling stations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The final results of the Presidential race will be presented tomorrow at the Coalition's press conference at 11 am.

The close of the polls was carried out in line with the electoral law and regulations at the majority of polling stations. 79% of polling stations closed at 7 pm; 15% of polling stations closed by 7:15 pm, while the remaining 6% of the polling stations closed by 8 pm. In 76% of polling stations, there were no voters outside the polling station during the close. In 22% of polling stations, citizens who were outside the polling station at 7 pm were allowed to vote, while in 2%, voters were not allowed to vote. All members of the polling station committee were present during the close of the polls at the majority of polling stations.

The opening of the polling stations and voting also went in line with the law at the majority of polling stations. There were smaller technical difficulties. Between 1 and 5 cases in which one person assisted multiple times voters taking the vote were registered in around 25% of polling stations, and between 1 and 5 cases of voting without valid identification documents were registered in 4% of polling stations.

The practice of a widespread family voting continued in these elections. Between 1 and 5 cases were registered in 52% of polling stations, with more frequent cases, between 6 and 25, being registered in 4% of polling stations. More than 25 such cases were registered in 1% of polling stations. In isolated cases it was observed that voters arrived at polling stations with ballots that were already filled out and that one person was given multiple ballots for the same electoral level.

The comparison of the types of irregularities by polling stations shows that usually only one type of irregularity appears at a polling station.

**The vote count for** the members of the Presidency of BiH was carried out in line with the election rules at the majority of polling stations. The Coalition's observers continue their work in the polling stations and local election commissions.

By 9:30 pm, the Coalition “Pod lupom” received 401 reports of critical incidents of which 76 refer to irregularities in the voting process. It is concerning to see the appearance of the so-called Bulgarian train, which was observed in 14 polling stations. Moreover, security of the Coalition's observers was threatened in 14 cases due to disturbance of public order and safety at the mentioned polling stations. It was instructed to enter 100 objections in the Polling Station Poll Book –

Information about the vote count and determination of the election results will be presented at tomorrow's press conference at the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH, at 11 am.

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