**Coalition “Pod Lupom”: Election Day in Mostar Begins Without Major Problems**

The Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod Lupom” informs the public that the Coalition has engaged 240 citizens, non-partisan Election Day observers to observe the election process at all polling stations in the City of Mostar and in the Mostar City Election Commission. The Coalition's observers have thus far monitored arrangement and opening of the polling stations, and they will continue to observe the voting process as well as the closing and counting processes.

Almost all Coalition's observers were allowed unhindered access to the polling stations to which they were deployed. The problem with access was recorded in one case that was solved immediately in cooperation with the Mostar City Election Commission.

The requirement for all members of the polling station committee to be present at the polling station at 6 a.m. was not observed at 18.3% of the polling stations.

4.2% of the polling stations were not arranged according to the instruction of the Central Election Commissions of BiH on [Operations of the Election Management Bodies on the Election day in the Context of the](https://www.izbori.ba/Documents/Lokalni_izbori_2020/Izborna_administracija_glasanje_GCB/Instrukcija15072020_bos.pdf) Covid-19 Epidemic.

Almost a half of the polling stations did not display the list with names of members of the polling station committee showing which political subjects they represent. The Coalition “Pod Lupom” stresses that it is necessary to publish the lists of members of the polling station committees displaying the names of the political subjects rather than their codes, in order to contribute to transparency of the electoral process.

At the polling station 153 A 038, 29 ballot papers are missing for the City electoral unit compared to the number of voters entered in the Central Voters' Register for that polling station. At three (3) polling stations ballot papers were not manually counted prior to the opening of the poll.

At all polling stations, except for one, ballot box was shown to be empty prior to the opening of the polls.

Secrecy of the voting was ensured at all polling stations, i.e. voting booths were arranged in a way that no one could see how a voter marked his/her ballot.

Percentage of the polling stations that opened at 7 a.m. is 76.8 %, while the remaining polling stations opened with up to one-hour delay.

Data from the field is received by the Coalition's Call Centre, while reporting is done in real time.

We call on all Mostar citizens to report all electoral irregularities by calling our toll-free number or via the following link: <https://bih2020.electionsobserver.org/neregularnosti/>

The Coalition will hold its first press conference at 11 a.m. at the Hotel Mepas in Mostar (Princess hall on 6th floor), with a press release following right after the press conference.

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