**Polls closed; voter turnout lower than in November: Jerinić wins in Doboj, Grujičić wins in Srebrenica**

The Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod lupom“ informed the public at the press conference held in Doboj at 9:30 p.m. about the voting process as at 7 p.m., closing of the polls and voter turnout in the repeat elections in Doboj and Srebrenica.

The Pod lupom's observers monitored the voting process and documented open inducement of voters to vote for a specific political subject or intimidations and pressure on voters at three polling stations in Doboj (038B027, 038B029 and 038B035A) and two polling stations in Srebrenica (105B015 and 105B005).

Voting without valid identification documents was registered at eight polling stations – five in Doboj and three in Srebrenica.

Turning voters away from the polls because they were not on the excerpt from the final Central Voters’ Register was registered at one third of the polling stations (up to 10 such cases).

The Coalition's observers registered family voting at more than a half of the polling stations in Doboj and Srebrenica (up to 10 cases of this type of irregularity). The case of one person assisting multiple voters to vote in a voting booth was registered at 22 polling stations, whereof 19 were in Doboj.

Unauthorized persons (such as representatives of local election commissions, police, representatives of political subjects and/or representatives of local government) did not stay long at the polling stations nor did they disrupt the voting process. The “Bulgarian train” (where a voter comes to the poll with pre-filled ballot and leaves with blank ballots) was not registered at any of the observed polling stations.

The recommended measures for preventing the spread of the Covid-19 virus were not followed at two polling stations in Doboj.

The Coalition Pod lupom has been notified of seven situations that represent potentially serious irregularities in the electoral process.

Objections or complaints have thus far been registered at 15 polling stations in Doboj and one polling station in Srebrenica.

Pod lupom monitors the information on voter turnout. By 7 p.m. the registered voter turnout in the repeat elections in Srebrenica was at 49.8% (with a margin of statistical error of +/- 6, 30 % on .95 confidence interval) and at 54.7% in Doboj (with a margin of error of +/- 2.19 % on .95 confidence interval). The preliminary data from a sample of the observed polling stations and the margin of the statistical error indicate that voter turnout in Srebrenica and Doboj in the repeat elections is by 14% lower than in the regular local elections held on November 15, 2020.

The closing of the polls was conducted in compliance with regulations. Almost all polling stations closed by 7:15 p.m. except three polling stations in Doboj that closed after 7:15 p.m. Voters that were outside the polling station at 7 p.m. at the polling stations that did not close on time were allowed to vote. All members of the polling station committees were present at the poll-closing time at all polling stations.

According to the latest information from the field, the Coalition's observers carry out unhindered observation of the vote counting process.

The preliminary data of the mayoral election vote at the observed polling stations shows the following:

* DOBOJ – BORIS JERINIĆ (SNSD) 65,2% (MoE 3,56), CVIJAN FILIPOVIĆ (SDS) 18,3% (MoE 2,10) and SRĐAN TODOROVIĆ (SP) 16,5% (MoE 1,99)
* SREBRENICA – MLADEN GRUJIČIĆ (TOGETHER FOR SREBRENICA) 96,3% (MoE 2,86), ALIJA TABAKOVIĆ (SDA) 3,0% (MoE 2,77), MILE JANJIĆ (NEZAVISNI) 0,5% (MoE 0,40), ALEKSANDAR SIMIĆ (NEZAVISNI) 0,2% (MoE 0,22)

The Pod lupom Coalition will share information on the overall election-day process, establishment of the election-day results and **preliminary assessment of the repeat elections in Doboj and Srebrenica** in a press release to be published tomorrow (February 22, 2021) at 11:00 a.m. at the Coalition's web page [www.podlupom.org](http://www.podlupom.org).