**Peaceful start of snap elections: Observers have unhindered access to all polls in Travnik and Foča (FBiH)**

The Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod lupom” informs the public that more than hundred civic, nonpartisan Election day observers have been engaged to observe the electoral process at all polling stations in Travnik and Foča (FBiH) and in the Municipal Election Commissions in these respective municipalities. All Coalition's observers have been allowed unhindered access to all polling stations to which they have been deployed in Travnik and Foča (FBiH).

The observers have thus far monitored the opening and organization of the polls and they will continue to observe the voting process and close of the polls, the counting process, and electoral irregularities. In coordination with the Coalition's Call Center the observers will work to eliminate the irregularities to ensure that electoral process runs smoothly and follows the Election Law of BiH.

The Coalition's observers have recorded that members of the polling station committees at ten polling stations in Travnik failed to fulfill their obligation to be present at the polling station at 6 a.m. This obligation was fulfilled at all polling stations in Foča (FBiH).

One polling station in Travnik was not arranged in accordance with the Instruction on operations of the election management bodies on the Election Day in the context of Covid-19 epidemic issued by the Central Election Commission of BiH.

A list with the names of the polling station committee members and names of political subjects to which they belong has not been displayed at every fourth polling station in Travnik. In Foča (FBiH), the list including the names of political subjects has been displayed at all polling stations. The Coalition underlines the importance of displaying the list of members of the polling station committees along with the names of political subjects in contributing to electoral transparency and in preventing trading positions on the polling station committees.

The secrecy of the voting has been ensured at all polling stations in Travnik and Foča (FBiH), i.e., voting booths have been arranged in a way that no one could see how a voter marks his/her ballot. The voting box was shown empty at all polling stations prior to the opening of the polls. Ballot papers were not hand-counted prior to opening of the polls at one polling station in Travnik (091A062).

68 polling stations in Travnik opened at exactly 7 a.m. while six (6) polling stations opened with a slight delay of up to 15 minutes, and one polling station opened with a delay longer than 15 minutes (091A070). All polling stations in Foča (FBiH) opened at exactly 7 a.m.

We call on all citizens of Travnik and Foča FBiH to report all electoral irregularities using our toll-free line 080 05 05 05 or visiting the following link <https://bit.ly/3wBSlwc> .

**The Coalition’s first press conference will take place at 11 a.m. at Hotel Vezir Palace in Travnik.**

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