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TO THE MEDIA

PRESS RELEASE

Until 3:00 p.m. Election Day implemented without incidents and violations of the Election Law of BiH

The Coalition "Pod lupom", which today observes early elections for mayors/city mayors in nine municipalities/towns in BiH, informs the public about implementation of the Election Day until 3:00 p.m.

Until 3:00 p.m., the Coalition "Pod lupom" did not record any incidents at polling stations nor violations of the Election Law of BiH.

Mobile teams visited additional 71 polling stations in order to respond in case that some suspicion of election irregularities are reported.

According to the data given by the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, turnout of voters by 11:00 a.m. is 17.52%. The lowest turnout has been recorded in the municipality Domaljevac-Šamac (5.57%) whilst the highest turnout has been recorded in the City of Dobož (21.67%).

The Coalition "Pod lupom" calls on all political subjects to comply with electoral rules and silence. The Coalition also calls all BiH citizens to get out and vote in the largest number possible. The Coalition reminds all citizens that polling stations will be closed at 7:00 p.m.

Election irregularity can be reported to the Coalition "Pod lupom" by calling the number **033 268 160** or via e-mail to info@podlupom.org

Non-partisan citizens observers of the Coalition "Pod lupom" are deployed at about 60% of regular polling stations. Also, seven mobile teams are deployed in the field. The Election Day commenced in accordance with the Election Law of BiH in majority of polling stations. Recorded irregularities still include isolated incidents that cannot be considered a trend that would influence the regularity of the voting process.

The following press release on the course of the voting, closing of the polling stations and possible critical situations in the polling stations the Coalition is planning to release at 9:00 p.m.

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