

OHR BiH TV News Summary, 11 November 2000

TV BiH News Headlines:

- Third general elections held in BiH; 2,5 million voters cast ballots for 44 political parties, 1 coalition, 6 independent candidates and 3 independent candidate lists; 3,600 polling stations opened throughout country Saturday morning
- Deadliest accident ever in Austrian Alps takes about 170 lives; cause [of funicular fire] still not determined
- TV BiH visits polling station in Sarajevo just before 7:00 pm close; [informal] survey of voter expectations for after elections: citizens mostly focused on hopes for better economic and employment situation, refugee return and keeping young people in country
- "OSCE pleased to say all polling stations in BiH closed at 7:00 pm except one in Zenica; OSCE satisfied with voter turnout; certain things will be forwarded to EASC, such as issue of Croat referendum; OSCE will update results daily starting Monday – TV BiH interview with OSCE spokesperson Zahner (06:46)
- BiH Federation Interior Ministry ensures maximum level of security during elections; only single verbal conflict occurred in Ustikolina where police removed two individuals from polling station (1:15)
- General elections going much more smoothly than April Municipal elections; over 55% turnout by 6:00 pm in six Mostar municipalities; Siroki Brijeg polling station 150A3017 Chairman Zeljko Soldo refuses to allow TV BiH to record voting process although OSCE official on site offered immediate protest – report from TV BiH Mostar studio (00:39)
- Turnout in Eastern Bosnian towns of Foca, Rogatica, Gorazde and Visegrad average; no incidents reported so far; compared to April elections, fewer registered voters did not appear on lists (01:23)
- Latest statistics from Zenica-Doboj Canton show turnout from 40% in Usora to 75% in Visoko and Kakanj; polling station in Bradici (Maglaj Municipality) opened 1 hour late due to removal of Croat flag; Saturday morning fire in Breza Red Cross building unrelated to elections (01:37)
- All polling stations in Central Bosnia Canton open at 7:00 am; incident occurred in village of Bucici (Novi Travnik Municipality) where two persons verbally attacked Election Commission president; Jajce Local Election Commission President Jozo Karadza reported a lack of envelopes for tendered ballots (01:04)
- No problems with voter registers In Banja Luka; Municipal Elections Commission reports 44,7% (55,986 voters) turnout by 6:30 pm (00:52)
- Report on voting in western BiH towns of Bosansko Grahovo, Drvar, Livno, Bosanski Petrovac and Glamoc: no incidents, however complaints from villages in Livno area related to decision to allow single person to vote on behalf of four or five people; certain polling stations had no complaint books and at others unknown individuals were offering suggestions to voters on whom to cast their ballots for (02:01)
- Report on voting in Una-Sana Canton: no incidents; 30 polling stations open in Velika Kladusa without problems; 70% voter response in canton
- By 4:00 pm over 50% of registered voters cast ballots in Brcko District; problems with replacement of voting options; polling station in Svilaj opens late; polling station in Vidovica (Orasje Municipality) closed for 45 minutes; 42% turnout in Orasje
- Report on voting process in Tuzla Canton: over 70% turnout; certain problems with voter registers; no incidents at polling stations
- Srebrenica the only BiH municipality to hold local election; voting calm and no crowds reported; Senior High Representative Ralph Johnston visits Srebrenica and expresses satisfaction with

voting process

- BiH Presidency Chairman Radisic votes in Banja Luka, BiH Presidency member Genjac in Sarajevo and BiH Presidency member Jelavic in Mostar
- After visiting several polling stations in Sarajevo (Stari Grad, Ilidza and Serb Sarajevo) High Representative to BiH Wolfgang Petritsch expresses satisfaction with electoral process and states that election occurring at important historical moment considering dramatic changes in region's political circumstances
- "I hope we will see changes implemented after elections; I believe there will be new faces in assemblies and government and this is good for BiH - OSCE Head of Mission Barry, visiting various polling stations (01:58)
- Centre for Civic Initiatives and Network of NGOs OKO calls elections "fair and free"
- As previously announced, Referendum on Rights and Position of Croat People in BiH held and 600 separate polling stations opened - news agency reports (00:18)
- 24 monuments in old Jewish cemetery in Sarajevo destroyed; Jewish community condemns vandalism; four minors held in custody
- World news
- Milosevic's arrest has become possible; we have significant proof of his responsibility for war-crimes in Kosovo, Croatia and BiH - Hague Tribunal Chief Prosecutor Del Ponte
- World news
- First ballots arrive to BiH Central Institutions Building [Marijin Dvor] and counting begins; counting of Out of Country ballots already began at 7:00 pm; entire counting process to go on 24 hours a day - OSCE spokesperson Sanela Becirovic
- TV BiH to continue election reporting - announcement for TV BiH special election program to start after midnight
- Sports
- Weather