

CLAIM: The imposing of decisions on the Election Day undermines the legitimacy of the election process.

FACT: The decisions of the High Representative in no way relate to direct elections, nor do they undermine the integrity and legitimacy of the electoral process. The intention of these decisions is to prevent blockades of FBiH institutions, of which there were plenty in the previous election cycle, and the government formation process itself.

In July, the High Representative underscored that he wanted to give domestic political forces as much time as possible to do what was necessary to unblock the FBiH. Not only did they fail to reach an agreement, they concluded the entire four-year term in a technical mandate. Any additional delays with these decisions would only create more space for blockades and for disrespecting the will of the voters.