

# 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 becomes 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