OHR RTRS News Summary, 12 November 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- High Representative to BiH <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u> imposes set of laws aiming to strengthen common BiH institutions and advance BiH economy – OHR
- According to unofficial and incomplete returns from Local Election Committees (LECs), SDS presidential candidates Sarovic and Cavic lead in race for RS president and vice president with Dodik and Cuk second
- Banja Luka LEC President Vukasin Boskovic quotes organisation's data for Banja Luka regarding the following mandates: in race for RS president SNSD candidates Dodik and Cuk won 45,45% of vote, Sarovic and Cavic 40,52%, Tepic and Bundalo 12,6%; in RS National Assembly races SDS won 27,42% of vote, SNSD 23,74%, PDP 22,98%, DSP 4,85%, SNS 3,86%, SPRS 3,83%; in BiH House of Representatives races SDS won 32,44% of vote, PDP 29,63%, SNSD-DSP Coalition 16,40%, SNS 9,69%, SPRS 3,97%; finally, Boskovic stated that 20,000 Out of Country Votes still have not arrived in Banja Luka
- Unofficial results for Bijeljina: in race for RS president Sarovic and Cavic took 64.87%, Dodik and Cuk 21.17%, Tepic and Bundalo 12.24%; in BiH House of Representatives races SDS took 50.7%, PDP 22.34%, SNSD-DSP 9.28%; and, in RS National Assembly races SDS took 47.29%, PDP 17.56% and SNSD 8.75%
- SDS leading in seven Srpsko Sarajevo municipalities, SNSD second, PDP third
- 67.73% of eligible voters cast ballots in Prijedor region: in race for RS president Sarovic and Cavic won 35.5%, Dodik and Cuk 28.09%, Tepic and Bundalo 15.42%; SDS took 29.46% of votes for BiH House of

Representatives, SNSD-DSP 12.86% and PDP 11.31%; SDS won 26.53% of votes for RS National Assembly, SNSD 11.89% and PDP 9.1%

- At five of 55 polling stations in Brcko District, Sarovic and Cavic win eight votes to every one vote for Dodik and Cuk (8:1)
- SDS presidential candidates win 50.45% of votes in Stara Herzegovina municipalities of Srbinje, Cajnice, Srpsko Gorazde, Visegrad, Kalinovik and Rudo
- Sarovic and Cavic win 58% of votes in Doboj, SNSD second, PDP third – Doboj LEC
- Final election results will not be published before 17 November – Barry
- According to SDS data, with 90% of precincts reporting, SDS won on all levels and in all election units; Sarovic says SDS's predictions have come true but they will wait for final results; Cavic hopes SDS's victory final and that absentee ballots will not change it
- SNSD has counted 263,000 ballots so far and found that SDS candidates for RS president secured 40.1%, SNSD 37.2%, PDP 10.8%; in RS National Assembly races SDS took 40.8%, SNSD 19.5%, PDP 17%; in BiH House of Representatives races SDS 41%, SNSD-DSP 19.5%, PDP 17%
- PDP relatively satisfied with election results; PDP Vice President Branko Dokic says party's future participation in BiH House of Representatives and RS National Assembly much more important than exact number of votes received
- SPRS satisfied with election results and says party sorry not many people voted; Djokic says it is time BiH turned new page and looked to new policies for benefit of all BiH's peoples
- DSP General Secretary Igor Radojicic somewhat satisfied with results collected so far and says DSP will have four to five seats in RS National Assembly
- Still too early to comment on preliminary results SNS spokesperson Mira Lolic Mocevic
- DNS satisfied with election results DNS President

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- Over 60% of eligible voters cast ballots in Sarajevo and Posavina Cantons
- SDP reports that with over 30% of votes counted, party won 50.3% of votes in Sarajevo Canton and Party for BiH 24%
- Party for BiH states it leads in Gorazde
- HDZ claims 38.3% of votes in Central Bosnia Canton, gives SDA 23.4%, SDP BiH 20.7%; HDZ reports taking 73% of Western Herzegovina Canton
- Barry warns HDZ that formation of parallel institutions of authority would violate <u>Dayton Agreement</u>
- High Representative to BiH <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u>, in response to Jelavic's statements that HDZ will not cooperate with OHR, <u>OSCE</u> and <u>UN</u> regarding All-Croat Referendum, warns Jelavic that he cannot dictate Petritsch's mandate because it is handed down to him by IC
- International officials praise elections as well organised and say it is of vital importance that newly elected officials take over positions as soon as official results are in
- Results of US presidential elections should be understood as message to BiH that no country is ready to stay in BiH forever – High Representative to BiH <u>Wolfgang Petritsch</u>
- Petritsch imposes ten new laws in BiH with aim to strengthen common BiH institutions and advance its economy – OHR
- World media report on general elections in BiH
- Serbian Justice Ministry officials visit prison authorities in Pozarevac and discuss establishment of better living conditions for inmates
- Former SPS official Zoran Lilic forms Serbian Social Democratic Party
- BiH delegation participates as observer at Islamic Conference in Dakar

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