OHR RTRS News Summary, 16 Novembe 2000

RT RS News Headlines:

- RS Government comments on General Elections in BiH, says they were carried out in accordance with democratic standards and OSCE Rules and Regulations, and were best technically organised elections to-date – RS Government Deputy Premier Ostoja Kremenovic; he thanks all participants, voters and parties, in elections (02:28)
- OSCE announces newest preliminary results on Thursday in Sarajevo: in RS presidential race, SDS candidates take 51.1% of the vote, SNSD 26.3%, PDP 8.9%;
- In race for RS National Assembly, SDS takes 37.4% of the vote, SNSD 13.5%, PDP 12.7%;
- In race for BiH House of Representatives (RS delegates), SDS takes 41% of the vote, PDP 15.9%, SNSD-DSP 11%;
- In race for BiH Federation House of Representatives, SDA takes 26.8% of the vote, SDP BiH 26.2%, HDZ 17.5%, Party for BiH 14.9%;
- In Srebrenica municipal elections, SDS takes 27.3% of the vote, SDA 26.3%, Party for BiH 9.7%, SNSD 8.2% (02:05)
- EASC removes half of SDS's candidates from election list in Srebrenica due to observed fraud, attempted fraud and multiple voting – Zahner (00:25)
- EASC removes ten HDZ candidates from election lists for BiH Federation cantonal assemblies due to violation of electoral silence (all-Croat referendum) (00:33)
- EASC removes two Party for BiH candidates from election lists due to inadequate explanation of party's election campaign slogans (BiH without Entities) (00:30)
- EASC removes two SDA candidates from election list due to election campaign pamphlet "How to Vote for SDA" that

was distributed in Tesanj

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- There is no doubt SDS is absolute winner in all three levels of authority – SDS Election HQ Coordinator Vojislav Gligic (01:52)
- SPRS will have five seats in RS National Assembly – SPRS Vice President Sasa Cudic (01:12)
- Future RS authorities must explain current status of RS to the public when it takes power, and how painful recovery will be – DPS President Predrag Radic (00:45)
- HDZ to boycott establishment of BiH common institutions unless OSCE rescinds decisions removing HDZ candidates from cantonal assemblies – HDZ press release (00:17)
- SDA's Sulejman Tihic demands manual count of ballots in BiH General Elections because "OSCE was not neutral"

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- SDP BiH President Zlatko Lagumdzija calls on democratic parties from both BiH entities for partnership and coalition in formation of new authorities (Party for BiH, PDP, SNSD and NHI) (00:32)
- OHR expresses surprise and assesses as unacceptable Sarovic statement for Moscow Vremja daily that RS will ask for referendum in case Kosovo Albanians in Kosovo are allowed to hold referendum – OHR spokesperson Stiglmayer (00:44)
- Mirko Sarovic is not bringing into question BiH borders as defined by Dayton peace agreement, and never called for referendum in any of his statements – Sarovic cabinet press release (00:28)
- Sarovic, during roundtable 'Beginning of War and its Consequences' held in Belgrade on Thursday,' said his first move if election results are certified will be to carry out quick consultations with parliamentary parties and appoint RS Government within prescribed 40-day

constitutional timeframe (01:21)

- Dayton Conference, which is scheduled to start in Dayton late on Thursday Bosnian time, will include following discussion topics: next phase of Dayton Agreement implementation, future role of NATO in region, status of Kosovo, status of Montenegro (01:30)
- Yugoslav Government decides to re-establish relations with France, Germany, UK and US
- Provisional Serbian Government adopts economic measures with goal of improving economic standard of Serbian citizens
- Milosevic to run in elections for SPS president at SPS election convention scheduled for 25 December – SPS official Mirko Marjanovic
- World News
- First part of May pensions in RS paid on 16 November
- Fire destroys six apartments in Prijedor downtown, no injuries reported
- Banja Luka weekly Nezavisne Novine editor-in-chief Zeljko Kopanja and three other journalists (Congo, Malaysia and Iran) presented awards for press freedom in Washington on 15 November
- Sports
- Weather
- Hunting and Fishing Fair opens in Banja Luka on Thursday