

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY NEC
ON 12.11.2006 AT 10 a.m. AT THE NEC HEADQUARTERS.

On 12 November, at 10 a.m., the first press conference on the day of elections for the self-governments was organised by the National Election Commission at its Headquarters.

The following participated in the conference:

Deputy Chairman of NEC	Judge Stanisław Kosmal,
Member of NEC	Judge Antoni Włodzimierz Rymś,
Secretary of NEC	Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki, Head of the National Election Bureau

Deputy Chairman of NEC informed the journalists that apart from the three polling stations which were open with a 15-minute delay, the voting commenced according to the plan, i.e. at 6.00 a.m. Until the present moment, the elections continue in a correct manner. There were some minor incidents reported in connection with the breach of the election silence such as the election posters being torn down, distribution of agitation leaflets or cars with the posters and names of candidates on them. The most noticeable infringements which took place so far concerned errors on the ballot cards. In some of cities the names of the candidates or election committees were written incorrectly. The commissions in these polling stations suspended the voting and ordered new cards to be printed. In consequence, the voting time will be extended. The polling stations in the town of Kowal (Pomorsko-Kujawskie Voivodhsip) will close at 9.15 p.m. and in the county of Goworowo (Mazowieckie Voivodship) at 9.00 p.m. while in Watraszewo (county of Chynów, Mazowieckie Voivodship) at 11 p.m. In the constituency including the county of Milicz, in view of lack of the name of one of the candidates on the ballot card, the vote has been suspended. Until the present moment, the district commission has not decided on how long to extend the vote. In the county of Choroszcz (Białostockie Voivodship) the stamp of the territorial election commission was not printed on the ballot cards. This error has been remedied and the vote time will not be extended.

The next conference will be held at the NEC's headquarters at 1.30 p.m. The Judges will then present information on the turnout and the course of the elections as at 12.00.