

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ORGANISED ON 26 Nov.
2006 AT 10.00 a.m. AT THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION'S
HEADQUARTERS.**

On 26 November 2006, at 10.00 a.m. a press conference was held at the headquarters of the National Election Commission devoted to the second round of the vote for the community leaders and city mayors and presidents.

The following participated in the conference:

Deputy Chairman	Judge Stanisław Kosmal
Member of NEC	Judge Włodzimierz Ryms,

And

Secretary of NEC	Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki,
Head of the National Election Bureau	

Judge Stanisław Kosmal informed the journalists that the total number of community leaders and city presidents and mayors elected in the first round of the elections amounted to 1633. Out of this number, 1351 were also elected in the elections to self-governments of 2002.

2 community leaders and mayors, i.e. in Rajgród, Grajewo District, Podlaskie Voivodship and in Gręboszów, Dąbrowski District, Małopolskie Voivodship will be elected by the local councils. 843 community leaders and city mayors and presidents were not elected in the 1st round of the elections. In the 2nd round of the elections, 827 community leaders and city mayors and presidents will be elected because in 16 cases the date of the second round of the elections were postponed until 10 December. The reason for the postponement was withdrawal of the consent for being a put forth as a candidate and in two cases (namely, in Dziwnów Community, Kamiński District, Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship and in Dorohusk, Chełmski District, Lubelskie Voivodship) the candidates had been denied the right to be elected.

As the election commissaries report, the vote has been going on without major disturbances. In two cases, i.e. in polling station no. 51 in Warsaw and no. 334 in Łódź the time of the vote will be extended. In Warsaw, due to failure of the chairperson of the commission to appear for work, the vote started one hour later and therefore the vote will continue through 9.00 p.m. While in Łódź, for technical reasons, the polling station was open at 6.15 a.m. and therefore, the vote will be extended through 8.15 p.m.

As Judge Kosmal explained, the Police has reported some minor incidents which disturbed the election silence (e.g. agitation leaflets were distributed, election posters were torn down, or window was broken in one of the polling stations). In Kamiński Pomorski a car was burnt which was decorated with the election posters of one of the candidates.

The next conference will be held at the NEC's headquarters at 1.30 p.m. During the conference information on the course of the vote and the turnout as at 12.00 will be presented.

