

The second round of presidential elections in Serbia

The second round of presidential elections was very important political event in Serbia in the last two weeks.

Boris Tadić, leader of the Democratic Party, won a close victory in the election, beating the radical candidate Tomislav Nikolić with the difference almost 3% in the votes.

The elections were monitored by the Serbian and international media. For the reference, Serbian server B92 at its webpage¹ provides detailed information, observations and analyses of elections and the impact on the political situation in Serbia and the international relations.

Before the second round of the presidential elections the European Union gave Serbia the chance to sign the interim agreement of cooperation, which should precede the Stabilization and Association Agreement. Surprisingly, Serbia did not sign the agreement after the presidential elections.

Prime Minister Vojislav Koštunica, from the Democratic Party of Serbia, argued that signing of the agreement would mean the legitimise EU mission, which should substitute UNMIK in Kosovo.

This event brought up deep governmental crisis² and after several years the student and youth organisations demonstrated in the streets of Belgrade³.

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¹ http://www.b92.net/eng/news/in_focus.php?id=254

² http://www.b92.net/eng/news/in_focus.php?id=277&start=0&nav_id=47597

³ http://www.b92.net/eng/news/politics-article.php?yyyy=2008&mm=02&dd=12&nav_id=47642