

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION AFTER THE  
PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON**

**20.06.2010 AT 9.40 a.m. AT THE NEC'S HEADQUARTERS**

**On 20 June 2010, a press conference on Presidential Election was held at 9.40 a.m. at the headquarters of the National Electoral Commission,**

**The following participated in the conference:**

<b>NEC's Chair</b>	<b>Judge Stefan Jaworski</b>
<b>NEC's Member</b>	<b>Judge Włodzimierz Ryms</b>
<b>NEC's Secretary, Head of the National Electoral Office</b>	<b>Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki</b>

**The Chair of the NEC, Judge Stefan Jaworski, opened the press conference devoted to the course of the first hours of Presidential Election 2010. The chair advised the journalists that the vote began in all constituencies including the areas hit the hardest by the flooding at 6:00 a.m.**

**Next, NEC's Member, Włodzimierz Ryms, presented information about a few incidents that occurred at some of the polling stations.**

**In one of the polling stations in Bielsk Duży Borough, administrative district of the Regional Electoral Commission no. 25 in Radom, the vote began with a slight delay as the local electoral commission did not have a correct seal. This defect was immediately removed. In view of the fact that between 6:00 a.m. and the moment of removal of the defect (i.e. 6:40 a.m.) no voters arrived at the polling station, there are no grounds for extending the vote.**

**Another incident occurred in a polling station in constituency no. 42, where problems with seals occurred in four local polling stations in Zduny town and borough. This defect was removed immediately and the commissions received correct seals.**

**Yesterday, in Gdańsk constituency no. 33, the Chair of the District Electoral Commission no. 119 took the official seal of the commission home. In connection with this offence, the Chair has been replaced and a new seal has been made.**

**In Szczecin constituency no. 46, in Pyrzyce Borough, a new Chair been appointed due to today's resignation of his predecessor.**

In one of the polling stations in Jelenia Góra constituency no. 2, a representative of one of the candidates was agitating for his candidate and had to be removed from the premises.

In Kraków, agitation writing was found on the wall of one of the buildings promoting one of the candidates that was removed immediately.

NEC's Member, Włodzimierz Ryms, emphasised that in other Regional Electoral Commissions the vote was not disrupted by any incidents.

Next, NEC's Secretary and Head of the National Electoral Office, Minister Kazimierz Wojciech Czaplicki informed the journalists of the incidents registered by the Police Headquarters. From 7.30 p.m. yesterday until 7.00 a.m. this morning, 7 new incidents related to the flying of candidate banners on buildings, tearing down and putting up the placards of one of the presidential candidates and removal of the direction arrows showing the way to the polling station were reported.

Next, NEC's Chair Judge Stefan Jaworski provided the information about the turnout as at 8.00 a.m. According to the official announcement of NEC, these data are as follows:

#### I. Aggregated countrywide data

On the basis of data from 25 483 polling stations out of 25 506 polling stations established throughout the country, the National electoral Commission provides the following information on the turnout as at 8.00 a.m. on 20 June 2010:

1. Number of eligible voters, i.e. persons registered on the lists of electors in individual polling stations from which the information has been received was **30 374 071**.
2. **563 184** ballot cards were issued to the eligible voters, which constitutes **1.85%** of the total number of the eligible voters.

#### II. Aggregate data broken down by the cities with the population exceeding 250 thousand:

<i>No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Total no. of polling stations</i>	<i>Number of polling stations submitting the data</i>	<i>Number of voters</i>	<i>Ballot cards issued</i>	<i>% (6:5)</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
1.	Białystok	164	164	228 052	5 665	2,48
2.	Bydgoszcz	205	205	286 154	5 564	1,94
3.	Gdańsk	216	216	357 649	4 807	1,34

4.	Katowice	165	165	248 929	4 777	1,92
5.	Kraków	457	457	585 325	12 417	2,12
6.	Lublin	211	188	250 366	6 092	2,43
7.	Łódź	397	397	592 694	10 415	1,76
8.	Poznań	298	298	430 483	7 197	1,67
9.	Szczecin	200	200	302 852	5 479	1,81
10.	Warszawa	848	848	1 407 282	30 929	2,20
11.	Wrocław	298	298	498 813	7 745	1,55

**III.** In comparison with the total number of the eligible voters in a particular area, the highest turnout has been noted in the borough (city) of Ropa, Gorlice district, Małopolskie Province (Voivodship), i.e. 8,99% .

**Chairman Stefan Jaworski clarified the issues related to the number of ballot cards at polling stations. 95% of the ballot cards were distributed to the Local Electoral Commissions while the remaining 5% is a reserve used as and when necessary by the District Electoral Commission. In Krosno, Plock and Katowice additional cards for the by-election for the Senate organized at the same time as Presidential Election were issued.**

**Chairman Stefan Jaworski also referred to the question of change of the time of the vote in general election. Judge Jaworski said that the voting time was determined by the legislative authorities. The National Electoral Commission only submits a report including comments on the course and organization of the election as well as facts concerning the course of the election to the legislative and other authorities.**

**During the conference the issues related to the reduced number of polling stations in detention centres and hospitals (in comparison with 2005) was raised. This change results from the reduced number of such units.**