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All Sides Preparing for Election, Aftermath

The situation in Serbia remains quiet as all sides prepare for the elections tomorrow. Belgrade continues its efforts to discredit the opposition and to limit outside monitoring of the election process.

- [redacted] the FRY Foreign Ministry today called in foreign diplomats in Belgrade to formally warn that opposition leader Kostunica plans to unilaterally declare victory in the elections late tomorrow night. FRY diplomats charged that Kostunica then planned to set up an alternative FRY government in Montenegro.
- [redacted] Western monitors are being denied entry into Yugoslavia, and press reports indicate the FRY yesterday expelled 10 Western journalists.

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Podgorica radio reported this morning that armed VJ units from 0400 to 1300 local time today sealed off the Herceg Novi municipal building with a show of force. The building will be used to tabulate the results of the elections in Montenegro, according to press sources. The action came after the Federal Election Commission early this morning announced that the VJ would "maintain order" at all polling stations in Montenegro during the voting on Sunday.

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