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(SBU) Further to December 4, Afternoon Brief No. 1, Embassy Ljubljana reports that Ljubljana Mayor Zoran Jankovic has surprisingly polled slightly ahead of long-time front-runner Slovene Democratic Party leader and former PM Janez Jansa. With all votes counted, Jankovic leads with 29 percent of the vote compared to Jansa's 26 percent. According to precedent, Jankovic's win will give him the first chance to form a coalition government, which may be difficult given most of the other parties that crossed the threshold are closer to Jansa. If Jankovic proves unable to a coalition, Jansa could return to power. Voter turnout was about 64 percent, which was less than predicted.

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