

Macron's Party Leads in French Parliamentary Elections



Paris, June 12 (RHC-Xinhua)-- French President Emmanuel Macron's party "The Republic On The Move" (LREM) and its ally MoDem took the lead in the first round of the parliamentary elections, according to final results released by the Interior Ministry.

Final results released early Monday showed Macron's LREM and MoDem won 32.32 percent of the vote, while the center-right party The Republicans and the far-right National Front of Marine Le Pen garnered 21.56 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively.

Under France's electoral rules, only candidates who win more than 50 percent of the vote in the first round win the seat outright. If there is no clear winner, all candidates who win more than 12.5 percent in the first round qualify for a runoff.

The runoff scheduled for next Sunday will determine the makeup of an assembly that Macron, at the start of a five-year term, needs to implement his campaign promises of boosting the economy and reducing the deficit.

Projections showed LREM and MoDem are likely to win between 400 and 445 seats in the 577-seat lower house of parliament, securing a landslide majority.

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