

Army General Sisi Poised for Overwhelming Egyptian Election Win Amid Low Turnout



Cairo, May 30 (RHC)-- Egyptian General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi is poised for an overwhelming victory in Egypt's presidential elections, with partial returns showing him taking more than 90 percent of the vote.

Sisi becomes the sixth military leader to run Egypt since the army overthrew the monarchy in 1952. Turnout was at just 44 percent, compared to the 52 percent that came out for the election of former President Mohamed Morsi in 2012.

General Sisi led the military coup that ousted Morsi last year. The Egyptian authorities scrambled to boost voter turnout when it appeared many Egyptians were staying home, extending voting for a third day and declaring a public holiday. Several Islamic and liberal political groups boycotted the election in protest of Sisi and the military regime.

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