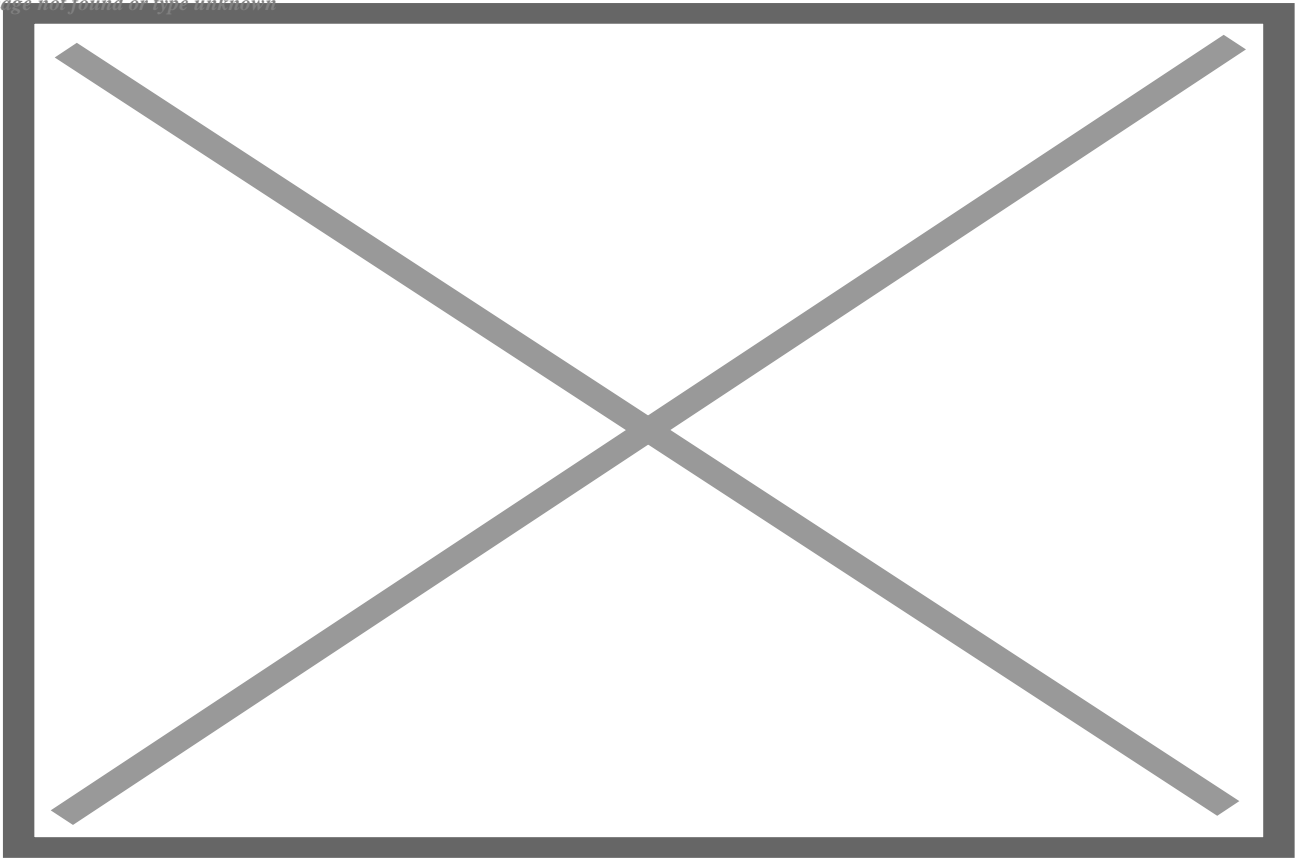


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The Colombian government deployed 320,000 men and women of the security forces to guarantee the tranquility of the citizens during the second round of elections.

In the context of the Democracy Plan, the troops will be "where there are complaints of electoral conspiracy," said the Ministry of Defense.

Soldiers, policemen, members of the navy and the air force are deployed by land, air, sea and rivers to, according to its premise, "guarantee the right of Colombians to vote."

"But at the same time, to enforce respect for the verdict of the ballot box, which is also the cornerstone of our democracy," said the country's outgoing president, Iván Duque, when giving details of alleged threats of contempt for the results of the ballot.

Duque, a right-wing Colombian politician who has served a controversial term as president, has a lost most of his popularity over the years due to numerous massacres of social activists and a failed economy.

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