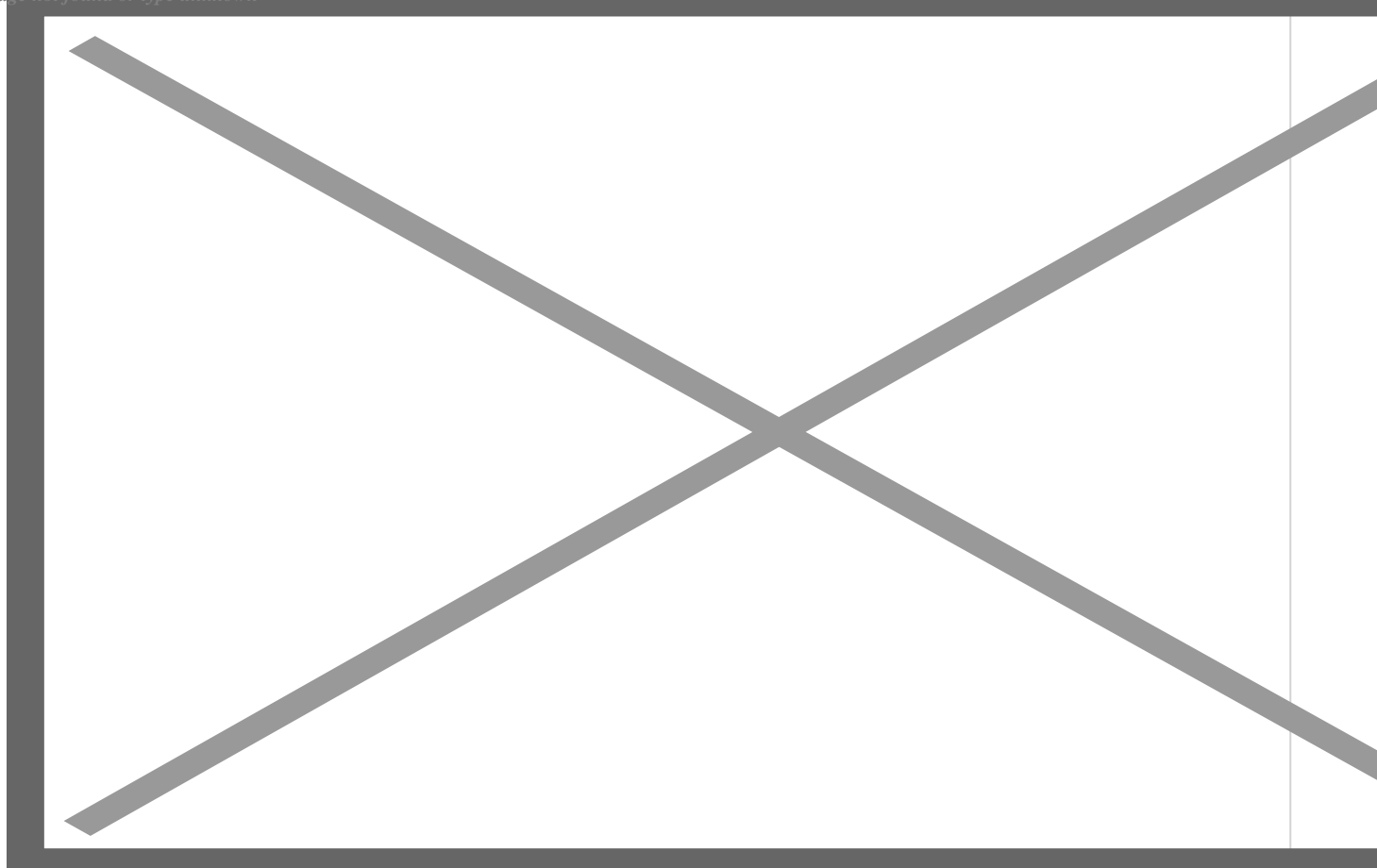


Polling stations close in Brazil after second round of presidential elections

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Brasilia, October 30 (RHC)-- As indicated by Brazilian regulations, at 17H00 (local time) the polling stations closed and the counting of votes began after the presidential runoff elections held this Sunday in that nation. Only the centers where there are still voters in line waiting to exercise their right to vote will remain open.

On this day, more than 156 million Brazilians were authorized to go to the polls and elect the candidate of their choice for the Presidency of the country.

Hours before, the Superior Electoral Court (TSE) of Brazil requested explanations to the Federal Highway Police (PFC) for carrying out operations that allegedly have hindered the transit of voters on the day, calling the general director of this entity, Silvinei Vasques, to explain the reasons for which police operations are being carried out in the states.

The order was made this morning by Minister Alexandre de Moraes, president of the TSE. The operations would be carried out even after the prohibition of any operation that affects the public transportation of voters.

According to the minister's decision, the directors of the PF and PRF may be criminally liable in case of non-compliance with the measure.

The order published this Sunday cites a video in which a Twitter user claims that the PRF is conducting a blockade at the entrance of Cuité (PB), a municipality 219 kilometers from João Pessoa.

On his social networks, the general director of the PRF posted a video in support of President Jair Bolsonaro (PL), a candidate for reelection.

Hours later, the same TSE published an order against the PFC to stop disclosing the operations it performs for transgressions in the second round of presidential elections in Brazil.

In a statement, the minister prohibited this law enforcement agency from disclosing, until the end of the second round (17:00, local time), the results of the operations related to the elections".

The CBP indicated that it will comply with the measure, as will the Ministry of Public Security.

Meanwhile, the TSE reported changes in some ballot boxes that failed. In its first report on the day, the TSE highlighted that 926 electronic ballot boxes have been changed out of the 472 thousand that are installed in the polling stations and voting is progressing faster than expected.

Regarding the integrity test to verify the proper functioning of the ballot boxes, several were carried out in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

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