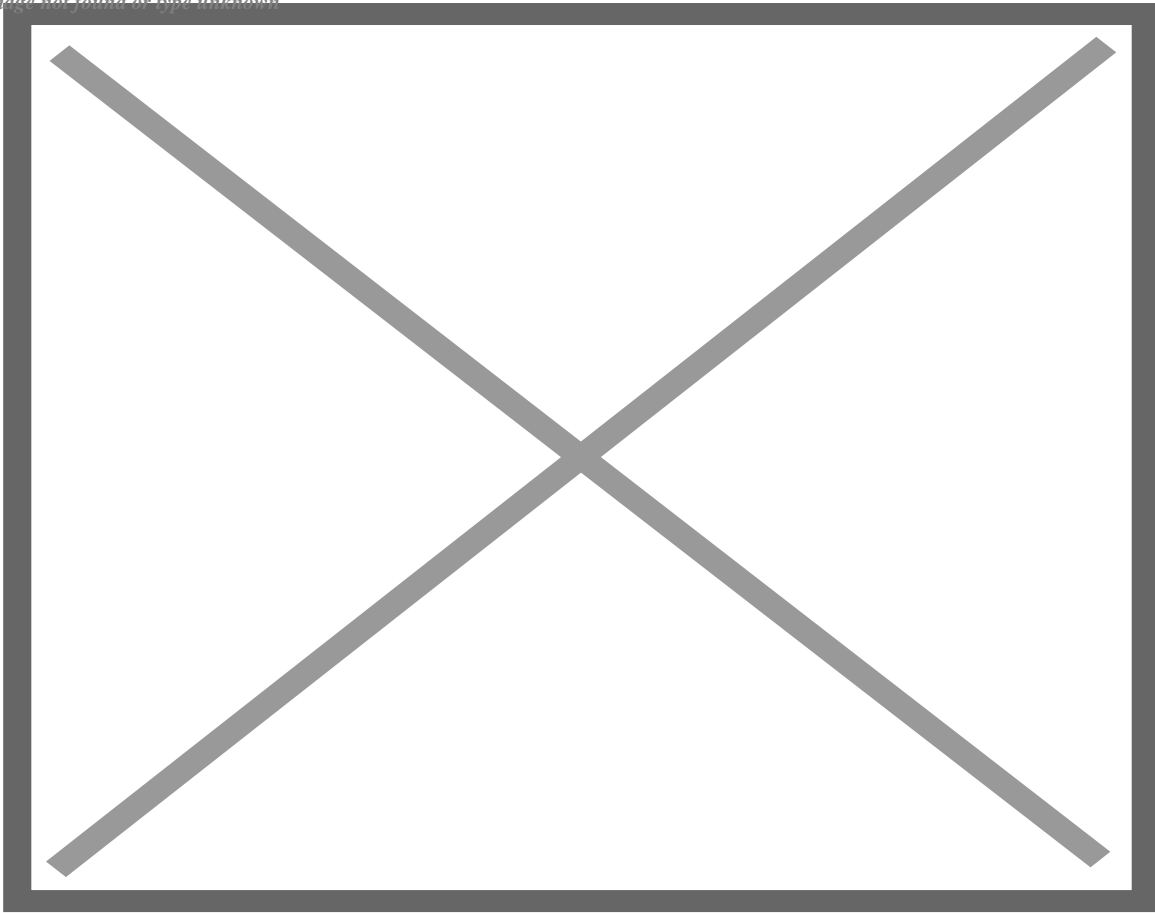


Bernardo Arévalo is elected president of Guatemala

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Guatemala City, August 20 (RHC)-- Bernardo Arévalo de León, from the political group Semilla, has been declared the next president of Guatemala, when 92 percent of the votes cast in the election in the Central American country have been counted. The Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) announced it will take five days to present the final results.

Arevalo de Leon has a total of 2.3 million votes received in his favor (59 percent of the total), according to the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, while his opponent, Sandra Torres Casanova, garnered 1.4 million ballots for 35 percent.

Thus, Arévalo de León would be the first progressive and moderate left-wing president to govern Guatemala, pending his victory with the rest of the vote totals over the next several hours.

The main incident of the election day took place when two homemade devices exploded in two polling centers in the outskirts of Guatemala City, although there were no injuries or deaths.

The national electoral authorities preliminarily confirmed that the electoral process proceeded normally during most of the day.

The current electoral process has been characterized by the protagonism of the Public Prosecutor's Office which, since July 12, has tried to cancel the Seed Movement and prevent the participation of Arevalo de Leon.

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