

# *Ecuador's run-off election between Luisa Gonzalez and Daniel Noboa on October 15th*

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Quito, August 21 (Prensa Latina)-- The president of the National Electoral Council (CNE), Diana Atamaint, confirms that next October 15, Ecuadorians will return to the polls to elect the president in a runoff between Luisa Gonzalez and Daniel Noboa.

With more than 60 percent of the tallies counted, the head of the governing body of the elections assured that the observed results already show an irreversible tendency.

Atamaint congratulated the democratic attitude of the presidential candidates who immediately recognized the results, since they are the reflection of the popular will expressed in the ballot boxes.

Luisa Gonzalez, of the Citizen Revolution, advances to the second round with around 33 percent of the votes and thus becomes the first woman in the country to dispute in a runoff for the presidency of the Republic. The representative of the Correista movement seeks to return the country to the days when there was security and a stable economy, with health, education and social development.

The surprise of the night was Daniel Noboa, of the National Democratic Action (ADN) alliance, who in the first polls appeared at the bottom of the preferences.

The youngest of the aspirants to the Executive, businessman and former legislator, came unexpectedly to second place in the race and seeks to fulfill the dream of his father, Alvaro Noboa, five times unsuccessful candidate for the presidency.

The six remaining aspirants to the head of the Executive that ran in these elections accepted their defeat.

This Sunday's voting day concluded with an 82.26 percent turnout and passed without violent incidents, while 100 thousand police and military were deployed throughout the country.

This electoral process is taking place in the midst of the biggest wave of insecurity in the country, which even cost the life of presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio last August 9, when hired assassins shot him to death as he was leaving a rally.

Although voting here is obligatory for citizens between 18 and 65 years of age, Prensa Latina confirmed that Ecuadorians went to the polls motivated, in search of a change that would allow them to confront this scenario of increasing delinquency and organized crime.

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