

Nasralla Denounces Pressures on Supreme Electoral Tribunal



Tegucigalpa, November 29 (RHC)-- Honduran presidential candidate of the Alliance of Opposition, Salvador Nasralla, denounced Tuesday that current president Juan Orlando Hernandez is pressuring the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) to steal the elections from him.

The former sportscaster and TV star criticized the electoral authority on social media and in a television interview for the delay in announcing the final results and once again claimed victory.

He urged his supporters to march on the capital, Tegucigalpa, to protest.

After a partial count on Monday pointed toward an unexpected victory for Hernandez, elections authorities then stopped giving results for 24 hours.

Then the TSE started to update its website again, stating that the gap between Salvador Nasralla and the current president Juan Orlando Hernández had reduced and it fell from 45 to 43.29 percent of the votes, while Hernandez rose to 41.22 percent, with 70.59 percent of the polls counted.

During the latest press conference, the TSE president, David Matamoros, reiterated that they expected to have all the polls and final results for the early hours of Thursday.

Nasralla denounced that "the company hired to give out the results, under pressure from the magistrate president, removed security mechanisms from the data transmission system", which is now vulnerable.

According to election officials with access to the vote count, Honduras' incumbent president Juan Orlando Hernández cannot overcome the lead of Salvador Nasralla, his main opposition opponent. Honduras' electoral authority, the Tribunal Supremo Electoral, should end political tensions by providing this information officially and publicly, said Center for Economic and Policy Research Co-Director Mark Weisbrot.

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