

Former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya Says the Entire Electoral System is 'Contaminated'



Tegucigalpa, December 7 (RHC)-- Former Honduran president and director of the center-left Opposition Alliance, Manuel Zelaya, said the country's entire electoral system "is contaminated." The Opposition Alliance presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla affirmed the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, TSE, and its director, David Matamoros, have committed several counts of electoral fraud since polling stations closed November 26th.

Nasralla and the Opposition Alliance are demanding a recount of the ballots from all 18,000 polling stations and that the TSE carry out all the opposition's 11 demands. Matamoros said he would consider the full recount and asked the opposition to put their demand in writing. Candidates have until Friday to challenge official TSE results.

Nasralla and Zelaya previously demanded that the TSE recount the ballots from over 5,000 polling stations, representing 30 percent of all presidential election ballots. The TSE agreed to the measure, and

to do so under the observation of European Union, EU, and Organization of the American States, OAS, delegates.

However, the opposition refused to deliver the ballots from over 5,000 polling stations because the TSE didn't complete all 11 demands, including the revision of ballot boxes they say arrived to TSE offices "opened" exposing "sensitive information." Their other demands include comparing signatures in voting notebooks with those registered with the official TSE vote count, "in order to see if the signatures match." The opposition also wants the TSE to make sure its database wasn't changed during the count.

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