

# *Presidential candidates in Mexico hold last televised debate*

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Mexico City, June 13 (RHC)--Candidates in Mexico's presidential elections participated in the third and last televised debate before election date, set for July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The candidates were Andres Lopez Obrador from Morena Party; Ricardo Anaya, from "For Mexico in Front" coalition; Juan Antonio Meade from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and independent candidate Jaime Heliodoro Rodriguez.

The questions posed to the candidates were chosen from a pool of 11 thousand that citizens proposed on social media.

The main subjects of the debate were the economy and development, subdivided in economic growth, poverty, inequality, education, science, technology, healthcare, sustainable development and climate change.

The latest opinion polls have Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador extending his lead in the July 1 election.

Numbers show the left-leaning candidate has a 17-point lead in what is being described as one the bloodiest campaigns in recent memory.

On Friday night, Fernando Puron, a congressional candidate for the PRI and a former mayor of Piedras Negras, Coahuila state, was shot in the back of the head as he was greeting supporters just after leaving a debate, according to footage from a security camera.

Puron's death was the first for a candidate running at the federal level, bringing to 112 the number of candidates, politicians or office holders killed since nationwide campaigning began in September, according to Etelekt, a security consultancy based in Mexico City.

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