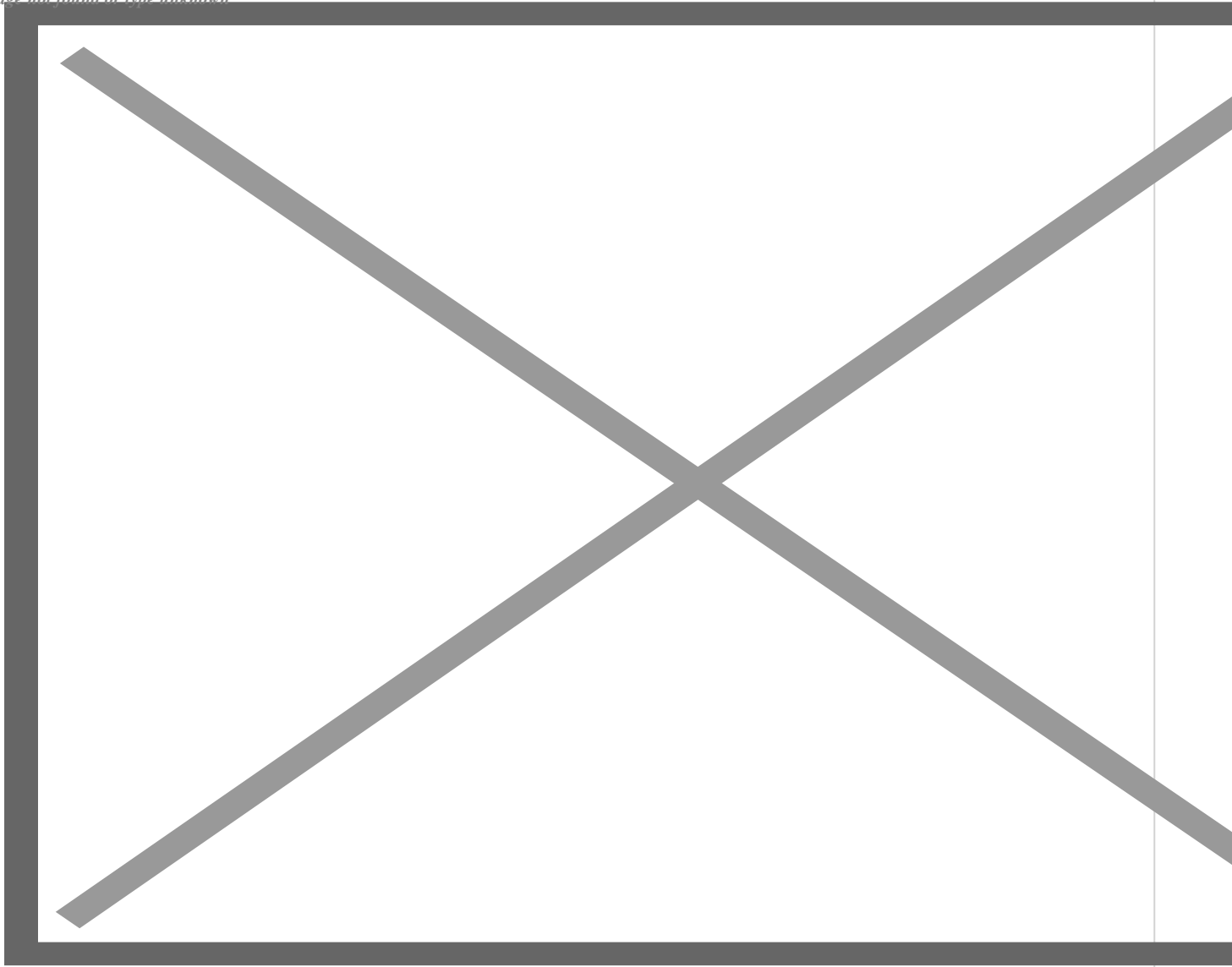


Mobilizations called in Peru to support Pedro Castillo

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Lima, June 18 (RHC)-- Political and social organizations and citizen collectives in Peru called on Thursday for a national day of marches in defense of the electoral victory of Pedro Castillo. The mobilization was announced for Saturday, June 19, by the head of the New Peru Movement, Verónica Mendoza.

The former presidential candidate denounced that Keiko Fujimori's party, Fuerza Popular, intends to prevent the winner of the second round of elections, Pedro Castillo of Peru Libre, from assuming the presidency of the country.

The progressive politician called on all democratic forces to reject attempts to delegitimize the electoral process, strike a blow to democracy and generate chaos and uncertainty in the South American country.

"The homeland calls us to defend democracy and build a country in which all voices are heard, a new homeland in which we are all united and embraced in the same democratic spirit," she said.

The general secretary of the General Confederation of Peruvian Workers, Gerónimo López, condemned the agenda mounted by the right wing and the powers that be around Keiko Fujimori. For his part, the leader of the National Human Rights Coordinating Committee, Miguel Jugo, called for the defense of the democratic institutionality that Fujimorism is trying to circumvent by attempting to ignore the electoral result.

Legislators from Peru Libre, Frente Amplio and other forces assured their participation in the mobilization in defense of democracy and support for progressive candidate Pedro Castillo.

After 100 percent of the tallies were counted, the National Office of Electoral Processes (ONPE) indicated that the candidate for Peru Libre, Pedro Castillo, won the presidential elections with 50.12 percent, equivalent to 8,835,579 votes.

On the other hand, the ultra-right candidate for Fuerza Popular, Keiko Fujimori, obtained 49.87 percent, equivalent to 8,791,521 votes.

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