

# *Venezuelan CNE highlights citizens' participation in electoral simulation exercise*

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Caracas, October 10 (RHC)-- The president of the Venezuelan National Electoral Council (CNE), Pedro Calzadilla, highlighted the participation in the electoral drill that was carried out in view of the municipal

and regional elections of next November 21.

In a statement to the media, the rector of the electoral body commented that the population "has turned out in an enthusiastic and massive manner to the voting centers enabled by the CNE to comply with this day that enters its final phase."

"We are very satisfied at the CNE for the day that has been fulfilled and is being fulfilled today (...) The massive participation of the citizenship, of the people of Venezuela in this extraordinary simulation was registered," he added.

The president of the CNE specified that the participation on this day "has far exceeded the expectations we had set. Good omen when we go to an election on November 21." In the balance of the national electoral drill, Calzadilla indicated that the day is propitious to verify the functioning of the equipment, making the necessary tests to verify that everything is carried out correctly. "A great general rehearsal" in view of the upcoming elections, he said.

He also stated that one of the objectives of the simulation is to allow the citizens to become familiar with the voting machine, the functioning of the dynamics and to know how to exercise their suffrage.

Calzadilla declared that the organizations with political purposes have mobilized their teams, "deployed in the 446 voting centers and in the 1,386 tables enabled throughout the country".

"This is another good news. Popular citizen participation, extraordinary participation of organizations with political purposes of all sectors that make up the national political spectrum. We have seen it, testimony of a living and deep democracy", assured the Rector.

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