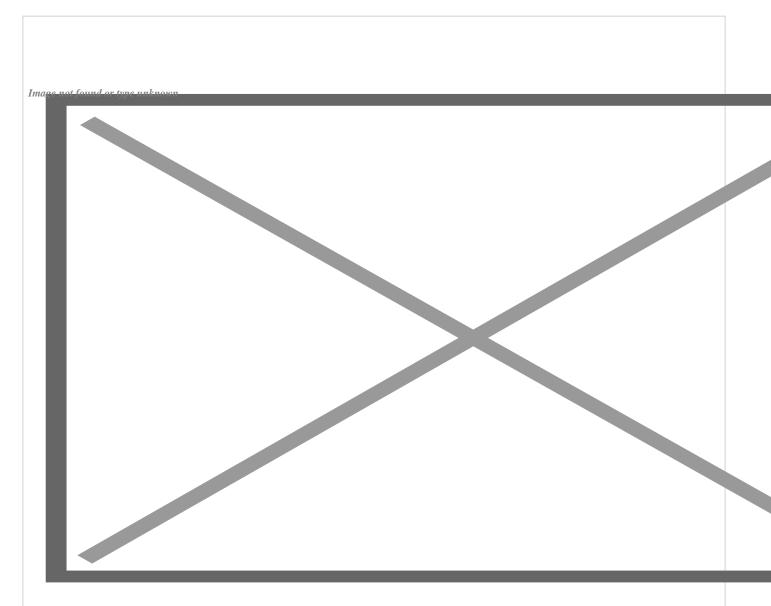
Venezuela's CNE reports 82% progress in the electoral schedule for November 21st



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Caracas, November 3 (RHC)-- The electoral schedule for Venezuela's regional and municipal elections, to be held on November 21, is 82 percent advanced, according to the president of the National Electoral

Council (CNE), Pedro Calzadilla.

"We have an advance of 82 percent of the electoral schedule. The electoral campaign reaches today its sixth day," said the president of the CNE in an interview with the private media Globovisión.

The official detailed that with 19 days to go for the mega-elections, eight groups of international observers and six national social organizations are accredited. He mentioned at this point that the broad international accompaniment is part of the electoral guarantees for the regional and municipal elections.

Calzadilla commented that audits of the revision of the Automated Voting System and the Electoral Registry are also being carried out.

The President of the Electoral Power affirmed that the CNE "is the house of democracy. We are always in contact with the political actors".

He detailed that 2,000 prosecutors were deployed throughout the Venezuelan territory in order to attend to complaints that may arise within the framework of the electoral campaign, which will conclude next November 18.

This November 21, more than 21,000,000 Venezuelans will be able to go to the polls to elect -among some 70,000 candidates- a total of 3,082 popularly elected positions, of which 23 are governors, 335 mayors, 253 legislators and 2,471 councilmen.

"Our effort is that for this election there is the highest possible participation. We have worked for that," expressed the president of the CNE.

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