

# *Afghanistan Faces Election Crisis; 16 Killed in Suicide Attack*

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Kabul, July 8 (RHC)-- Afghanistan is facing a crisis over its disputed presidential election. Preliminary results Monday showed former World Bank official Ashraf Ghani beating opponent Abdullah Abdullah by about a million votes. The results will not be finalized until later this month.

Abdullah's supporters have protested, calling the results a "coup" and claiming widespread fraud. Earlier today in Afghanistan, at least 16 people -- including four Czech soldiers and 10 Afghan civilians -- were killed in a suicide bomb attack in the eastern province of Parwan.

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