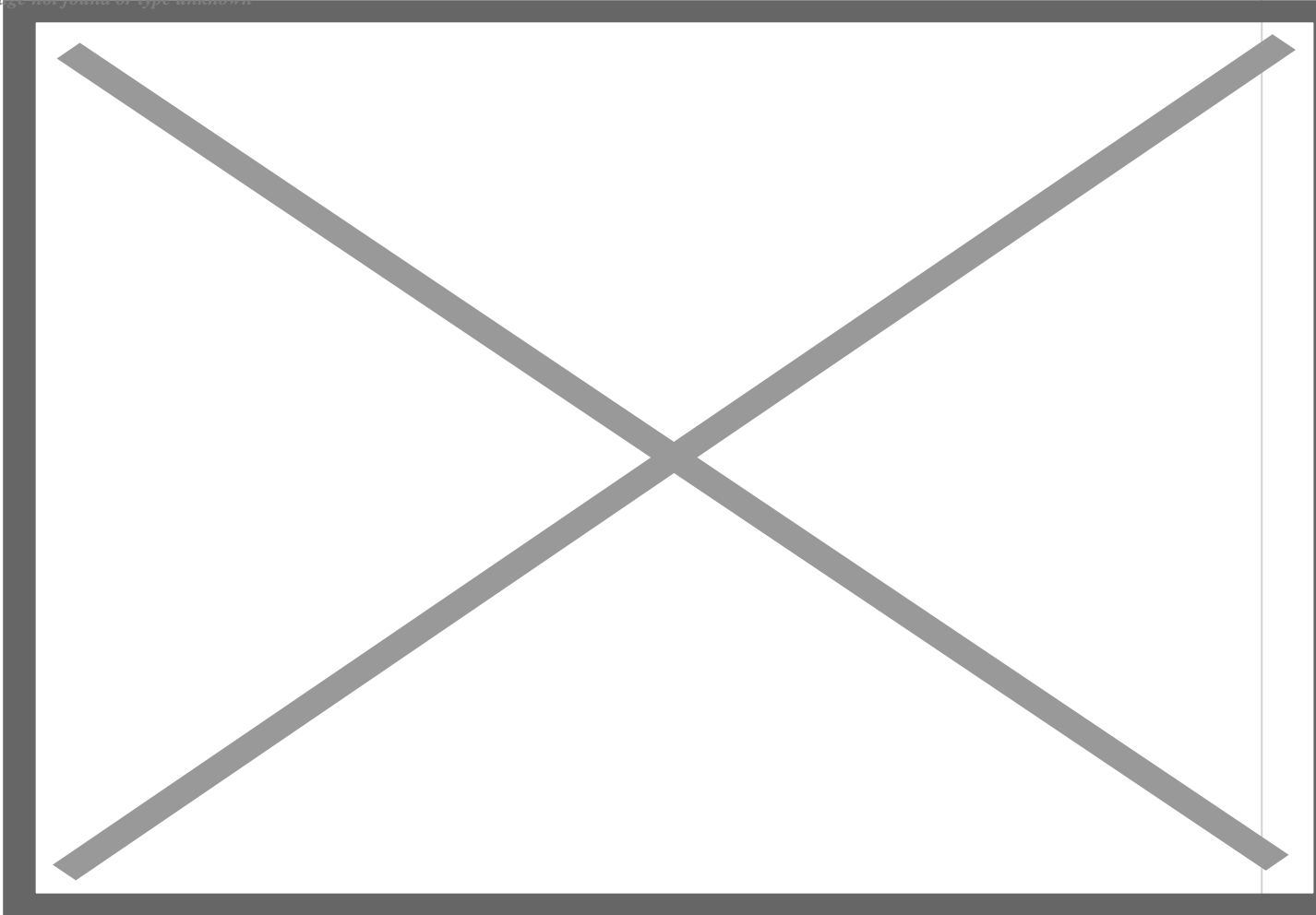


Gustavo Petro wins Colombian presidential elections

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Bogota, June 19 (RHC)-- Leftist candidate Gustavo Petro is emerging as Colombia's next president. According to the National Registrar's Office, the count of this Sunday's second round advanced to almost 90% by obtaining 10,075,836 votes, equivalent to 50.88%.

The newly-elected president -- and the vice president-elect Francia Márquez -- will take office on August 7th for a 4-year term. According to what has been promised during his political campaign, Petro will increase subsidies to reduce poverty across the country, as well as other progressive measures.

The data collected by the National Civil Registry Office indicated that of the 39 million two thousand 239 citizens eligible to exercise their right to vote in the 102 thousand 152 voting tables distributed in 12 thousand 513 voting stations.

By August 7, Colombia will be shaken by a change in power that will represent an adjustment in the model of an independent country. The new-elected President will deal with what the Colombian outlook study dropped, which was conducted by the Moody's risk rating.

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