

Lula affirms Brazilians will remove far-right Bolsonaro from power

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Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva attends a campaign rally as a candidate, accompanied by his wife Janja, at the Vale do Anhangabau in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Sao Paulo, August 23 (RHC)-- Brazil's former two-term president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva says Brazilians are "tired" of incumbent far-right President Jair Bolsonaro and will topple him in the October 2 election.

The remarks by the center-left Workers Party's candidate come after a survey poll predicted a clear win for Lula. In the latest survey poll by IPEC, formerly known as IBOPE, Lula received a 12-percentage-

point lead over far-right existing president.

"We are not going to do anything with you (Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro), it's the people of Brazil who are sick of you because of so many lies, so much injustice and suffering," Lula told his supporters in Sao Paulo. Lula said Bolsonaro should "get ready" to hand over the presidency. "Prepare yourself Bolsonaro. Don't be afraid of Lula, because it will be the people who are going to remove you from the presidency," he added.

Lula later assured the gathering that there would be a peaceful transfer of power after second October, whereas Bolsonaro threatened that he would not accept the results of the elections if he loses, citing, without any evidence, the vulnerability of the country's electronic voting system to manipulation and fraud.

The former president also accused Bolsonaro of buying votes, increasing the country's emergency salary, and giving away money because he fears losing the election.

If elected, Lula said his first priority would be to adjust the income tax table for salaried workers, promising for more jobs with better pays.

The data from the poll also revealed that 51 percent of people opted to never vote for Bolsonaro, creating an atmosphere for an upcoming left government for the South American country.

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