

Polls show Brazil's Lula da Silva with wide lead over Bolsonaro ahead of elections



Brasilia, October 1 (RHC)-- In Brazil, voters head to the polls tomorrow, Sunday, for an election that could see far-right President Jair Bolsonaro replaced by former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Surveys show Lula has a strong lead over Bolsonaro, but it remains unclear if he has enough support to win the 11-way race outright. If not, Brazil will hold a runoff on October 30th.

Lula has been running on a platform to reduce inequality, preserve the Amazon rainforest and protect Brazil's Indigenous communities. There is widespread fear in Brazil that Bolsonaro could attempt to stage a coup if he loses the election.

Earlier in the campaign, Bolsonaro said: “Only God will remove me [from power]. ... The army is on our side. It’s an army that doesn’t accept corruption, doesn’t accept fraud.”

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