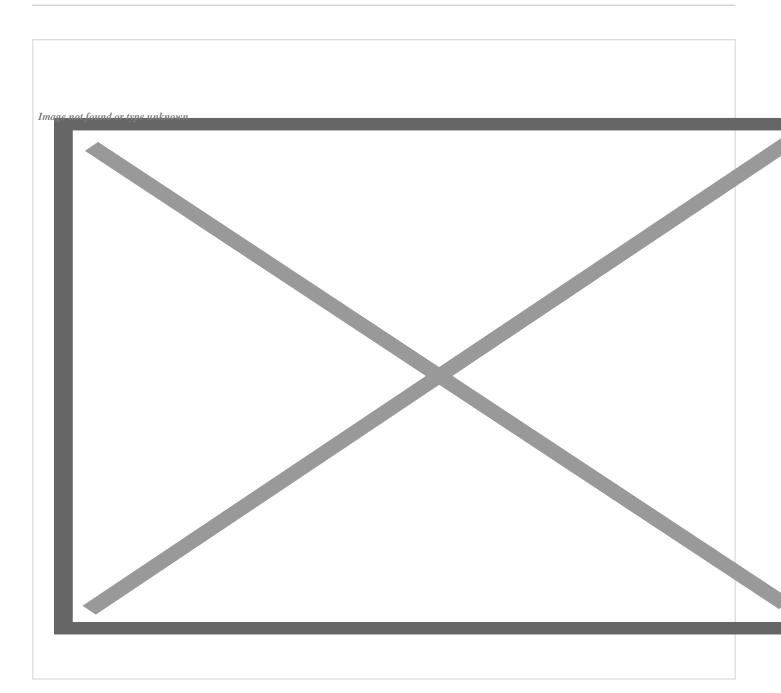
Lula positive on victory in runoff election



Rio de Janeiro, October 23 (RHC)-- Brazilian presidential candidate Luis Inácio Lula da Silva says that the comeback of incumbent Jair Bolsonaro is highly unlikely. The Workers' Party (PT) leader's comments came in the wake of poll results showing incumbent Jair Bolsonaro making slow progress in the race for the presidency.

"We are going to win the elections. It seems impossible to me that [Bolsonaro] will cut the difference in a week, despite the crazy things he does, the lies he tells," said Lula at a press conference in Rio de

Janeiro.

On the occasion, the leftist candidate criticized the disinformation spread on social networks through false profiles. Bolsonaro has "a powerful machine for telling lies." It is "very difficult to compete against robots," Lula said.

Lula made it a priority for the remaining days-- until the October 30th runoff -- to reduce the number of abstentions. The electorate with which Lula has a clear advantage is that of the poorest sectors, which tend to vote the least.

According to the most recent survey by the Datafolha institute, Lula has 52 percent of total voting intentions, while Bolsonaro has 48 percent, up one point from last week's poll. Also, Quaest poll was released in which Lula has 47 percent of the total vote intentions with 42 percent for Bolsonaro showing as well a one-point advance.

However, Lula remains the favorite in all polls ahead of the Brazilian runoff election, to be held in just seven days, on October 30th.

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