



## Honduran Government Applauds International Electoral Observers for Overseeing Honduras's Supreme Electoral Tribunal

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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov. 29, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, the government of the Republic of Honduras applauded the hard work of the domestic and international observers overseeing the country's independent Supreme Electoral Tribunal. The tribunal is currently tabulating the results from this past Sunday's election.

As of this morning, more than 23 percent of ballots in the presidential election remain to be processed.

At a press conference November 28, Supreme Electoral Tribunal President David Matamoros said, "There are no more records to receive, the cases [containing the ballots] are in line to be downloaded and processed and our calculation is that [today] at 8:00 p.m. we will have 100 percent of the votes [processed]."

"I, as the president of TSE, take orders from no one," Matamoros said. "I have an obligation, as part of the TSE, to respect the results."

At the same press conference, Matamoros dismissed accusations of election fraud. "[The people] made their decision on Sunday the 26th," he said. "The tribunal will not change it, no candidate will change it, no press conference will change it, because the parties have all the results, as does the European Union, the OAS, the Cohep [Honduran Council of Private Enterprise], the media and the ten parties."

"On Sunday, the people went to vote and make their choice and that is why international entities are saying we [TSE] have done a good job," Matamoros said.

TSE expects to announce the official winner of Honduras's presidential election tonight, November 29 at 8pm Honduras time (9pm ET).

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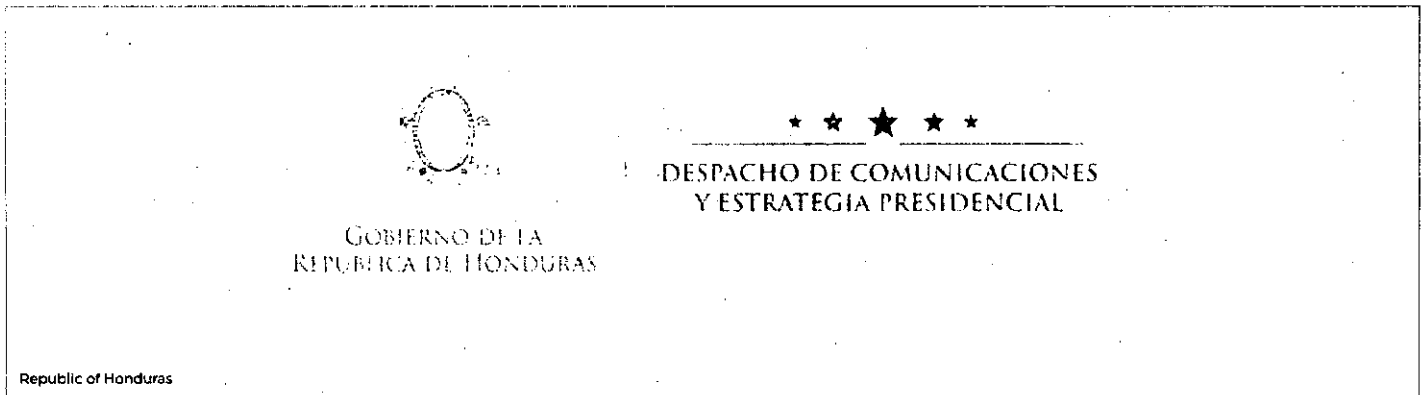
## Honduran Presidential Candidates Pledge to Respect Final Election Results

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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov. 30, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Yesterday, Honduran president Juan Orlando Hernández and fellow presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla signed formal pledges with the Organization of American States to respect the official, final results of the November 26 presidential election.

"We must respect the will of the Honduran people," President Hernández said. "They are the ones who voted, and we must respect their choice in this election."



In identical agreements, President Hernández and Mr. Nasralla "promise to accept the results of the final, general count of the votes for president by TSE [Honduras's Supreme Electoral Tribunal] ...in order to guarantee respect for the will of all Honduran citizens who cast their vote last Sunday."

The agreements also called on Hondurans to "wait calmly and peacefully for the votes from this past November 26 to be counted."

In a statement printed in Honduran outlet *La Tribuna* following the signing of the pledges, the head of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission in Honduras, former Bolivian President Jorge Quiroga, called the agreement "valuable and remarkable." He added that "it will help the Honduran people maintain peace and security."

Quiroga also asked both candidates to wait for the TSE to release the final results. "Let the ballots speak, let the votes be counted," he said.

OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro also commented on the agreement, tweeting that OAS "salutes the commitment of the candidates @JuanOrlandoH and @SalvadorAlianza that gives a sign of civility #HonduranElection @OASinHonduras."

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Earlier this week, Honduran National Commissioner for Human Rights Roberto Herrera Cáceres called for the "expression of the sovereign will of the people to be respected," and asked all parties to maintain public order during the vote count.

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