

Nasralla Warns that Honduras will Become Ungovernable if Hernandez is Proclaimed Winner



Tegucigalpa, December 9 (RHC-Agencies) – Honduran opposition presidential candidate, Salvador Nasralla has warned that the Central American nation will become ungovernable if the Supreme Electoral Tribunal proclaims incumbent president Juan Orlando Hernandez winner of the general elections.

On Friday, the two main opposition parties presented formal requests to annul the results of the still-unresolved presidential election.

Nasralla arrived at the election tribunal shortly before the midnight deadline to present his coalition's request.

"We're asking for the result to be declared null at the presidential level, due to the scandalous fraud we have discovered," he said.

Earlier, Octavio Pineda, the secretary of the third-placed Liberal Party, presented a similar document, saying the vote should be annulled due to a violation of constitutional norms.

“There have been violations since the president of the republic was allowed to participate in the electoral process when the constitution prohibited it,” Pineda said.

The Liberal Party’s candidate, Luis Zelaya, has repeatedly said Nasralla won the election.

Hernandez’s bid for a second term, which was made possible by a 2015 Supreme Court decision on term limits, divided opinion in the coffee-exporting nation of 9 million people.

The election has been plagued with problems since voting stations closed.

The OAS, which on Wednesday said it may call for new elections if “irregularities” undermine the credibility of results, had previously called for a recount of those 4,753 ballot boxes.

Marlon Ochoa, Nasralla’s campaign manager, reiterated that the coalition wants a full recount of the complete 18,000-odd ballot boxes. On Wednesday, Nasralla said he no longer recognized the Honduran tribunal because of its role in the process.

The tribunal has 10 days to respond to the requests.

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